



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

November 27, 2023
Regular Meeting
Botsford Fire
315 South Main St.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIAENCE

There was a moment of silence observed for the passing of past Fire Marshal George Lockwood Sr.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Tom Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the Minutes from October 16 and Tim Whelan made a motion to accept the Minutes from 10/23/23 regular meeting and Ron Bolmer Seconded both motions, Motions Passed

COMMUNICATIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – No reports

Purchasing Agent –

*David Ober reported that he is working with the hose order for failed hose and budgeted hose for 2023-2024.

*Diesel fuel to Hawleyville Fire Dept.

There was no contract in place for this location, We had Mitchell deliver the fuel that is for heating and generator, DPW is working on getting a contract in place for further deliveries.

Combined Chiefs- No Report- They are meeting next Wednesday Dec 6, 2023

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No Report

Radio/Hydrant – Nothing new to report

Truck-

*Tim Whelan reported that 551 was sent to Cummins, Truck had a hard start problem, truck has been repaired.

*Tim also reported that 114 committee is trimming up the list and are closer to the final spec.

Budget- Jay Nezvesky reported that he received all the budgets and needs to have the final budget done by 12/15/23 when the Finance Director has indicated, so the budget committee will be meeting with the Chiefs and FM between now and Dec 10, 2023 to have a final budget by Dec. 15, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS- New Radio System, outstanding implementation issues

Radio Project still has the following issues, maybe more

- Approx. 26 H&L portable were said to be compliant, now find out they need upgrades (some may be obsolete)
- Portables –EAP (Firefighter Emergency Button) not working
- Pagers all need to be programed again.
- Sirens on several buildings not working

NEW BUSINESS:

*** Hawleyville asking for 1 set of gear from the non-recurring account with boots included approximately \$3470.00 and (4) Helmets for \$1560.00.**

After discussion, Jeff Dugan made a motion to order 1 set of gear and 4 helmets for Hawleyville, Tom Fitzgerald seconded and the motion passed.

***Discussion on changes to Length of Service Program**

After some discussion it was decided to create a sub-committee

Members are- Jeff Dugan, Pat Reilly, Ron Bolmer, Steve Murphy, Chris Gindraux (H&L)

*** Discussion and possible action on Policy related to assistance to ambulance**

Pat Reilly had some discussion on the amount of ambulance calls being run by the FD. Some of the calls require the FD to size up call and call for a mutual aid ambulance in necessary. It was stated that if the Ambulance needs assistance with a lift assist that is fine. The chiefs will talk to their dept. and have discussion at their chiefs meeting and come back to the board at the next meeting.

Announcements

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Dugan and Seconded by Brian Sharnick and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk