



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
June 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Newtown Hook & Ladder
12 Church Hill Rd. Newtown, Ct. 06470

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

Commissioners Present: Patrick Reilly, Thom Fitzgerald, Brian Sharnick, Ron Bolmer, Jay Nezvesky & Tim Whelan

Chiefs Present - Chris Ward, Bill Halstead, Don Digioia, Paul Basso & Steve Murphy,

Marshals- Rich Frampton, Steve Murphy, David Ober & Jami Zapata

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: May 24, 2021 Meeting and May 27, 2021 Special Meeting
Jay Nezvesky made a motion to accept the minutes
Ron Bolmer seconded
Motion Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

REPORTS:

Fire Marshal: See attached -was presented by FM Frampton.

Purchasing Agent: No Report- finances on track for end of fiscal year.

Combined Chiefs- No meeting-Planning to have one once the pricing comes in on equipment.
There will be a meeting at EOC on July 9, 2021 at 10:00am (NORCOM, the consultant and radio committee).

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No Report

Radio & Hydrants – Ron reported he received a call from Mike McCarthy (NUSAR) in regards to securing the stand pipe to the bridge on Walnut Tree Hill Rd.
Halstead inquired about the status of 75 Glen Rd. in which Bolmer responded that calls have been placed to Jon Bond and he will follow up. Halstead also inquired about the 2 tanks at Misty Vale Rd. and Russett Rd. Bolmer replied that he knows that they are losing water. Bolmer will talk to Dugan and said he had checked the water level a while ago, Halstead will fill tanks and keep watch.
Basso asked about Glenmore, Bolmer will look into suctioning it out to see if it makes a helps.

Radio Sub Committee- EOC- meeting July 9, 2021 at 10:00am

Truck- Whelan said they are just about done with services and pump service; they are finishing up with Sandy Hook now. Then they will go around the fire house and finish up the odd jobs. He still needs to do the pump in 21 and has the parts.

Hawleyville 's Tanker- He spoke with the salesman and he said we are still on track for a late August final inspection. He said the salesman called and checks and did say there were no changes.

Budget – No Report

Technology Sub-Committee- Dan Cragin emailed Chairman and Vice Chairman the updates on the system. Final test for the dispatch link will be completed within the next 24 hours once that happened the Incident reporting and responder app will be live. Usurer accounts have been created for all departments. Firehouse data will be imported over the next 48 hours and system will be live in the next 24 hours. Dan has met the July 1st deadline.

Both Reilly and Whelan commented about the time and effort Dan spent on this software project as the consultant and gave high praise for the job well done.

Chief Ward asked about the initial computers they were given years ago for Firehouse software (still running windows 95) if they will be replaced. Whelan commented that for right now we can use what our departments have.

NUSAR-None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: SOP Budget Monitoring Plan- Finance came up with a SOP Budget Monitoring Plan for implementation. This will serve as guidelines to the Board. It was given to the Policy and Procedures Committee to bring back as a SOP next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Whelan announced that Sandy Hook will be having their Annual Golf Tournament September 27th.

*Sharnick announced that Newtown Hook & Ladder is having "Bounce House Bonanza" August 21st

*Sandy Hook had elections- slate stayed the same

*Hawleyville had their elections- Chief, Don Digoia, Dep. Chief Paul Basso, Asst. Chief Dave Janofsky

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

By Tim Whelan

Seconded by Brian Sharnick

Passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk