



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting  
December 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
Dodgingtown Fire Dept.  
55 Dodgingtown Rd. Newtown, CT. 06470

**Meeting Opened By:** Pat Reilly, Chairman at 7:00 pm  
Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Chiefs Present** - Chris Ward, Don Digioia, Bill Halstead & Steve Murphy

**Marshals-** Rich Frampton, David Ober & Steve Murphy

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:** None

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** November 22, 2021 Meetings-  
Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted  
Jay Nezvesky Seconded  
Motion Passed unanimously

**COMMUNICATIONS-**There will be a "Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission Workshop"  
Being held Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 7:00 p.m. at Newtown Community Center. All are encouraged to attend.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Chief Murphy would like to add to New Business – Capital Transfer

**REPORTS:**

**Fire Marshal:** Rich gave Fire Marshal's report- see attached

**Purchasing Agent:** David Ober talked about Firefighter Physicals and the suggestions made by Urgent Care/ Per NFPA standards- There would be a big increase to the physicals to meet the NFPA standards which the commission needs to discuss.  
David gave each commissioner and chiefs "physicals" break down provided by Urgent Care for their review

**Combined Chiefs-** No Report

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**PPE & Policy** – No Report

**Radio & Hydrants** – No Report

### **Radio Sub Committee-**

1. Bid specks for subscriber units, Purchasing Agent Rick Spreyer checking over- possibly going out to bid.
2. Eden Hill- working on Zoning paperwork
3. Generator from Ferris Rd. will be used at Eden Hill.
4. Replacing Ferris Rd Transfer Switch \$375.00.
5. Ferris Rd. slowed because of Covid- will be picking up next week, about 2 weeks to finish work, All set at Ferris Rd.
6. Dingle Brook- Legal issues for top of tower.
7. Ferris Rd.- Generator 12/17/21 delivery etc.
8. Sirens- not retro- fit for siren/ controller at a cost of \$120,000-\$140,000 for new Controller for the 5 stations etc. Looking for alternative using highway frequency.
9. 12/20/21 meeting Rick Spreyer is looking for the testing results for the sub-station to check on signal- to see if this works or will we need to put the tower in for additional costs.

### **Truck- No Report**

**Budget** – Jay Nezvesky presented the highlights of the Budget Committees Suggested 2022-2023 Budget which included additions, increases and changes.

Jay made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 Budget in the amount of \$1,520,809.00

There was discussion about adding funds for firefighter physical increases to meet NFPA standards.

There was also discussion about adding a position of Fire Dept. Administrator, a committee was formed (Jeff Dugan, Brian Sharnick and Purchasing Agent David Ober) to look into this possible position.

Jay amended his motion to include the additional (\$12,890.00) of funds for physicals, which brings the total budget to \$1,533,699.00.

Jeff Dugan seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chief Ward updated the commission on the First Due (software) still unable to send NFIRS reports, which makes the Fire Department ineligible for grants and other issues.

**NEW BUSINESS** –Dodgingtown would like to change their current capital purchases.

Chief Murphy indicated that due to changing software-First Due, they needed to purchase 2 IPADS in the amount of \$1,511.00 and would like to be reimbursed for those purchases.

He also indicated that they had budgeted for a used ATV and Trailer in the amount of \$5,800.00.

Being that there are no longer any available units to purchase (due to COVID changing the market) they are requesting to forgo the rest of their budget items and use the remaining amounts for a new ATV/trailer.

Total approved capital budget \$14,400.00 – IPADS \$1511.00 and New ATV/Trailer \$12,889.00 total \$14,400.00

Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the request to reimburse for the IPads (\$1,511.00) and use the remaining capital funds (\$12,889.00) for a new ATV/Trainer.

Brian Sharnick seconded

Passed unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

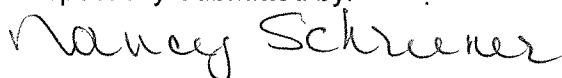
By Jeff Dugan

Seconded by Brian Sharnick

Passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk