



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
December 19, 2022 7:00 pm
Sandy Hook Fire
18 Riverside Rd. Sandy Hook, CT. 06482

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

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Tim Whelan, Ron Bolmer, Jay Nezvesky
Absent: Jeff Dugan, Brian Sharnick, Tom Fitzgerald
Chiefs – Chief Ward, Chief Digioia, Chief Murphy, Assistant Chief Paul Basso
Marshals- Rich Frampton, David Ober, Jamilynn Zapata & Steve Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - Pat Reilly reported that the ARP working group met and discussed the latest proposed funds for the 5 fire departments. In the end they decided to table it to the next meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: J. Nezvesky moved to approve the minute from the November 28, 2002 regular meeting. Tim Whelan seconded, all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

REPORTS

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

Purchasing Agent – Remaining 6 replacements bottles were delivered to Botsford. The cost was \$1,369 each for a total invoice of \$8,214 which has been sent to the Finance Director to be paid out of Non-recurring capital. The invoice came in from Tracy's Garage for \$34,955.57 for Annual Service and Repairs.

Combined Chiefs/ Radio Committee Sub Committee- Dodgingtown hosted an officers training class that was represented by all companies. They are going to try to make that recurring

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No update

Radio/Hydrant- Ron Bolmer reported that the vendor went to the Misty Vale Road suppression tank. It was discovered that the overflow pipe was too high. The vendor re-plumbed the overflow to correct the problem.

Truck- Tim Whelan reported that Sandy Hook received their new ladder truck. They are going to sent it back to dealer for equipment mounting. They anticipate it being in service by mid-February. Sandy Hook is also going to start committee for tanker 449 replacement. Hook and Ladder has a committee for their ladder 114 referb.

Budget- Discussed under New Business

Fire Admin- Sub-Committee- No update

NUSAR- No update

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 Proposed Budget – Jay Nezvesky moved to approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,626,616 (attachment A), Pat Reilly seconded. Jay Nezvesky explained that they added \$40,000 for Fire Administrator. \$60,000 for rotating grant that came out of nonrecurring which makes the budget look higher this year. A Fire Marshal vehicle is also funded. This is the preliminary, they still have to meet with the first selectman on 1/4/23. It is an increase of 14.4%. All in favor.

Need for Grant Writer – This is to have a discussion to hire a grant writer for the board of fire commissioners. Tim Whelan believes that they are leaving money on the table because grants are not being applied for.

Tim Whelan moved to start a subcommittee investigating the benefit of a Board of Fire Commission Grant writer. Jay Nezvesky seconded, all in favor. Tim Whelan and Ron Bolmer will be on this committee.


ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

Having no further business a motion was made by Jay Nezvesky to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Ron Bolmer seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Miles
Clerk Pro-Tem

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	4	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	5	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	1	
D	BUILDING & SITE	0	
	1. Building Inspections	40	
	2. Site Inspections	15	
	3. C.O. Inspections	4	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	2	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	6	
	7. Fire Drills	3	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	3	
F	OFFICE	231	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	2	
I	TRAINING	13	
J	PURCHASING	85	
O	OTHER-Rich	2	
O	OTHER-Dave	3	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	2	
	TOTAL	423	402
Rich			
	Deposit- NSB	2	
Dave	Run Fire Pump	2	
	Complaint 274 So. Main St	1	
Steve			
Jami	poster/fire prevention	2	
November 2022 Reporting Month			
			
	Marshal's Signature		

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	\$
ALARMS	23	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	11/18/2022	21 New Lebbon Rd. Structure	20,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	15	11/23/2022	5 Ferris Rd. Structure	65,000.00	
BRUSH	8				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	0	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	8	11/18/2022	I-84 Vehicle Haw		
FALSE CALLS	0	11/26/2022	I-84 SH		
HAZ-MAT	4	11/27/2022	I-84 SH		
MUTUAL AID	2				
STRUCTURES	2				
RESCUE	0	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	23				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	11				
VEHICLES	4	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0				
MVA	21				
WATER EVACUATION	1	TOTAL			85,000.00
CHIMNEY	1				
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	14				
APPLIANCE	0				
TOTAL	137				
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS			YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	36	469
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	17	222
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	14	134
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	20	215
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	50	384
			TOTALS	137	1424

Fire Company's Calls 137

The Fire Marshals had 423 incidents and 402 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 2 tanks \$40.00, 11 burn \$55.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$95.00