

Board of Fire Commissioners
C/O Fire Marshal Office
3 Primrose St.
Newtown, Ct. 06470



Patrick Reilly
Chairman

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

Regular Meeting
November 28, 2022 7:00 pm
Hawleyville Fire
34 Hawleyville Rd. Newtown Ct. 06470

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

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Tim Whelan, Ron Bolmer, Jeff Dugan, Tom Fitzgerald, Jay Nezvesky & Brian Sharnick

Chiefs – Chief Ward, Chief Digioia, Chief Murphy, Chief Capozziello

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

Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: from October's regular meeting and annual meeting

A motion was made by Jeff Dugan to accept the minutes

Seconded by Tim Whelan

Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS-

1. Chief Murphy request a change in capital item-
2. Dan Rosenthal- ARP

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Add to agenda-

"New Business"-

1. Discussion on ARP Funding
2. Hook and Ladder would like to purchase 2 complete sets of gear (Gear Expiring)
3. Dodgingtown would like to purchase 2 complete sets of gear- (Gear Expiring)

Tim Whelan made a motion to add these items to agenda

Jeff Dugan seconded

Motion passed

REPORTS

Fire Marshal –Fire Marshal Frampton presented October reports. See attached

Purchasing Agent – David Ober reported

Hose testing invoiced for \$20,336.80

Hose \$11,986.80 (0.24 per foot)

Appliance & Nozzle testing \$8,350.00

SCBA Bottles- 24 new bottles were purchased and delivered to Botsford FD

\$1,369.00 each Total \$32,856.00 Total

Hurst Tool- Hawleyville received E-Ram- Capital request.

Tim Whelan asked what tools would be needed to conduct our own testing. We do own pressure gauges and

David Ober will look at the NFPA Guidelines on testing and if the departments can do their own testing/ procedure and will report back to the board.

Combined Chiefs/ Radio Committee Sub Committee- Steve Murphy – No report

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – Tom Fitzgerald- No Report

Radio/Hydrant- Ron Bolmer reported- there were 3 tanks being looked at- Wentworth, 31 Russet Rd. & Mist Vale.

1. Wentworth looks good
2. 31 Russet Rd.- tank is about 6' high (Top to Bottom)- only has about 2.5 feet of water in it- Sandy Hook will fill it and Ron will check it again. This tank is believed to be a 30,000 gallon tank.
3. Misty Vale- is believed to be 2 10,000 gallon tanks piggybacked- they were filled and were down approx. 2' 4" which is where it was prior to being filled, so a leak is suspected at that depth. Jeff Dugan will have the company come in and take a look and cleaning and repairing.

Truck- No Report

Budget- Jay reported they are working on the budget and meeting with the Chiefs and Fire Marshal and are working on the numbers.

Fire Admin- Sub-Committee- Pat has not had a change to discuss with the First Selectman, but will have a conversation at his next meeting. There has been a number put into the budget for this.

NUSAR- No Report- It was reported that NUSAR is willing to start looking at the dry hydrants again and clean them out for a nominal fee in the spring. It would be good to get them back on board for yearly cleanings.

OLD BUSINESS- Discussion and Acceptance of Sandy Hook's Quint-

Tim Whelan reported- that he traveled to the Emergency One factory for the final inspection for Sandy Hook's Quint. The truck came out great and meets spec. The truck committee is making a motion that the full board accepts this truck and authorizes the town's portion of the payment. The town's payment is \$500,000.00 via bonding; Sandy Hook's portion is \$496,000.00 Sandy Hook has their funding in place and has also approved this purchase, new truck is expected to be delivered mid-late December

Jay seconded the motion

After much discussion the motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Hawleyville is requesting 5 new complete sets of gear (2 new firefighters FF1 and replacing 3 sets expiring)
(Coats, pants, boots, gloves and hoods)

Jeff Dugan made the motion to purchase 5 complete sets of gear-

Ron seconded

Passed unanimously

H&L 2 sets-are set to expire

Brian Sharnick made a motion to purchase 2 complete sets of gear for H&L

During discussion it was said H&L has a sizable amount of gear set to expire in 2025, Whelan questioned if Hook & Ladder was going to apply for a gear grant Brian reminded the board that you can't apply for a grant until the gear has already expired.

Ron Bolmer seconded

Motion passed unanimously.

Dodgingtown – 2 complete sets of gear-

Ron Bolmer made a motion to purchase 2 complete sets of gear-

Brian Sharnick Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

APR- Pat Reilly reported that a while back the 5 chiefs with the support of the Board of Fire Commissioners submitted a request to the ARPA Board asking that each fire department was requesting about \$100,000.00 for various items to support their fire stations (Upgrades at Stations, Equipment and Training equipment for all fire dept.'s). The ARPA Board will be meeting on Tuesday night at 6:30 at the Council Chamber to vote on giving the fire departments \$25,000.00 each plus \$50,000 for training equipment to be shared by all 5 companies. Pat would like representatives from the fire companies to attend to answer any questions the ARPA Board may have.

Change of Capital- Dodgingtown would like to substitute the funds in 2022-2023

Capital - \$16,000.00 to purchase a Used Brush Truck instead would like to purchase Brush Fire Ems Rescue Skid Unit Portable Pumps and Vehicle Lighting for their UTV.

Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the request

Tim Whelan seconded

Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

By Jeff Dugan

Seconded by Seconded by Tim Whelan

Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	8	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	0	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	39	
	2. Site Inspections	11	
	3. C.O. Inspections	0	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	1	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
	7. Fire Drills	1	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	1	
F	OFFICE	224	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	4	
I	TRAINING	8	
J	PURCHASING	91	
O	OTHER-Rich	7	
O	OTHER-Dave	2	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	4	
	TOTAL	403	379
Rich	Run Fire Pump NMC	4	
	Deposit- NSB	1	
	Sprinkler Inspection NMC	1	
	Fire Ext.Train. Church Hill Village	1	
Dave	Run Fire Pump	1	
	Fire Ext.Train. Church Hill Village	1	
Steve			
Jami	poster/fire prevention	4	
October 2022 Reporting Month			
_____ Marshal's Signature			

Rich Frampton
Fire Marshal

Fire Company's Calls 135

The Fire Marshals had 403 incidents and 379 Hours worked.

Permits: 1 blasting \$60.00, 0 tanks \$0.00, burn \$0.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$60.00