



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting of July 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm
34 Hawleyville Rd. Newtown, CT. 06470

Meeting Opened By: Pat Reilly, Chairman at 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Tim Whelan, Bob Kick, Jay Nezvesky

Marshal's Present: Rich Frampton & Dave Ober

Chiefs Present: Chris Ward, Bill Halstead, Andrew White

Chairman's Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting June 24, 2019
Correction made to include Jay Nezvesky in attendance.
Motion made to accept corrected minutes made by: Tim Whelan
Seconded by: Jay Nezvesky
Abstain:
Motion passed unanimously

Correspondence from the Board: None

Correspondence to the Board: None

Public Participation: None

Marshal's Report: - Reported by FM Frampton -see attached June 2019

Marshal's Remarks: None

Purchasing Agent: None- Purchasing Agent – Absent Running call

Combined Chiefs: Meeting was held 7/9/19

- Commissioner Bob Kick was in attendance to go over BOFC SOG's with Chiefs.
- Mutual Aid was discussed- when Mutual aid is dispatched 3 Tankers need to remain in town.
- Class "B" Foam- Chiefs are putting together a list of all the Class B foam and the dates, Cannot be used for any drills/ training, only for actual fires and if it is used need to notify DEEP.
- Talked about Hose testing, inspections and maintenance and would like to start having nozzles tested as well. So when the hose testing is being done, have the nozzles done as well, Will write a letter to the board pertaining to this.
- Looking to increase the pay per call from \$10 to \$12- Budget Item- Bob Kick would like to see a good plan written up to advocate for this.
- Bill met with Eversource today and one thing they talked about was the response time for Eversource to get to a scene. Even when given a Priority 1 (Great Quarter Rd-. issue when a call was dispatched for a

structure fire and there was a tree with lines blocking access; it took Eversource 90 minutes to get there.) Chiefs, please make sure you relay to Dispatch "PRIORITY 1" "Life Safety" or "House Fire" or PRIORITY 2 with the type of call/reason for Eversource, this should ensure they get to the scene in a more timely manner.

Reports from Standing Committees

- **Policy & Procedures Committee:** Bob Kick met with the chiefs and discussed the BOFC SOG's. There were several that needed just word changes, others that need to be re written and other to be deleted. Bob will bring two packets (old SOG's / recommended SOG's) for each commissioner/Chief to review for the next meeting (Aug) and give them a month to review and then vote on the New Packet in September.
- **Radio & Hydrant Committee:** Nothing on Hydrants
- Chief Halstead and Committee met with Norcom.
- Newtown Ambulance will take over Highways frequency and Highway will go on a business frequency.
- They met with First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and Purchasing Agent Rick Spreyer to start planning for the dispatch move in 2020 but will need to start the project in 2019- will need to set up financing from the 2020 CIP – Lease Purchase was talked about favorably if needed. They will need 1.8 - 2 million for PD building and 2 towers
- Bill met with a rep from Harris Radios- He doesn't feel they can meet the needs of Newtown- He has talked to other towns that bought them and they don't seem to be user friendly.
- Committee met with a consultant and will need to give a small retainer- he will work until they need to give more.
- Progress is being made.
- **Truck Committee:** DOT's are ongoing -Sandy Hook is done, Botsford is done, they have two left for Hawleyville and Dodgingtown and Hook & Ladder- Things are going good- nothing major to report.
- **Budget Committee:** Jay is looking to compile the 15 year CIP to present by September 26th. Looking to see if there are any changes in the current CIP- He is looking to keep truck replacement at 25 years vs 20 year Upgrades. Need to be strategic on pricing the trucks -what pricing will be in that year.
- **NUSAR** – None

Old Business:

Hawleyville Tanker- Pat and Tim attended the Board of Selectman meeting where they were appropriating \$575,000 as authorized in the 2019-2020 CIP to replace Hawleyville's tanker. We explained we had a quote from 4Guys for \$540,000. Three tankers were purchased a few years ago the Hawleyville tanker was deferred due to budget restraints, our goal is to get everything on this truck that was wanted in the original spec, including a 4 man cab. We were reminded that the \$575,000 was the high number and are expected to bring it in under the budgeted amount. The BoF is expecting \$20,000 for the sale of the old tanker.

New Business: None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk


TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	26	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	11				
BRUSH	1				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	0	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	2	6/28/2019	144 Mt. Pleasant Fron Loader	5,000.00	
FALSE CALLS	0		Engine Damage		
HAZ-MAT	3				
MUTUAL AID	0				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	0	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	16				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	10				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	5				
MVA	25				
WATER EVACUATION/PUMP OUT	0				
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-(lighting strike)	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	7				
APPLIANCE	0				
TOTAL	107		TOTAL	\$5,000	
			FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS	MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	57	320
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	18	141
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	12	92
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	22	115
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	41	250
				150	918

Fire Company's Calls 107

The Fire Marshals had 327 incidents and 354 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$00.00., 1 tanks \$20.00, 0 burn\$0.00, 0 reports \$0.00 Total \$20.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	6	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	2	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	40	
	2. Site Inspections	28	
	3. C.O. Inspections	3	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	2	
F	OFFICE	173	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	11	
I	TRAINING	2	
J	PURCHASING	54	
O	OTHER-Rich	1	
O	OTHER-Steve	3	
O	OTHER- Dave	1	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	327	354
Rich			
	Nunnawauk Meadows -complaint		
Steve			
	Dry Hydrants GIS		
	CAC Drill		
	1 Underhill Rd. Complaint		
Dave	178 Mount Pleasant - Asst inspec.		
Jami			
June 2019 Reporting Month			
		Marshal's Signature	