



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

August 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Newtown Hook & Ladder
12 Church Hill Rd.

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

Commissioners Present: Patrick Reilly, Tim Whelan, Ron Bolmer, Bob Kick, Jay Nesvesky & Jeff Dugan

Marshals Present: Rich Frampton, Steve Murphy and David Ober

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

Chairman's Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2020

Motion Made by: Jeff Dugan

Seconded By: Jay Nesvesky

Passed unanimously

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

Marshal's Report: See attached: reports read by FM Frampton

Marshal's Remarks: None

Purchasing Agent: Budget Year 2019-20 is closed out, all transferred were done and at the Legislative Council.

20-21 budget- have been ordering capital items etc and all going well.

One invoice came in from the 19-20 budget for ropes that will need to come out of the 20-21 budget.

Combined Chiefs: Chief Halstead reported that all chiefs have met with Bob Nute to go over and create run cards for the new CAD system. He will meet with each Chief again to go over information again prior to the October 1st when the system will online. If any of the Chiefs have special responses that need to be addressed get them to him by the end of the week.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Policy and Procedures: Chiefs / Board to review Response Improvement Program (attached) for discussion and possible vote at the September 28, 2020 meeting.

Radio & Hydrant Committee: Ron had nothing to report on radios.

SUB COMMITTEE: Chief Halstead reported that they are going to try to add a radio to the substation to see if it helps with coverage in the trouble areas below the substation in place of adding a tower. He also reported that the initial \$2.5 million for radio for the PD is moving along well.

Hydrant:

A new 30,000 gallon suppression Tank has been installed, filled and tested at 151 South Main St. at Wheels Gas Station.

Ron reported Jordan Hill "clean up" on the Hydrant – he has asked 3 contractors for quotes and at this point he received a quote from Ryan Bolmer and is still waiting on the other two.

Truck Committee – No Report

Budget Committee- No Report

NUSAR- No Report

Old Business-

Hawleyville new tanker- coming along.

CT. changes in tax abatement, change to Newtown Ordinance- Status

Legislative Council had a meeting on Aug. 19th and they voted to send it to the Ordinance Committee, they seemed receptive to the proposed changes. LC said they would word it the same way the state worded with the two changes. Pat had reached out to NUSAR and Newtown Ambulance who were all in favor.

Jeff Dugan asked about Volunteer Firefighters that do not live in town. He said if the Fire Department has fire fighters that volunteer in Newtown and live in another town they get no benefits to volunteer, they too should receive something.

If the eligible firefighter resides in a town or municipality other than Newtown, he/she should be eligible to receive the tax credit, which shall be issued by the Town of Newtown in check form, payable to the town or municipality in which the firefighter resides, solely for the purposes of tax abatement.

Or if a member doesn't own anything that they are taxed on, maybe they should get a check instead.

New Business –

Tim proposed to make changes to the CIP before the Selectman reviewed it next month. He would like to see if Sandy Hooks Ladder truck (440) be changed to 22/23 and tanker (449) 23/24 (Simply due to the age of the truck) and add funding of \$50,000 to each of those trucks being the estimates were made several years ago and the costs are climbing yearly. The budget committee to meeting to

work on this and Board of Fire Commissioners to have a special meeting to review this item prior to the Selectman's Sept. meeting.

Tim also brought up COVID19 and how it has hit the financial side of the Fire Departments and lost revenue due to having to cancel all fundraisers These funds raised by the departments make the truck payments, mortgage payments etc. and not being able to conduct these fund raisers has caused financial hardships on departments. Tim would like the board to start a conversation with the First Selectman to get his thoughts on other paths to recover monies due to the loss of fundraising events.

Tim made a motion for Pat Reilly to reach out to Dan Rosenthal to discuss the possibility of supplementing some of the lost fundraising.

Seconded by Bob Kick

Passed unanimously

A motion was made to adjourn

By: Bob Kick

Seconded by: Jeff Dugan

Passed unanimously


There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schreiner

Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	7	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	3	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE	0	
	1. Building Inspections	60	
	2. Site Inspections	36	
	3. C.O. Inspections	4	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	4	
F	OFFICE	189	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	6	
I	TRAINING	0	
J	PURCHASING	66	
O	OTHER-Rich	3	
O	OTHER-Steve	6	
O	OTHER- Dave	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	1	
	TOTAL	387	309
Rich	Newtown Hardware- knox box keys		
	135 Louis Hill Rd. - Complaint		
	3 Primrose St.- Sprinkler Inspection		
Steve	CAC-Drill		
	Complaint- Hydrant- Morgan Dr		
	Franklin Court- Knox Box Keys		
	Newtown Hardware- Keys		
	55 Sugar St.- Detector install		
	14 Church Hill- keys		
Dave			
Jami	COVID19 inspections		
JULY 2020 Reporting Month			
			Marshal's Signature

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	
ALARMS	44	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	26				
BRUSH	1				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	3	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	3	7/20/2020 I-84 Haw- engine fire out on arrival			
FALSE CALLS	0	7/29/2020 ATV- Haw- Currituck		3,500	
HAZ-MAT	5				
MUTUAL AID	1				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	1	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	13	7/20/2020 7 Dayton St.	Stove	\$0	
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	13				
VEHICLES	2	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	1				
MVA	10				
WATER EVACUALTION	1		TOTAL	3,500.00	
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-(lighting strike)	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	4				
APPLIANCE	1				
TOTAL	129				
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	63	288
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	19	163
		5132	DODGINTOWN FIRE	11	69
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	20	126
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	47	307
			TOTALS	160	953

Fire Company's Calls 129

The Fire Marshals had 387incidents and 309 Hours worked.

Permits: 1blasting \$60.00, 3 tanks \$60.00, 0 burn\$00.00, 0 reports \$.00 Total \$120.00