



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
January 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Sandy Hook Fire
18-20 Riverside Rd. Sandy Hook, CT. / 06482

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

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Tim Whelan, Jay Nezvesky, Jeff Dugan, Bob Kick & Ron Bolmer

Marshal's Present: Rich Frampton, Dave Ober, Jamilynn Zapata

Chiefs Present: Bill Halstead, Chris Ward, Paul Basso

Chairman's Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Meetings December 16, 2019
Motion made to accept minutes -made by: Jeff Dugan
Seconded by : Jay Nezvesky
Motion passed unanimously

Correspondence from the Board: None

Correspondence to the Board: Request from NH&L & Sandy Hook
Email from Patrice asking for Pension forms and Workman's Comp beneficiary to be returned to her by Chiefs/Departments.
** Discussion pertaining to Hydrant account- Ron sent an email to Dan Rosenthal explaining the Hydrant account and what is paid out of that account. That is one of the accounts that was being looked at by the BOS.
While looking at this account it was discovered that we need a break down of hydrants being paid for- as there is a hydrant that the FD is unable to used- we will ask Aquarion to break billing down by address and also look into the charges for that Hydrant.
Chief Ward and Chairman Reilly will both send letters to Aquarion asking for this to be addressed.

Public Participation: None

Marshal's Report: - Reported by FM Frampton -see attached #1 December 2019 reports

Marshal's Remarks: None

Purchasing Agent: None-

Combined Chiefs: None- there is a meeting Scheduled for Feb 6, 2020

Reports from Standing Committees

Policy & Procedures Committee: SOG revisions- Discussion & Possible action- No report- waiting for HR to respond to email.

Sub-Committee- Daytime Driver procedure and usage. – Information gathered for Budget

Radio & Hydrant Committee: Ron Bolmer- nothing new on regular radio- Bill Halstead will respond for "New Program".

Still working on Dry hydrant installed at 13 Old Hawleyville Rd. Ron and Rich meeting contractor at site Thursday.

Rich made contact with a company from New Hampshire that does repairs on Suppression Tanks and remove silt-

Will compile information requested for quotes on repairs. .

Rich also waiting for call back from another company (FPT) who has a company that repairs their tank.

Ron asking all Chiefs to comprise a list of Dry Hydrants and Suppression Tank that have issues and be very specific in describing the issues.

Radio Sub Committee- Bill Halstead reported that the "New Radio Program" has passed through all boards will go to town Vote. (believes this will be done in two stages)

Truck Committee: New England Fire was called to Botsford FD to repair Air bag light.

Budget Committee: Pat said the BOFC had requested a 12.5% increase and the BOS cut quite a bit- 2.49%. They took the 30 sets of gear and put in a non-recurring capital account, which will be paid through the FEMA procreation.

They cut \$8500 +/- from training account, which will be looked at again

Hydrants- account will be looked at again, with information Ron supplied BOS with.

Insurance account was talked about as well. We are with the hope that much of these budgeted items will be put back in with explanations.

Tim brought up that boiler maintenance does not have a line item in the budget any more, his question is was this absorbed into the firehouse maintenance account?

Pat said the BOS cut a lot and feels they will restore some of it- waiting to see what the next step is and see what revisions will be. The BOS will finalize and then the BOF will look at it. And then it will be passed to the Counsel.

During discussion, it has been noted the BOFC would prefer that the BOS would give a percentage or a dollar figure to cut rather than cutting line items and let the BOFC decide what line items to cut. We feel Training and Gear cannot be cut.

NUSAR – None

Old Business:

Hawleyville- New Tanker- -status- Tim reported. We are looking at the Spartan spec we have been answering questions and concerns from Hawleyville's committee. We expect to meet with Hawleyville this week to go over final details. Truck committee will request a special meeting in the next few weeks to present a recommendation to the full board.

Fire Gear Inventory- Pat reported that he had received Gear Inventory from most of the companies and has talked to the other. Thanks for getting that to him. Pat was able to show the Selectmen how the gear has been purchased through grants and why so much is expiring all at once. Pat is also asking that the Chiefs send him their Air Pack/ Bottle Inventory.

New Business:

Sandy Hook requested 3 sets of gear for firefighters at current FF1 course- The total of the gear is \$10,437.00
Tim made a motion that the board supports the purchase of 3 Sets of gear for Sandy Hooks 3 firefighters currently in FFI, funding through the towns non-recurring capital account.

Jay seconded

Discussion- after much discussion

Passed Unanimously

Hawleyville requested 4 sets a few months back; please bring this request in writing at next month's meeting.

Hook & Ladder request installation of 2 SCBA for Engine 1 \$7,062.52. Chief put this on hold in 2018 due to the funding of the 3 Tankers being purchased at the time. Now he would like to follow through on the voted and approved.

Tim made a motion to discuss the request for the installation of H&L 2 SCBA seats

Jay seconded.

Discussion was made of what account, when the install should be done, this will need an updated quote.

Passed unanimously

Tim made a motion to get new quotes for installations Eng. 1 for 2 SCBA from Tracys, Gowens, Firematic to bring to the February meeting.

Jeff seconded

Discussion

Passed unanimously

A motion to adjourn made by: Jeff Dugan

Seconded by: Tim Whelan

Passed unanimously

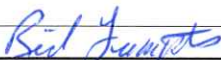
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:44 .

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	6	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	1	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	28	
	2. Site Inspections	17	
	3. C.O. Inspections	3	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	6	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	1	
F	OFFICE	228	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	5	
I	TRAINING	2	
J	PURCHASING	61	
O	OTHER-Rich	7	
O	OTHER-Steve	8	
O	OTHER- Dave	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	376	339
Rich	Deposits (2)		
	Fire Pump- 3 Primrose St. 4-times		
	Sewage plant alarm		
	planters choice - burn complaint		
	30 Pine Tree Hill - Tank fixed		
Steve	Stores holiday inspections (2)		
	Barnwood- cord		
	Knox box keys- self storage & HVWS		
	CAC -Drill		
Dave			
Jami			
December 2019		Reporting Month	
		Marshal's Signature	

December 2019

NEWTOWN FIRE MARSHAL MONTHLY CALL REPORT

Rich Frampton
Fire Marshal

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	39	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	23				
BRUSH	3				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	2	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	7				
FALSE CALLS	5				
HAZ-MAT	0				
MUTUAL AID	3				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	2	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	17				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	19				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0				
MVA	15				
WATER EVACUATION/PUMP OUT	0				
CHIMNEY	1				
OTHER-(lighting strike)	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	10				
APPLIANCE	2				
TOTAL	149		TOTAL		
			FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS	MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	55	635
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	26	331
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	11	174
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	23	260
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	36	562
				151	1962

Fire Company's Calls 104

The Fire Marshals had 376 incidents and 339 Hours worked.

Permits: 1 blasting \$60.00, 2 tanks \$40.00, 0 reports \$0.00 Total \$140.00