



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

February 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Botsford Fire Co.
315 South Main St.
Newtown, CT. 06470

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

Commissioners Present: Tim Whelan, Jay Nezvesky, Ron Bolmer, Patrick Reilly, Bob Kick and Jeff Dugan

Marshals Present: Rich Frampton, Steve Murphy, David Ober, Jamilynn Zapata

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

Chairman's Comments:

Approval of Minutes: January 27, 2020

Motion Made: Jeff Dugan

Seconded By: Tim Whelan

Passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes: February 3, 2020 (Special Meeting)

Motion Made: Tim Whelan

Seconded By: Jay Nezvesky

Passed unanimously

Correspondence to: None

From: Pat sent a letter to Aquarion in regard to Hydrant located at Hook & Ladder not able to be use but paying for it and to also give us locations of hydrants on bills for payment.

Public Participation: *Add to old business- 2 Air packs / seats Hook & Ladder Engine 1.
*Add to new Business- Hawleyville Turn out gear

Marshal's Report: See attached reports By FM Frampton

Marshal's Remarks: None

Purchasing Agent: Steve talked about a new 2018 NFPA Standard (Firefighter Gear) that took effect at the end of 2019. This will affect Hawleyville the most- this replaces the 97 standard and Hawleyville has 6 air packs from 97, 98 & 99 that is recommended to be expiring.

Combined Chiefs: They met at the beginning of the month- they went over several items.

1. *Auto Mutual Aid- when it is a confirmed Structure fire Dispatch will automatically call coverage from surrounding towns.
*When the 5th company is toned out for their Tanker, they also will bring their pumper to the center of town (H&L). That engine will go to any other calls in town.
2. Apparatus OOS- Dispatch will tone it out when it goes OOS and again will tone it out on the 6:00pm tone test. (This will not be toned out if it is only OSS for a short period of time.
3. RED CROSS- On a confirmed Structure Fire Dispatch will contact Red Cross.

Some other items are being worked on and discussed and will be brought to the board when completed.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Policy and Procedures: Bob Kick has reached out to several town offices and they did not return his calls/ emails. Bob feels we should go with the old Infectious Disease policy with a few changes that have been brought to his attention. It will be ready for next meeting for review.

He also feels that the Town Charter should be included in our Policy and Procedures as a reference to our function as a board.

Here is the link to the Fire section of the Charter-

Town of Newtown, CT Code
Chapter 428: Fire Department
Article I: Establishment
<https://ecode360.com/9873849>

Radio & Hydrant Committee: Ron said he has gotten responses from the chiefs as to issues they are having with suppression tanks in their districts. Ron had highway take care of a brush issue at one of Botsford's tanks. Ron has gathered information about the 3 tanks that are losing water. He made contact with a company that may be able to test and fix suppression tanks. He will have more to report on in the next few months. It was reported that there are 75 tanks in town being used.

Radio Sub Committee- Chief Halstead reported the committee had met last Tuesday. The radio project has passed through all the boards and is waiting for the town vote. The total amount is in this year's budget but it will be spread over 2 years. They have reviewed the equipment they will purchase and it is all updated and will be current for many years. Many town departments (Police, Ambulance etc.) attended the meeting. Frequencies have been finalized (Highway will get a new frequency and Ambulance will take Highways current frequency).

Truck Committee –No Report

Budget Committee- No Report-

NUSAR- No Report

Old Business- * Hawleyville Tanker- Had Special meeting on 2/3/20 Tim spoke to Sales Rep and he is waiting for the company to send the town the bond amount, once they do that they can schedule pre construct meeting.

Hook & Ladders Engine 1- 2 Air Pack Seats / Air Packs (Last year's quote from Firematic was around \$7,000.)
New Quote from Firematic- \$9500+

Tracey's Garage- all Pierce parts \$7436.40 aftermarket parts \$4800.72

Gowens & Knight- No quote has been sent yet.

Mike Aurelia is handling for H&L, he has kept Tim Whelan & Chief Ward informed and is having a meeting with Firematic on Thursday. He is making sure all companies quote the same parts, hours & job.

Two quotes one with roll over protection on one without.

They will look at the Seat, seat belt and safety features to make sure they are all comparable.

New Business Fire Gear inventory has been received and on passed to Bob Tait-
Air Pack inventory due next month, several have already been handed in.

Added:

Hawleyville Gear- 4 sets of turnout gear have been requested to replace out dated gear (2005-2006) for interior firefighters from the non –reoccurring account. sets being replaced will be repurposed to exterior firefighters. \$13,486.00 \$3371.00 each.

Jeff Dugan made a motion to purchase 4 sets of gear for Hawleyville
Seconded by Bob Kick

Much discussion was made that the gear that was cut from the budget several years ago still has not been purchased and the funding was in the non –reoccurring capital account. Other depts. also need to purchase some gear that was cut several years ago. It is vital that gear is purchased for the safety of our firefighters.

It was asked if this was in addition to the 1 set approved in Dec. Chief J Basso stated they were waiting to purchase until all 4 sets could be purchased at once. (1 set approved in Dec and 3 new sets for a total of 4 sets)

Jeff Dugan amended his motion to: To purchase 3 additional sets of gear for a total of 4 sets of gear for Hawleyville.

Seconded by Jay Nezvesky
Passed unanimously

A motion was made to adjourn
By: Jeff Dugan
Seconded by: Jay Nezvesky
Passed unanimously

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	22	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	1/9/2020	5 Brookwood Dr.	200,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	12	1/24/2020	119 Mt. Pleasant Rd Apartment	50,000.00	
BRUSH	1				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	4	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	6	1/16/2020	17 Papoose Hill Rd.	16,300.00	
FALSE CALLS	0	1/17/2020	I-84 Fatal/ Carfire	15,000	
HAZ-MAT	3				
MUTUAL AID	0				
STRUCTURES	2				
RESCUE	2	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	25	1/4/2020	27 Clarview Dr (furnace/waterheater)	\$0	
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	11				
VEHICLES	2	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	1				
MVA	7				
WATER EVACUATION/PUMP OUT	2				
CHIMNEY	1				
OTHER-(lighting strike)	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	0				
APPLIANCE	1				
TOTAL	102		TOTAL	\$281,300	
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS			YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	41	41
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	29	29
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	10	10
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	23	23
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	43	43
			TOTALS	146	146

Fire Company's Calls 102

The Fire Marshals had 372 incidents and 375 Hours worked.

Permits: 1 blasting \$60.00, 0 tanks \$00.00, 8 burn\$40.00, 0 reports \$0.00 Total \$100.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

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