



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

May 22, 2023
Regular Meeting
Sandy Hook Vol. Fire & Rescue Co
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, Brian Sharnick, Jay Nezvesky & Jeff Dugan

Absent : Tom Fitzgerald

Chiefs – Chief Ward, Ass't Chief Basso, Chief Capozziello

Marshals- David Ober

Member of the public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIAENCE

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Ron Bolmer made a correction to April Minutes (Spelling error) under Purchasing Agent Hurt Tool should be Hurst Tool.

Ron Bolmer made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Jeff Dugan seconded and passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

REPORTS

Fire Marshal –Deputy Fire Marshal David Ober presented April 2023 Reports

Purchasing Agent –

- Hurst Tool- invoiced \$7,866.+ for testing and repairs
- SCBA's- Invoiced \$10,728.+ for Flow test and repairs (If batteries leaked need to pull circuit board and change sensor, we had them change all batteries- and in 6 months we will provide new batteries for the departments to change the out again.)
- Air Compressors- Invoiced \$4,704.+ for Preventive Maintenance
- Budget- Several account lines were over budget- Budget Committee will address.

Combined Chiefs- No Report- A meeting is being planned

NUSAR – No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – Brian Sharnick said they will meet in the next week.

Radio/Hydrant –

- Jeff Dugan reported that NUSAR is still working on Dry Hydrant inspections, Sandy Hook & Hook and Ladder districts have been done (21). Three (3) Are being recommended for abandonment, Due to additional water sources in the areas, 10-12 need new strainers. Will get a complete report when dry hydrant inspections have been completed with recommendations on repairs etc.
- Ron Bolmer said he was still working on the Misty Vale suppression tank, it is still leaking after it was cleaned. He is working with the town Highway for assistance. He is also looking into Chestnut Hill Dry Hydrant for repairs, they believe the vent pipe was hit and knocked off. Jeff will get a list of OOS units for Chiefs.

Radio Committee Sub Committee- Tim Whelan reported that Dodgingtown has been completed, Sandy Hook is being worked on now.

Tim and Mark DeWolfe are working on the pager antenna issues.

Truck-

- Tim Whelan reported 551 is at Tracy's for Pump Work
- Services are starting soon- He asked that Hawleyville and Hook and Ladder make lists of any issues that need to be looked at.
- Newtown Hook & Ladder 114- going to get everyone together to go through it. So body work, lighting and H&L has a letter stating the ladder is structurally sound.

Budget-

- The Budget Committee (Tim Whelan, Ron Bolmer and David Ober) met with the finance director concerning our budget, we are \$91,000. in the red and need to transfer money to cover it.
- We are short in the following accounts and need to transfer money to cover:
 - ❖ Other Employees Benefits- fell short due to increase in Pension payments (more calls, more members and increase from \$10 to \$12 per hour for day time driver. LOSAP increase. Budget year 22-23 No increase in this account.
 - ❖ Repair & Maintenance- fell short due to increase costs of Hurst Tool Maintenance and SCBA repairs.
 - ❖ Energy Accounts (Natural Gas, Oil and Electricity) are short as well.

Tim Whelan made a motion to transfer \$8,000. from the Hydrant account, \$6,000 from truck repair, \$18,000 from dues, travel and education and \$3000. from fire equipment for a Total 35,000. from the BOFC Budget. The remaining shortfall of \$56,000 will be requested from contingency through the BOS and Legislative council to balance our budget. Jay Nezvesky Seconded, after discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Tim Whelan also stated the following:

- We ask the fire companies to suspend and new training to July 1, 2023
- The Capital non-recurring account has a zero balance; we will not be requesting any PPE until the next budget year.
- There will not be any left-over funds this budget year.

NUSAR- No Report

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Dodgingtown requesting one set gear**
Tim Whelan made a motion to wait until July 1, 2023 to purchase 1 complete set of gear for Dodgingtown, Jay Nezvesky seconded.
After much discussion pertaining to having a firefighter using expired gear at a fire scene
Tim Whelan amended the motion to read, Motion to approve the purchase of gear to replace expired gear for Dodgingtown.
Jay Nezvesky Seconded and the motion passed
- **Newtown Hook & Ladder- Request for approval for ARP purchases**
Paratech Rescue Equipment is a Stabilization Tool Kit- (Sole Source -Provider)
A motion was made by Jeff Dugan to approve the purchase of Paratech Rescue Equipment and seconded by Brian Sharnick. Tim Whelan asked about other vendors and it was determined this is a "Sole Source" Kit
The motion passed.

NOTES/ Announcements-

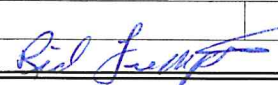
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tim Whelan, Seconded by Ron Bolmer and motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	6	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	6	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	36	
	2. Site Inspections	18	
	3. C.O. Inspections	2	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd		
	5. Tank Removals		
	6. Burn Permits		
	7. Fire Drills		
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS		
F	OFFICE	206	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	5	
I	TRAINING	10	
J	PURCHASING	73	
O	OTHER-Rich	6	
O	OTHER-Dave		
O	OTHER- Steve		
O	OTHER-Jamilynn		
	TOTAL	368	336.5
Rich	Run Fire Pump	4	
	Knox Box Keys- 5 Turnberry La	1	
	Sprinkler- 3 Primrose St.	1	
Dave			
Steve			
Jami			
Apr-23			
			
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Rich Frampton
Fire Marshal

	TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	-
ALARMS		28	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0		4/13/2023	3 Budd Dr. (Back Deck- cig butt/Flower	15,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	12		4/23/2023	67 Hattertown Rd.(garage-heating oil)	30,000.00	
BRUSH	11		4/27/2023	23 Pond Brook Rd. (outside Wall/Deck)	10,000.00	
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	6		VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	2					
FALSE CALLS	0					
HAZ-MAT	4					
MUTUAL AID	7					
STRUCTURES	3					
RESCUE	0		APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	38					
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0					
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	18					
VEHICLES	0		OTHER			
EXTRICATION	1					
MVA	14					
WATER EVACUATION	0					
CHIMNEY	0					
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	0					
PUBLIC SERVICE	7		TOTALS		55,000.00	
APPLIANCE	0					
TOTAL	151		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS	MONTH	YTD	
			5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	41	645
			5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	25	335
			5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	10	219
			5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	20	310
			5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	55	585
			TOTALS		151	2094

TOWN OF NEWTOWN APPROPRIATION (BUDGET) TRANSFER REQUEST

FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023 DEPARTMENT Fire DATE 5/19/23

	Account	Amount	
FROM:	101123200000-5412HYDRANTS	(8,000)	USE NEGATIVE AMOUNT
	101123200000-5436TRUCK REPAIR	(6,000)	
	101123200000-5580DUES, TRAVEL & EDUCATION	(18,000)	
	101123200000-5745FIRE EQUIPMENT	(3,000)	
	101245700000-5899CONTINGENCY	(56,000)	
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TO:	101123200000-5290OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	45,000	USE POSITIVE AMOUNT
	101123200000-5411WATER/SEWER	1,000	
	101123200000-5621ENERGY - NATURAL GAS	8,000	
	101123200000-5624ENERGY - OIL	10,000	
	101123200000-5430REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERVICES	15,000	
	101123200000-5622ENERGY - ELECTRICITY	12,000	
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REASON:

TRANSFERRED REQUIRED TO BALANCE FIRE COMMISSIONERS BUDGET

Major request is in the other benefits account (\$45,000). Increase is due to an increase in the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP). This was due to investment performance in the plan. Also the number of service calls increased resulting in a larger pay out in the (quarterly) Response Improvement Program (members receive a small stipend for answering fire calls).

AUTHORIZATION: date:

- (1) DEPARTMENT HEAD _____
- (2) FINANCE DIRECTOR _____
- (3) SELECTMAN _____
- (4) BOARD OF SELECTMEN _____
- (5) BOARD OF FINANCE _____
- (6) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL _____

AUTHORIZATION SIGN OFF

FIRST 335 DAYS >>>>WITH IN A DEPT.>>>>LESS THAN \$50,000>>>> (1), (2) & (3) SIGNS OFF; MORE THAN \$50,000>>>> (1), (2), (3) & (5)
>>>>ONE DEPT TO ANOTHER>>>>LESS THAN \$200,000>>>>ALL EXCEPT (6); MORE THAN \$200,000>>>>ALL SIGN OFF

AFTER 335 DAYS >>>>(1), (2), (3), (5) & (6) ANY AMOUNT FROM CONTINGENCY>>>> ALL SIGN OFF



PO Box 1022
Smithtown, BY 11787

Phone: 631-724-2646
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Email: sales@ssdonline.us

Date	Quote #
2/13/2023	DG23-02

Name / Address
Newtown Hook and Ladder

Ship To

Terms	Quote Expires	Rep
On Receipt	3/15/23	DG

Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total
22-79HA10K	Hydrافusion 10 Kit	2	4,402.30	8,804.60
22-79HA16K	Hydrافusion 16 Kit	2	4,854.50	9,709.00
22-796855	Interstate / Motorway VSK	1	22,138.80	22,138.80
22-796035	Strut Converter	4	239.40	957.60
22-796037	Longshore Ext Converter	2	270.75	541.50
22-796V02	VSK V2 Controller	1	513.00	513.00
22-890515	Yellow 16' Air Hose	1	92.15	92.15
22-890516	Red 16' Air Hose	1	92.15	92.15
22-796685	Multi-Chain Base Big Rig Rescue	2	635.55	1,271.10
22-790060	RSS Carry Strap	4	75.05	300.20

22-796060	Swivel Base 6	4	356.25	1,425.00
22-796070	Rigid Base 6	2	268.85	537.70
22-796134	Channel Base 4	4	163.4	653.60
22-895401G3	Preset ALB Regulator	1	758.1	758.10
S+H	Shipping and Handling Estimate	1	1500	1,500.00
Any questions please contact Dan Gordon at 917-485-0066. Thank you!			Total	\$49,294.50