



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

February 26, 2024
Regular Meeting
Hawleyville Fire Dept.
34 Hawleyville Rd. Newtown, CT. 06470

Meeting Opened By: Tim Whelan, Vice Chairman at 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Tim Whelan, Tom Fitzgerald, Jeff Dugan, & Ron Bolmer
Absent: Pat Reilly, Jay Nezvesky & Jay Nezvesky
Chiefs –Chief Murphy, Ass't Chief Paul Basso & Chief Corbo
Marshals- Rich Frampton, David Ober & Steve Murphy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIAENCE

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: The purchasing agent and I attended the Board of Selectman meeting last Tuesday asking for funding out of the town's contingency account for class B foam removal from engine's 331, 551 and flushing 441's tank, we requested \$13,066.70.

We also asked for an additional \$25,000.00 to shore up the truck repair account, we've has additional repairs this year to 331,441 & 551 that have been very costly.

In total we've requested \$40,000.00 The Board of Selectman has approved this request, it now heads to the Board of Finance and then to the Legislative Council for approval.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the Minutes from January 22, 2024 (with a correction that Chief Corbo was in attendance) and Tom Fitzgerald seconded the motions, Motion Passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS- Thank you note from the Lockwood Family

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Newtown Hook & Ladder would like to add- purchase 2 sets of gear to new business.

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – Rich Frampton presented January 2024 report.-See attached

Purchasing Agent –

- SCBA's Flow Tests and Repairs – scheduled for 23 & 24 of April – Quoted at \$7387.50 without repairs. Last year we spent \$10,728.50
- Foam Clean-up – Three written bids from in-state vendors equipped to handle the Firefighting Foam. Work has been completed – waiting for the invoice – paperwork to be filed with State of CT

Remaining Funds for the Departments;

NH&L – Capital – \$1,873.48, Training – \$0
DFD – Capital – \$4,591.36, Training – \$5,100.00
HVFD – Capital – \$9,914.02, Training – \$6,523.98
SHFD – Capital – \$2,745.32 Training – \$4,147.04
Add - Traffic Flow Board from Capital Non-Recurring \$14,800.00
BFD – Capital – \$0 Training – \$3,515.00
FMO – Capital – \$0 Training – \$2,035.75

Combined Chiefs- Update on EMS calls-

- The Chiefs agreed on changes to dispatch protocol and changed some of the language, to read that the ambulance needs to be dispatched and on scene for Fire Dept. to do lift assists.
The overall response from NACC is improved.
- Radio's- very close to wrapping up, looks like one more time to reprogram. There have been a few stragglers. Tim reported that all spare radios will be kept at the EOC and inventoried. All extra radios will be put in inventory at the EOC.
They are working on getting a credit for all the installs that were not performed, to offset the additional work that was not originally in the scope.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No Report

Radio/Hydrant – No Report

Radio Sub Committee- Talked about in Combined Chiefs

Truck-

- Eng 1 needs a battery charger, it's been on back order and hoping to see it shortly.

Budget- No Report

OLD BUSINESS-

- **Letter from Mark DeWolfe to Selectman –Radio Project –attached**
- **Truck committee to make recommendation to the Board regarding the refurb for ladder 114**

The BOFC truck committee is making a recommendation to approve the refurbishment of Newtown Hook & Ladder's Pierce All Steer Ladder Truck at a price of \$485,000., which is the amount budgeted.

This refurb is to be completed by a single source Pierce fire truck dealer. Firematic Supply of Leroy, NY refurb/ repair facility has been selected for this job.

The Bid is considered sole source because of the proprietary Pierce systems that are included in the refurbishment of this project.

Tim Whelan made a motion to approve the budgeted amount of \$485,000.00 for the refurb for Ladder 114, Ron Bolmer Seconded, and motion passed.

- **Hawleyville-** gear altered, repair a couple sets of gear that are ripped, add firefighter's names on gear that came in without and retrofit the pocket for the bailout system on 11 sets of gear in the amount of \$4,015.62, Hawleyville received 3 quotes, BOFC has selected the lowest qualified bid
Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the bid from Firefighters Equipment of New York, Tom Seconded Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **(ARP Request) Hawleyville is requesting \$4,239.90 for replacement of well pump and pressure tank, with a \$500.00 contingency for unforeseen problems.**

Tim Whelan made a motion to pass this request ARP request (has 3 quotes), Tom Fitzgerald seconded and the motion passed.

- **(ARP Request) Hawleyville requests \$6,500.00 to upgrade and replace security camera system.**

Jeff Dugan made a motion to pass this ARP request, Tom Fitzgerald seconded and the motion passed.

- **Hawleyville- Change capital items**

Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the changes to capital items original items at a cost of \$8050.00

Updated items at a cost of \$7921.00, Ron Bolmer seconded- motion passed.

- **Newtown Hook & Ladder asking for 2 sets of gear.**

Chief Corbo- They have 2 new members one going through FFI class and the second is already certified.

Jeff Dugan made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 sets of gear, Tom Fitzgerald seconded, motion passed.

Announcements- None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Dugan and seconded by Ron Bolmer and the motion passed.


Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	2	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	3	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE	0	
	1. Building Inspections	32	
	2. Site Inspections	10	
	3. C.O. Inspections	5	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	0	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
	7. Fire Drills	4	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	1	
F	OFFICE	291	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	6	
I	TRAINING	6	
J	PURCHASING	109	
O	OTHER-Rich	7	
O	OTHER-Dave	1	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamilynn	0	
	TOTAL	477	392.5
Rich	Run Fire Pump	4	
	Deposit	1	
	Complaint- 17 Washington Ave	1	
	Sprinkler Insp. 3 Primrose	1	
Dave	315 So. Main St. (FOAM)	1	
Steve			
Jami			
	Jan. 2024		
		Marshal's Signature	



Nancy Schreiner <nancy.schreiner@newtown-ct.gov>

Fwd: Radio project

1 message

Tim Whelan <tim.whelan@newtown-ct.gov>

Sat, Feb 24, 2024 at 11:24 AM

To: Nancy Schreiner <nancy.schreiner@newtown-ct.gov>

Please include this letter from Mark in the minutes after our next meeting.

Tim Whelan
Fleet Foreman
Town of Newtown
Public Works Dept.
203-270-4300
203-426-9968 fax

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From: **Mark DeWolfe** <mdewolfe@snet.net>

Date: Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 4:48 PM

Subject: Radio project

To: Jeff Capeci <jeff.capeci@newtown-ct.gov>

Cc: Patrick Reilly <patreillybofc@gmail.com>, Raymond Corbo <rcorbo@nhlfd.com>, Tim Whalen <tim.whelan@newtown-ct.gov>

Good Afternoon,

As the townwide radio project is quickly wrapping up and the final reprogramming is being completed, several follow up issues have been brought to the Board of fire commissioners.

1. After installing the new repeater, antenna, and associated controls to activate the fire sirens on the firehouses, Norcom has identified three of the four decoders located at the fire houses, are not working and are no longer supported by the manufacturer. Norcom has quoted \$3504 per station for replacement. With four fire sirens in town it is our recommendation that all four be replaced at a total of \$14,016. Given the age of the equipment and the critical nature, these should be a priority for replacement.

2. In the initial order of portable radios, Newtown Hook & Ladder did not include a one radio per seat/airpack calculation. By this oversight the fire company is short seven portable radios, 6- APX-6000 portable radios and one APX-8000 portable radio. By using our prior price structuring this would total about \$44,000.

At our last Board of fire commissioners meeting it was strongly recommended that this equipment be purchased with funds from the radio project contingency.

I have requested formal quotes utilizing pricing from the State of Connecticut master bidding list and will be able to provide this in the coming days. As of today a close estimate will be \$58,016

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Best regards, Mark DeWolfe