



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

August 28, 2023
Regular Meeting
Dodgingtown Fire
55 Dodgingtown Rd. Newtown CT. 06470

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

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Brian Sharnick, Tom Fitzgerald, Jay Nezvesky, Tim Whelan & Ron Bolmer
Absent: Jeff Dugan
Chiefs –, Chief Murphy, Deputy Chief Basso,
Marshals- David Ober & Steve Murphy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIAENCE

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Tom Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the minutes from 7/24/23 as submitted, Brian Sharnick seconded and the motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – Deputy Fire Marshal David Ober presented July 2023 Reports- See attached

Purchasing Agent –

* Physicals- David asked if the Chiefs have been receiving results from PROS Medical in Bethel. Asst/ Chief Basso said he hasn't received any and Chief Murphy said not all of them. David is looking into it.

* David Ober also said that DOCS in Monroe has reached out to him, they also do firefighter physicals and would like the opportunity to talk to him, and he is setting up meeting.

***Capital Non-recurring-**

Last year we over spent the Capital Non- recurring account, we requested for mostly firefighting gear and SCBA Bottles. At the very end of the year some items were paid for straight from the 22-23 budget with remaining funds and some items were paid from this year's Capital Non-recurring.

The balance started at \$50,000.00 this year and we have already tapped into that money. David noted that only needing 7 SCBA Bottles in May 2024, allowing for a price increase that could cost approximately \$10,000.00

Hose – Preparing request for vendors to quote for replacement hose (2022 failed hose test) and including new hose requested in this year's budget.

Combined Chiefs- No report

NUSAR – No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – Tom Fitzgerald reported he is still in the process of reviewing the policies, once complete he will meet with his committee and submit to the Board the updates and bring them to the board for approval.

Radio/Hydrant – *Ron Bolmer reported that he had talked to Jeff Dugan concerning Misty Vale Tanks, Jeff was going to have the company come out to clean and repair them.

*It appears the Walnut Tree Hill Suppression Tank had not been tampered with, the contractors trail cam showed no tampering.

*Chestnut Hill Dry Hydrant has been fixed.

Radio Committee Sub Committee-

Mark DeWolfe report that all radios should have been installed and let him know if you have any that were not completed. Extra radios will be kept at the EOC. Please get him any extra radios, the surplus need to be counted and kept together so we are not charged for the install.

Norcom needs to come back and reprogram all equipment and then after the switch over again to remove the analog.

The old equipment needs to be turned in as well and brought the EOC.

Mark also noted that once the EMS was put on the new frequency, dispatch will need to patch Fire/EMS together. The Chiefs/ Board need to work with Maureen Will (Dispatch) to come up with a policy for this.

Truck- Tim Whelan reported

* Annual Services are almost complete, just finishing up Hook & Ladder

*331 alternator and belts were replaced.

* Tim has looked at the spec for 114 Refurb he will review with Ron Bolmer and compile of list of questions and will set up a meeting with Hook & Ladders Truck Committee.

Budget- No Report

NUSAR- No Report

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hawleyville requests 4 sets of gear

Hawleyville is requesting 4 sets of gear in the approximant amount of \$3200.00 each.

It was suggested since the non- recurring account is already low, to reach out to other companies to see if they had any extra gear to fit 2 of these firefighters.

Tom Fitzgerald made a motion to purchase 2 sets of gear and see if they could get 2 sets from another Dept., if no gear is available the board will discuss and approve at the September meeting. Brian Sharnick seconded and the motion passed.

- Newtown Hook and ladder requested 1 set of gear and it was also suggested that they try to get a set of gear from another Dept. If they couldn't find a set to fit the new member, they will request a new set at the next meeting.
- CT Plan on Maintenance and Remediation of Toxic Substances on Turnout Gear – This was read over and decided to set up a committee to review and implement this as a SOP. (Committee Tom Fitzgerald, Chris Ward, Steve Murphy and Ron Bolmer) This Policy will be brought to the Board for approval. Connecticut Statewide Model Plan –see attached
- Nominations for Civilian Commissioner- Tom Fitzgerald, Civilian Commissioner term is coming up, he was nominated by Pat Reilly to a new 3 year term. Tabled until October Annual Meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Brian Sharnick, Seconded by Jay Nezvesky and motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk