



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
May 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Botsford Fire House
315 South Main St. Newtown, Ct. 06470

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

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

Chiefs - Chris Ward, Bill Halstead, Paul Basso, Andrew White

Marshals- Rich Frampton, Jami Zapata & David Ober

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Legislative Counsel Approved the Tax Abatement changes as requested and will take effect 7/1/21- this will be added at to the minutes, Keep in mind we added a new rung- for 2 years at \$250.00. This was supported unanimously by the Legislative Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: April 26, 2021- Correction: under Hydrants and Radios: there were issues with hydrant at Walnut Tree Village- Should have read Walnut Tree Hill Rd. Bridge)

Ron Bolmer made a motion to accept the minutes with changes

Jeff Dugan seconded

Motion Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS- Chief Ward sent a letter asking for the 5% of the FEMA grant to be reimbursed- will discuss in "New Business"

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Tim Whelan would like to discuss and add to the Agenda under "New Business" Sandy Hook receiving there 5% reimbursement from the Grant as well.

REPORTS:

Fire Marshal: See attached that was presented by FM Frampton.

Discussion pertaining to reports for number of fire calls as a town and per Fire Company was discussed, since dispatched changed over to new system Maureen has not been able to run the reports to give me the information needed to generate the report as in the past. Possibly the software for the Fire Companies can provide the information needed.

Rich also mentioned that he will be going on for surgery on his foot starting June 4, 2021 and plans to be out 6 weeks.

Purchasing Agent: No report- Nancy stated that Steve Murphy met with Bob Tait last Friday in reference to the transfers.

Combined Chiefs- Bill Halstead reported that they have not had a meeting. He said Steve Murphy is working on getting prices and coming up with one spec and choices on options for Turn Out Gear. They will discuss his findings at their next meeting.
Steve is also working with Maureen Will working out details with dispatches

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – PPE inventory – Brian consolidated inventory complete, this will show the need for gear and PPE over the next many years very easy and will be shared with Bob Tait. They will be able to have numbers for several years in advance. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work getting this together and making it very simple to understand.

The committee is recommending purchasing from the non-reoccurring account for the next three years approx. 15 sets of gear, 17 bottles and 5 air packs- the numbers may change from one year to the next.

Radio & Hydrants – No Report

Radio Sub Committee- Progress is being made. Ferris Road – the new generator is out to bid and electrical work is being done, will be getting all new antenna's, there is a building up there and they are working on getting the power transferred to the town. They are checking on all the air-conditioning for climate control. Staging of all the equipment for all towers is going to start early June. Maureen and the consultants will be going to Norcom around the 18th of June. Dingle Brook- we will need to provide a shelter and that is out to bid. All subscriber units and installs- we may need to drop back from some of the more expensive radios to a little less, and take a look to see if some of the tri-band radios can be changed. Hopefully none of this will happen- there should be some radio and install discounts when we are ready to sign papers. We should know by end of July.

Highway will be going on a "Businessman's frequency" and Ambulance will be going on the Highway Frequency; Highway will be able to switch over to FD frequency.

Truck- Tim reported that DOT's and Pump tests are almost completed- H& L is being done and Sandy Hook will be next.

Tim also reported the Tanker Salesman is saying the tanker is still scheduled for late June, but it has been difficult for him to get information. Covid19 has played havoc in all auto/ parts industry.

Budget – None

NUSAR-None

OLD BUSINESS: Tax abatement ordinance – updated during Chairman's Comments, Passed as presented to begin 7/1/21. Chiefs please go back to your members and let them know that the tax abatement has been upgraded to include a two year \$250.00 and the increases to the other levels of the abatement. Hopefully this will help keep members in the fire departments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Replacement of Firehouse Software which will be obsolete 7/1/21- they received 4 quotes and the least expensive was First Due.
 - Allocation of \$21,762. – for subscription and implementation
 - Annual renewal price \$18,262.
 - Cad connection to Tolland \$3,849.90 including service and implementation
 - Cad connection annual renewal \$954.90
 - TOTAL allocation of \$25,611.90

Set up of software at each station; carry over information from old software to new and learning the system will start on June 1st. We should be ready to actively start using the new software on July 1, 2021 and that is when we will be invoiced.

Dan Cragin presented the information of the software and answered questions and after much discussion

Jay Nezvesky made a motion to purchase First Due software to replace the current software.

Jeff Dugan seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

** Thanks to Dan for all the work he put into this project.***

2. H&L request for reimbursement for 5% (\$3,629.15) of the 2020 Grant award for vehicle extrication equipment- H&L was awarded \$72,583.04 by FEMA.

A motion was made by Jay Nezvesky

Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald

Motion Passed unanimously

3. Sandy Hook request for reimbursement of the 5% (\$1,299.77) of the \$27,295.00 Grant from FEMA (washer extractor/ dryer & Covid19 Supplies)

A motion was made by Tim Whelan

Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald

Motion Passed unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

By Jeff Dugan

Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald

Passes unanimously

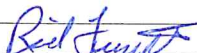
Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	5	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	6	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	4	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	53	
	2. Site Inspections	13	
	3. C.O. Inspections	3	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	2	
F	OFFICE	255	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	4	
I	TRAINING	4	
J	PURCHASING	59	
O	OTHER-Rich	8	
O	OTHER-Steve	1	
O	OTHER- Dave	1	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	421	387.5
Rich	fire pump test	4	
	Deposit	2	
	knox Box Keys- 5 Russett	1	
	Sprinkler Inspection-3 Primrose St	1	
Steve	Fire Drills -CAC		
Dave	Waldorf- window Egress questions1	1	
Jami		0	
APRIL 2021 Reporting Month			
			Marshal's Signature

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 19-36 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Newtown Code of Ordinances, the schedule of abates available to municipal volunteers is hereby amended effective for the fiscal years subsequent to July 1, 2021, as follows:

Years of Service in Good Standing (preceding date of list certification)	Maximum Available Tax Abatement
2	\$250
3	\$500
4	\$750
5	\$1,200
6	\$1,600
7 or more	\$2,000

Fire Department Software Project

Overview

- **Allocation of \$21,762** to be paid to Locality Media for subscription to First Due Size Up and implementation fees, **annual renewal price of \$18,262**
- **Allocation of \$3,849.90** to be paid to Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, Inc. for CAD connection service and implementation fees, **annual renewal price of \$954.90**
- **Total allocation \$25,611.90** for the Fire Department Software Package, **annual renewal cost of \$19,216.90**
- **Approval for Steve Murphy, purchasing agent to sign contract documents Tuesday, May 25** allowing work to begin June 1st for implementation. Billing cycle for the platform will begin July 1st.

Note:

We will lose access to Firehouse Software on July 1st. All data from that system will need to be transferred prior to July 1st. Approval for the work to begin June 1st allows for additional time should an unforeseen event occur while exporting the data from Firehouse Software and into First Due Size Up