



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
April 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Newtown Hook & Ladder
12 Church Hill Rd.
Newtown, Ct. 06470

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

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

Chiefs - Chris Ward, Steve Murphy, Bill Halstead, Don Digioia & Ass't Chief Paul Basso

Marshals-David Ober & Steve Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - Thanks to Tim Whelan for running the March meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: from March 28, 2022 meeting

A motion was made by Jeff Dugan to accept the minute

Seconded by Jay Nezvesky

Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS- Email pertaining to "OneTest" cancer screening- BOFC to look into. They will have a booth at FDIC.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Sandy Hook requesting approx. \$8,800.00 for an Ice Suit that cannot be repaired and Upgrade 441 light tower to LED, if there are any funds available at the end of budget year.- will hold until that time.

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – See attached that was presented from Deputy Fire Marshal Ober

Purchasing Agent – David clarified the upgrades to the Fire Dept.'s was 4G not 5G

David reported the coming to the end of 21-22 budget, there will need to be transfers made; he will have a better idea in a few weeks for transfers to be talked about and signed by the board.

Combined Chiefs – No Meeting

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No meeting.

Brian Sharnick reported that there is a drafted Policy to follow NFPA but is still dependent of a service provider. The policy still lists the a doctor in town as the provider but it is outdated. Still need a physician to take on being the Service Provider for the FD (blood borne pathogen etc...). Still researching a local physician, and still looking at what other towns are complying.

Radio & Hydrants- Jeff Dugan reported that Dodgingtown is pumping water out of tank at 91 Hattertown Rd. so they can have that tank looked at.

He also stated that the Hanover Boat launch dry hydrant is leaking and needs a screen on it- Mike McCarthy (NUSAR) will be contacted. This will be paid from the \$50,000.00 American Rescue Plan (ARP).

Radio Committee Sub Committee- Bill Halstead reported there is been lots of progress made.'

Ferris Road (Main Tower)- Complete

Eversource Site- Complete

151 Berkshire Rd. – Complete

Sub-station- should be complete as well.

Eden Hill and Great Quarter to be next- Boxes and pads to be done

Dinglebrook will be done last due to some issues, but will be done.

No info on the equipment –hopefully will hear at Fridays meeting.

Meetings are continuing every Friday at 0900. Progress is being made steadily.

352 So. Main St- upgrades will continue.

Fiber Optic lines are all run, and will be hooked up. There are lots of gains being made.

Truck-

Tim reported DOT's and Annual services will start this week

Hook and Ladder E-1 has pump leak, annual service will be done at this time.

Dodgingtown's 229 and Sandy Hook's Tanker 9 have check engine lights on due to emission problems, parts are ordered but are on back-order, trucks are to be used for calls only no training.

Tim gave an update on Sandy hooks Ladder truck replacement

After seriously looking at several used trucks we couldn't find the right fit for our needs. Sandy Hook has tentatively agreed to buy a new E-One model HR100 Ladder truck (100Ft. Quint). They were able to secure a stock unit at last year's pricing to avoid several price increases. They are looking at choice's they require before a final quote is received. Tim will come back to the Board with the final cost to vote on the town's portion. They will be using the \$500,000 of town funding; Sandy Hook has financing for the remainder. The current Quint will be sold. They are looking at a September delivery date.

Budget- No report

Fire Admin- Sub-committee- No Report

NUSAR- No Report

OLD BUSINESS: Pat stated as a follow up- that the \$15,000.00 per Department funds from the "American Rescue Act", Invoices need to be submitted to Nancy and she will keep track of the totals and pass them on to Bob Tait, Finance Director for payment or Fire Dept. reimbursement. Pat would like to see the requests come through the board.

Review on possible action on NFPA level physicals- still researching, will bring it back to the board when ready.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting
By Jeff Dugan
Seconded by Jay Nezvesky
Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:28.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	-
ALARMS	21	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	23				
BRUSH	1				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	1	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	6				
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	3				
MUTUAL AID	1				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	2	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	27				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	15				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0				
MVA	15				
WATER EVACUATION	0		TOTAL		
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-Tree on structure	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	4				
APPLIANCE	1				
TOTAL	120				
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS			
	5130		NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	MONTH	YTD
	5131		BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	54	509
	5132		DODGINGTOWN FIRE	24	286
	5133		HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	14	212
	5134		SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	25	221
			TOTALS	38	460
				155	1688

Fire Company's Calls 120

The Fire Marshals had 472 incidents and 369Hours worked.

Permits: 1 blasting \$60.00, 0 tanks \$0.00, 16 burn \$80.00, 2 reports \$10.00 Total \$150.00

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