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YOUR NAME: Town of Islip - Town Hall DATE: 7/24/79
655 Main Street
 YOUR ADDRESS: Islip, N.Y. TELEPHONE: (516)224-5450
 ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

IDENTIFICATION

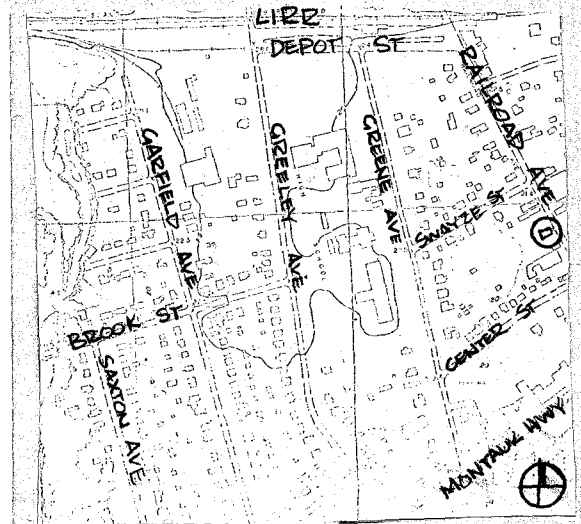
1. BUILDING NAME(S): First Sayville Firehouse
 2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Sayville
 3. STREET LOCATION: Railroad Avenue; West Side; north of Center St.
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
 5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
 6. USE: Original: firehouse Present: residence
 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
 e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
 (if known) b. wood frame with light members
 c. masonry load bearing walls
 d. metal (explain) _____
 e. other _____
 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
 c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: NJM-5, nrg. 29a

13. MAP: Bowe-Anderson



HP-1 view from east; see attached.

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
 d. developers e. deterioration
 f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
 d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
 g. shop h. gardens
 i. landscape features: _____
 j. other: _____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land b. woodland
 c. scattered buildings
 d. densely built-up e. commercial
 f. industrial g. residential
 h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The former Firehouse is situated on the west side of Railroad Avenue, between Center Street and Swayze Avenue.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

2½ story, 3 bay brown shingle house, with gable roof, gable end to the street.

SIGNIFICANCE19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1879

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This building, now a private residence, was Sayville's first firehouse, built in 1879, at a cost of \$300. After 1887, it was occupied by the German Benevolent Society. The house still retains much of its original integrity.

21. SOURCES:

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First Sayville Firehouse
Railroad Avenue, Sayville

ELW VIII, # 10
from SE, south side & east facade



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Sayville

A History Of Sayville

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CHAPTER 10 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Early in the spring of 1878 a fire destroyed the barber shop on South Main Street owned by Mr. Klaassen, indicating the immediate need for a fire fighting organization.

On October 14th 1878 the Charter of the Sayville Hook and Ladder Co. was signed on the top of the grand piano on the second floor of Columbia Hall on So. Main Street. There were nineteen charter members. It was the first incorporated fire company on the south shore of Suffolk County.

In 1879 they erected a fire house on the west side of Railroad Avenue at a cost of \$300. After 1887, the building was occupied by the German Benevolent Society. It still stands today opposite the Sayville Theater now occupied as a private residence.

The first hand drawn truck was built by Fred Munkelwitz who owned a blacksmith shop just south of the Fire House. When a fire occurred the men pulled the truck to the fire by a rope, followed by a man beating a drum to waken the people. Th The first fire truck cost \$120.

In 1887 a new Fire House was erected on the south side of Main Street just east of Greene Avenue.

When the Great South Bay Water Co. laid water mains in the village in 1889, a Sayville Hose Co. #1 was formed with 11 charter members. They purchased a hose cart and 500 feet of hose. The Hose Co. purchased a piece of land from Morris J. Terry on the east side of Candee Avenue just south of Main Street where they stored the hose cart. Local theatrical folks were interested in building a large theater for the community, and working with the Hose Co. they raised sufficient money to erect the Sayville Opera House on the Hose Co. property at a cost of about \$8000. The Hose Co. was given a section of the south side of the new building to store the Hose cart. In the long run, the operation was not profitable and in 1921 the Hose Co. sold the building to Court Bayside, Foresters of America.

A second Hose Co. called the Resolute Hose Co. had been formed on Sept. 1, 1891.

In 1916 Frederick G. Bourne, President of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. who lived in Oakdale, gave the Hook and Ladder Co. their first motorized fire truck.

On May 5, 1905 the Sayville Fire Dept. was formed by combining the three fire fighting organizations, with Woodhull N. Raynor as Chief. In September 1922 an official Fire District was formed.

The present Fire House was erected in 1937 on the site of the old school-house, on the corner of No. Main Street and Lincoln Avenue.

