



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
March 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Botsford Fire
315 South Main St.
Newtown, Ct. 06470

Meeting Opened By: Tim Whelan, Vice-Chairman at 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Tim Whelan, Jay Nezvesky, Ron Bolmer, Tom Fitzgerald, Jeff Dugan

Absent: Patrick Reilly, Brian Sharnick,

Chiefs - Bill Halstead, Don Digioia, Chris Ward, Deputy Chief Paul Basso

Marshals- Rich Frampton, David Ober

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: A motion was made by J. Duggan to accept the minute from the February 28, 2022 meeting. R. Bolmer seconded, all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS- T. Whelan received a letter from the Finance Director concerning ARP funds. Each fire company will get \$15,000, Hook and Ladders is coming through the Borough. The Finance Director has asked that they submit an invoice for reimbursement for a capital item. T. Whelan will get clarification as to when the funds need to be spent by and how the reimbursement will be handled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – See attached (A) that was presented from Fire Marshal Frampton.

Purchasing Agent – See attached (B) report by D. Ober.

Combined Chiefs – None

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No report

Radio Committee Sub Committee— Chief Halstead reported that they are meeting every Friday. Ferris Road, the generator is in and hooked up. Hopefully by 4/11/22 all the antenna work will be

started. There is an issue getting access to the South Main sight. Subscriber units will come in piece meal but Hawleyville's rescue truck is priority as it is going into service soon.

Radio & Hydrants- No Report

Truck– 221 is out for body repair, tanker 229 has an engine computer issue, parts are on back order, truck is only to be used for calls. DOT, pump testing, will start in late April.

Budget- No report

Fire Admin- Sub-committee- No report

NUSAR- No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Hook & ladder Capital Change Request – T. Whelan explained that they want to substitute the \$2500 from their capital originally designated for pagers for the following equipment; a chain saw, water rescue rope and a nozzle for engine 111 for a total of \$1547. J. Dugan moved to accept the request, R. Bolmer seconded, all in favor.

Sandy Hook Training request change – T. Whelan explained that they are coming to the board for transparency. Sandy Hook is buying a pre-incident software from FLOW for \$1800 and paying for it out of training. He explained that Chief Halstead and a few guys demoed the program and quickly saw the value of it. FLOW msp is web/cloud based program with access through phones, tablets and laptops. This will be a reoccurring cost that they are committed to pay for out of their annual training budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by J. Dugan at 7:23pm. T. Fitzgerald seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk Pro-Tem

February 2022

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NEWTOWN FIRE MARSHAL MONTHLY CALL REPORT

Rich Frampton
Fire Marshal

ALARMS	36	STRUCTURE							
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	2/20/2022 40 Mt. Pleasant Rd. (Workers/Chimney)				50,000.00			
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	11	2/27/2022 8 Simpson St. NCC- Exterior Bathroom				15,000.00			
BRUSH	2								
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	2	VEHICLE							
C.O. DETECTOR	3	2/13/2022 18 Rockridge Rd.				15,000.00			
FALSE CALLS	0								
HAZ-MAT	2								
MUTUAL AID	0								
STRUCTURES	2								
RESCUE	4	APPLIANCE							
SMS/MEDICAL	16	2/20/2022 14 Greenbriar Rd. Stove top							
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0								
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	8								
VEHICLES	1	OTHER							
EXTRICATION	1	2/24/2022 199 South Main St. Dumpster Fire (on Truck)							
MVA	11	(Transfer Station)							
WATER EVACUATION	0								
CHIMNEY	0	TOTAL				80,000.00			
OTHER-Tree on structure	1								
PUBLIC SERVICE	2								
APPLIANCE	1								
TOTAL	103								
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS				MONTH		YTD	
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER			35		455	
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE			14		262	
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE			15		198	
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE			12		196	
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE			27		422	
		TOTALS				103		1533	

Fire Company's Calls 103

The Fire Marshals had 360 incidents and 322Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 0 tanks \$0.00, 7 burn \$35.00, 0 reports \$0.00 Total \$35.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY			
CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	20	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	6	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	1	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	33	
	2. Site Inspections	17	
	3. C.O. Inspections	1	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	2	
	5. Tank Removals	0	
	6. Burn Permits	2	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	6	
F	OFFICE	209	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	7	
I	TRAINING	0	
J	PURCHASING	46	
O	OTHER-Rich	4	
O	OTHER-Dave	5	
O	OTHER-Steve	1	
O	OTHER-Jamilyn	0	
	TOTAL	360	322
Rich	Run Fire Pump - Municipal Center	1	
	Blocked egress NYA	1	
	Deposit- NSB	1	
	Knocks Box Keys- Covered Bridge	1	
Dave	Fire Drills- CAC	1	
	Complaint 56 Church Hill Rd.	1	
	Run Fire Pump - Muni Center (3)	3	
Jami	Poster Contest		
February 2022		Reporting Month	
		Marshal's Signature	

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Response Improvement Plan (RIP)

- To the Chiefs - Try to keep your submitted report to one page
- Please do not list members that don't qualify or remove any \$ amount

Invoices for reimbursements or request to pay the vender direct
Include directions on department letterhead or include directions in the body of the email
– This gets sent to Finance with the invoice

Eleven (11) replacement bottles were delivered
Botsford received 6
Hawleyville received 5

I have a contact that will take expired bottles – they go south of the border

Two invoices were given to Bob Tait to pay from the Non-Recurring Fund
Invoice for the 11 new bottles - \$14,846.70 (\$1,349.70 each)
Invoice for partial shipment (items on Back Order) for 2 sets of gear – \$1,905.18
Total \$16,751.88

Hurst Tool service scheduled second week of April – \$7200 not including repairs
SCBA Flows and service - trying to schedule for May – should be about \$6900 plus repairs

FYI – When I receive a quote – typically its only good for 15 days