



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
May 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Dodgingtown Fire
55 Dodgingtown Rd.
Newtown, Ct. 06470

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

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Tim Whelan, Jay Nezvesky, Ron Bolmer,

Chiefs - Chris Ward, Bill Halstead, Don Digioia

Marshals- Rich Frampton, David Ober

Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Pat thanked Nancy for organizing the collection for the Dugan family. Nancy reported that almost \$2400.00 was collected by the Board and Fire Departments. Many Restaurant Gift cards were purchased, a White Lilac tree was purchased and the balance in cash was given to help offset costs of medical expenses. Jeff Dugan called the Fire Marshal's Office to express his gratitude and to thank everyone for their support to his family.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: from April 25, 2022 meeting
A motion was made by Jay Nezvesky to accept the minute
Seconded by Tim Whelan
Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- A member of our community- Trey Hazard, 10 Arthur's Court, attended to voice his concerns of comments made by fire personnel in the Newtown Bee article regarding the warehouse project in Hawleyville off exit 9. He said that it was stated in the article that there were no communities or businesses in the immediate area, Mr. Hazard stated that Liberty, Maplewoods, Newtown Woods and 2 schools are located within a one mile radius and he feels they are too close.

Chief Bill Halstead responded by saying that his comments were talking about the general area right around that parcel of land being proposed for the warehouse.

Chairman Reilly thanked Mr. Hazard for his input. Chairman Reilly stated that in recent articles, residents commented that the emergency services in town might not be able to handle a building of that size. Chairman Reilly indicated he believed the volunteers of the Newtown Fire Departments have the resources to handle a fire at the proposed warehouse.

Trey Hazard thanked the Emergency responder for their service to the town.

* Add to agenda Tim- First Due Renewal

* Add to agenda Botsford –if there were funds left they would like reimbursement in the amount of \$411.75 the balance of for Scott Masks and Air Bags that were purchased with the ARP funds.

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – See attached that was presented from Fire Marshal Frampton

Purchasing Agent – David Ober reported that he did a transfer from Radio account \$14,000
From Truck repair account \$10,000
\$24,000

To Account Repair and Maintenance \$20,000
Natural Gas Account \$ 4,000

If we need to do any further transfers, they will need to be done by the end of the month

Capital- items still on back order – will need to encumber the funds.

Heating fuel account in -560.00 due to the contract meeting the gallons purchased.

Get your invoices in before the end of the month.

Combined Chiefs – No Meeting

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – Jay read an email from Brian Sharnick:

As an update I finally made contact with Patrice today over the town physician and she confirmed what we already knew that the town no longer has a relationship with Dr. Leicht and the town utilizes Physician One for all of their needs including BBP/Exposure issues.

That being said we still need to fill the void for a town physician to review private physicals as well as cancer screening. If all in agreement I propose we have another call with Physician One to go through Below points:

- 1) They can accommodate our BBP/Exposure needs and we update that Policy Accordingly.
- 2) Get their input on blood draws for the new One Test Cancer Screening & their ability to possibly offer this as a service
- 3) Get their input on reviewing & approving 3rd party physicals performed outside their facilities to make sure they are up to the standard and cover town's liability.

Looking for a Doctor or Urgent Care to be the lead on our Blood borne pathogens and to oversee FD cancer screening etc.

Radio & Hydrants-Suppression tank at 91-93 Hattertown Rd. has been pumped and cleaned, Invoice \$5,316.44 being paid by ARP account. The tank needs to be filled and tested.

Chief Halstead reported that the Dry Hydrant on Housatonic Drive/ Shady Rest strainer needs to be cleaned/ checked.

Pat will contact Mike McCarthy to check it.

Radio Committee Sub Committee- Chief Halstead reported that all the original towers are up. Substation equipment is in- and this tower is done.

Radio testing was done at Eicklers Cove, Great Quarter (fire roads in the area) some areas had better service and some still having issues. NORCOM has found some things to change.

When the new equipment starts coming in PD then Ambulance the Fire will be done last.

238/ 242 pagers ordered \$205,000.00 that PO should have been cut last week.

No meeting this past Friday -Norcom was closed.

Drawing for Great Quarter- Highway Dept. will do the road and drainage work clearing.

Waiting on drawings for Eden Hill-

Dingle Brook will be last- good news- won't need to do structural tower.

No date to go live.

Truck- Tim Whelan reported that Annual Services will start Wednesday – at Hawleyville 331 not holding a prime.

Still waiting for the tanker parts 229 and T-9- Regen issue.

Budget- No report

Fire Admin- Sub-committee- The committee is meeting in the next week.

NUSAR- No Report

OLD BUSINESS- Reminder -ARP, Each Fire Department need to submit invoices-

Pat emailed Bob Tait and Dan Rosenthal about using ARP funds for a new Fire Marshal Vehicle, waiting to hear back.

Pat was also looking to see if we can get more funds for the Suppression Tanks/ Dry Hydrants account.

The Fire Departments need to compile a list of items to ask for funding. Send your department's needs to Pat.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandy Hook sent out a set of gear for repair, the quote came back at \$1250.00, This gear has 18 months left on it before it needs to be replaced.

New gear costs \$3992.00

Tim Whelan made a motion to replace that gear out of the non-recurring account.

Jay Seconded

This will be for an entire set- the items that can be used for exterior Firefighter will be passed along.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Tim Whelan reported that First Due Program has made good progress;

Departments have been able to submit their NFIRS.

Moving forward we will be working on getting the Fire Marshal's Office on board with Inspection Module.

The annual invoice was received in the amount of 16,862.00

There is a credit in the amount of \$3900.00 for two modules that weren't used last year- \$2500 for Community Connect, which is the online portal for residents and businesses to submit additional information.

The second is the Fire Marshal inspection module for \$1400.00.

Tim also acknowledged the hard work Don has put in and thanked him for doing everything he has done.

Don reminded everyone that this is an ongoing project and if you have questions or problems to reach out.

He also said that every time the CAD/ dispatch have changes/updates it does affect our program and it is not First Dues fault. There has been a lot of progress. He has had meetings with all the Departments and making good progress.

The Board thanks Don for his hard work.

Chief Ward also thanked Don as well for spearheading and the progress that has been made.

Botsford is purchasing 3 Scott Mask Kits and 2 Airbags Packages in the amount of \$15,411.75 using the funds from the ARP \$15,000.00.

Jay made a motion that if there are if there are any funds left at the end of the fiscal year Botsford would like to be reimbursement the remaining balance of \$411.75.

Seconded by Tim Whelan

Passed unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sandy Hook Lobster Fest June 10th & 11th and

Raffle - 1st Prize: Freezer of Meat, 2nd Prize: 200 Gallons of Home Heating Oil, 3rd Prize: \$100.00 VISA gift card. Drawing 10/22/22-

Tickets for both available for both at the Fire Marshals Office

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

By Tim Whelan

Seconded by Jay Nezvesky

Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:53.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

April 2022

NEWTOWN FIRE MARSHAL MONTHLY CALL REPORT

Rich Frampton
Fire Marshal

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	
ALARMS	29	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	4/30/2022 32 Church Hill Rd.	Mulch/siding	5,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	8				
BRUSH	8				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	5	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	5				
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	4				
MUTUAL AID	1				
STRUCTURES	1				
RESCUE	0	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	19	4/17/2022 10 Main St	gas grill- siding	\$3,000	
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	6				
VEHICLES	0	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0				
MVA	16				
WATER EVACUALTION	0	TOTAL		8,000.00	
CHIMNEY	2				
OTHER-Tree on structure	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	2				
APPLIANCE	1				
TOTAL	107				
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	34	543
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	18	304
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	7	219
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	22	243
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	26	486
		TOTALS		107	1795

Fire Company's Calls 107

The Fire Marshals had 523 incidents and 348.5 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$00.00, 3 tanks \$60.00, burn \$0.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$60.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	18	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	3	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	50	
	2. Site Inspections	19	
	3. C.O. Inspections	5	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	3	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	7	
F	OFFICE	285	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	10	
I	TRAINING	16	
J	PURCHASING	98	
O	OTHER-Rich	5	
O	OTHER-Dave	4	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamilynn	0	
	TOTAL	523	348.5
Rich	Run Fire Pump - Municipal Center	2	
	Fire Drill- Reed	1	
	Deposit- NSB	1	
	Occupancy- Brookside club house	1	
Dave	Fire Drills- CAC	1	
	Run Fire Pump - Muni Center	2	
	Complaint - ButtonShop Rd.	1	
<u>April 2022</u> Reporting Month			
_____ Marshal's Signature			