

Board of Fire Commissioners
C/O Fire Marshal Office
3 Primrose St.
Newtown, Ct. 06470



Patrick Reilly
Chairman

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
March 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Hawleyville Fire Dept.
34 Hawleyville Rd.
Newtown, CT. 06470

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

Commissioners Present: Patrick Reilly, Tom Fitzgerald, Brian Sharnick, Ron Bolmer, Jay Nezvesky, Tim Whelan & Jeff Dugan

Chiefs - Chris Ward, Steve Murphy, Bill Halstead

Marshals- Rich Frampton, Steve Murphy, Jami Zapata & David Ober

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: February22, 2021

Correction: Paul Basso attended last meeting not John Basso

Ron Bolmer made a motion to accept the minutes

Tom Fitzgerald seconded

Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS-

Chief Ward sent email letter to Mr. Logan at Aquarion concerning the hydrants at the Pump House.

Mr. Logan came out to the site and basically stated the FD is not to use the hydrant at the Pump house and would look into installing a hydrant in off Church Hill Rd.

Being at the time of construction (plan review) of the fire house the Fire Marshal required a hydrant at this location, maybe correspondence from the town attorney may be in order.

Mr. Freeston (8 King St.) sent an email letter of gratitude to the Fire Departments- He stated the firefighters were timely, focused, well-directed and highly impressive. He stated he feels well protected.

It was forwarded to First Selectman and he responded that is is nice to get positive feedback from the community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

REPORTS

Fire Marshal: See attached that was presented by FM Frampton

FM Frampton reported that the deputy fire marshal vehicle had to go in for repair (a gear shift issue) and it was also found that the frame was rotted, cracked and the straps on the gas tank are rotted. The Highway Dept. will be patching it. We have been putting in for a new vehicle for the past 5 years.

Purchasing Agent: Steve reported that the Repairs and Maintenance account is below 0, but overall will be fine at end of year.

Steve also reported that Air pack Flow Test will be 4/5-4/7 and will contact the chiefs for time and dates.

Combined Chiefs- Planning on having their next meeting at the new dispatch center and will invite NAA and NUSAR- they are meeting there to see the new equipment and center, they will also have the opportunity to meet and talk with dispatchers.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No Report -but need inventory returned.

Radio & Hydrants –Jeff Dugan reported that he is waiting for a call back from Jon Bond pertaining to Aspen Lane tank.

Radio Sub Committee- Bill Halstead reported that they went to NORCOM for the DEMO on their communication pager that we will be getting (G3) , they will be coming with a single unit charger and not an amplified- it will be at cost savings. While they were there, all the cabinets were in for the towers and they were starting to put equipment in them, they will start putting them at the towers. Work began at Sandy Hook Substation putting devices in, a rack and some electronics. Frontier brought in the Fiber. Bill also said that he has noticed that since dispatch moved to their new location, the tones have been much clearer. Hopefully once the substation is done (in about a month or two) we will notice added improvement. Bill reported that he thinks they are under budget a bit, so hopefully this help with the upcoming vote.

Truck-Tim commented on the DFM truck saying that the town has welded what needed attention and installed new straps for the gas tank and the truck will be back in service in a day or two.

He also reported the update on Haleyville's Chassis - chassis is still in Michigan at the Spartan factory and should be in So. Dakota soon and take about a month to build. They still feel that the 440 day is still in line and will be ready in May.

Tim also reported that the pump test/ DOT will start in April.

Budget – No Report

NUSAR- No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Hawleyville sent in a request for 4 sets of gear for 4 firefighters taking FF1 and will finish the class soon. Jay asked if this was in addition to the 10 sets requested in the budget or if the figure will be decreased to 6 sets in the new budget.

There were several questions raised.

A motion by Tim Whelan and seconded by Jay Nezvesky

to table the request for Haleyville's 4 sets of gear for 1 month to gather more info and get gear inventory together.

Announcements: Ron Bolmer reported that he has a preliminary plan from Aquarion showing an extension of the water line going up Riverside Rd. to the corner of Bungalow Terr and Alpine. Once he gets final plans he will meet with Sandy Hook Chief and the Fire Marshal to review.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

By Tim Whelan

and Seconded by Jeff Dugan


Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schreiner

Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	16	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	3	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	36	
	2. Site Inspections	13	
	3. C.O. Inspections	5	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	0	
	6. Burn Permits	2	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	0	
F	OFFICE	184	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	6	
I	TRAINING	6	
J	PURCHASING	40	
O	OTHER-Rich	4	
O	OTHER-Steve	2	
O	OTHER- Dave	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	4	
	TOTAL	321	325
Rich	fire pump test	3	
	Deposit	1	
Steve	Fire Drills- CAC	1	
	Snow Removal from Exits	1	
Dave			
Jami	Fire Prev. materials to schools	4	
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	 Marshal's Signature		