

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
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**BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS**

REVISED

NEWTOWN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

Newtown Hook and Ladder

October 5, 2016

Commissioners Present: Bolmer, Brunetti, Cragin, Goosman, Manna, Nezvesky and Whelan
Marshals Present: Murphy and Ober
Chiefs: Basso and Murphy
Tanker Committee: Dobson, McCarthy, Jossick, Hassan, Nezvesky, Bolmer and Petriccone
Purchasing Agent: Burton

Chairman Manna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Manna stated the purpose of the meeting was to review, discuss and act upon the tanker bids presented by the Tanker Committee.

Dobson distributed material to the BOFC which included a quote for the commercial chassis and the low bidder for the original tanker bids.

General discussions:

- Low bidder of original bid – 4 Guys to purchase four trucks at \$1,742,598 (\$442,598 over budget).
- Low bidder of original bid - \$1,308,461 (\$8,461 over budget).
- 4 Guys, Inc. Commercial chassis quote – 4 truck purchase in the amount of \$1,326,745 (\$26,745 over budget)

The Tanker Committee recommended to purchase tankers from the outside bid package of 4-Guys, Inc. Fire Trucks, and not to purchase the tankers on the commercial chassis. The only advantage to the commercial chassis is cost. Safety outweighs the cost difference as the town of Newtown is made up of volunteer fire personnel.

Acquisition Cost to the Town:

Commercial Chassis with a 20 Year Life Expectancy

2500 gallon	\$336,574/20 years	\$18,328.70 per year
3000 gallon	\$369,257/20 years	\$18,462.85 per year

Custom Chassis with a 30 Year Life Expectancy

2500 gallon	\$470,187/30 years	\$15,672.90 per year
3000 gallon	\$473,387/30 years	\$15,779.57 per year

- Manna stated that the new tankers would be a 30 year investment staying in service beyond the current members of the BOFC.
- Whelan distributed handouts (filed with BOFC) reviewing the current in-town tankers for Dodgingtown, Hawleyville, Sandy Hook and Botsford, and the commercial chassis quote from 4-Guys, Inc. Whelan’s opinion is that four commercial chassis could be purchased for approximately \$24,000 over the budget.
- Nezvesky stated to insure driver safety, the driver training should take place.

MOTION: Brunetti made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectman and the Finance Department to purchase three of the custom tankers through 4-Guys, Inc.

Seconded: Goosman

Yays: Manna, Cragin, Goosman, Brunetti and Bolmer

Nays: Nezvesky and Whelan

Motion passed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Hennessey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "T".

Terry Hennessey
Secretary