



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of June 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Botsford Fire Dept. 315 South Main St. 06470

Open Meeting By: Pat Reilly, Chairman

Time: 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Tim Whelan, Time Gies, Bob Kick, Ron Bolmer, Pat Reilly, Bill Brunetti
Absent: Jay Nezvesky

Marshal's Present: Rich Frampton, Steve Murphy, David Ober, Jamilynn Zapata

Chiefs Present: Bill Halstead, Steve Murphy, John Basso, Chris Ward, Andrew White

Chairman's Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: motion made by: Bill Brunette
Seconded by: Ron Bolmer
Unanimously passed

Correspondence to the Board: Newtown Women's Club- Donation to split between 5 fire companies
2018 Newtown ornament will honor the five Newtown Fire Depts.

Correspondence from the Board: None

Public Participation: Pay raise for Fire Marshals Administrative Assistant-add to New Business

Marshal's Report: Gave Report- see attached

Marshal's Remarks: None

Purchasing Agent: Budget year 2017-2018 end of year transfers being done internally by Bob Tait.
Due to May 15, 2018 storm, we may run short in pay per call account.

Combined Chiefs: held a meeting on June 21, 2018- Tim Whelan and Ron Bolmer came to discuss
10 Year CIP-

They asked board to consider reactivating a committee for tax abatement to look at compensation for
members under 18 and members that live out of town.

They asked that Bob Kick meet with them in September on Policy and Procedures.

Radio System upgrade Sub Committee: Met and discussed many questions and got some
answers - setting a meeting July 10, 11 or 12 to discuss analog vs digital.

10 Year CIP- Tim Whelan handed out a plan that had been discussed with Chiefs as to fire equipment for the 10 year plan. There was much discussion and review, will discuss again next meeting to give everyone a chance to think about it, update pricing and additions will be looked at before final copy to present in August.

Tanker Committee: Discussed changes to Sandy Hook and Botsford –signed off on production

Reports from Standing Committees:

- Radio & Hydrant Committee: Attended meeting with subcommittee. Also in contact with NUSAR as to the suppression needing to be tested and fixed.
- Budget Committee: No Report-
- Truck Committee: Tim Whelan reported that truck services have been in progress, and DOT at Tracy's will begin. Eng. 1 went out and came back and everyone is happy.
- Policy & Procedures Committee: Bob Kick asked Mike McCarthy to review Policy and Procedures for NUSAR.
- NUSAR- No Report

Old Business: Pat Reilly made a motion for discussion on Haleyville's payed Driver- he feels strongly that the driver should be paid, after much discussion –it was decided to pay the pay per call first and see what is left and then try for additional funds due to the May 15th storm.
a motion was made by Tim Gies
and seconded by Bill Brunette
and passed unanimously

Pat Reilly – After receiving further information about the settlement that Bill McAllister entered into with the Town of Newtown and signing an agreement stating her would not be a member of any Newtown Fire Department, Pat Reilly stated again that Mr. McAllister shall not be a member of any of the Fire Departments.

New Business: The Fire Marshals Administrative Assistants promotion/raise.

After much discussion for more than a year, with the additional duties taken on over the past 19 years and the additional Purchasing and Secretarial duties assigned this year, the board is in strong support of increase compensation.

A motion was made to send a letter in support of increase in pay.

Motion made by Bob Kick

Seconded by Tim Gies

Passed unanimously

- Training Funds:

Botsford- Submitted Training funds for reimbursement in the amount of \$ 7038.32

Motion made by Bob Kick

Seconded by Bill Brunetti

Passed unanimously

Sandy Hook- Submitted Training funds for reimbursement in the amount of \$ 750.00

and \$1,180.78

\$1,930.78

Motion made by Tim Whelan

Seconded by Bob Kick

Passed unanimously

Hawleyville- Submitted Training funds for reimbursement in the amount of \$3,783.34
Motion made by Bill Brunetti
Seconded by Bob Kick
Passed unanimously

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Schreiner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk