



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
July 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Sandy Hook Fire & Rescue
18-20 Riverside Rd.
Sandy Hook, CT. 06482

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

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

Chiefs - Chris Ward, Don Digioia, Paul Basso Steve Murphy, Anthony Capozziello & Ryan Clark

Marshals- David Ober & Steve Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

While we are standing- Lets have a moment of silence in honor of Chief Bill Halstead

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Pat Reilly turned the meeting over to Tim Whelan (Sandy Hook Commissioner/Vice Chairman). I would like to thank my fellow commissioners, the chiefs and every firefighter in town for their help, compassion and respect you have shown Sandy Hook Vol. Fire Rescue and Chief Bill Halstead in the last few difficult weeks. Chief's dedication to Newtown was second to none and will be greatly missed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: from June 27, 2022 meeting

A motion was made by Tom Fitzgerald to accept the minute

Seconded by Ron Bolmer

Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS-

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

*Chief Ward asked to add a transfer of Capital to addition to agenda New Business.

*Chief Murphy asked to add that Dodgingtown request 2 complete sets of turnout gear under new business.

REPORTS

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

Purchasing Agent – David Ober would like to remind the chiefs, that being in the new budget year:

- Please check current pricing prior to ordering
- Any item over \$2,000.00 needs to have 3 quotes/ be on state bid
- No Money in budget for pager repairs (the new radio system was expected to be up and running, would have been new equipment and under warranty)
- Response Improvement Plan- Quarterly numbers
Don't include members on your list that don't qualify
Don't put numbers next to people that don't qualify
Payroll company is cutting \$5 & \$10 checks for people that don't qualify
Pay attention to the max number of drills (6) and work details (12) to be paid for.

Combined Chiefs – Chief Murphy reported that there will be a meeting Wednesday July 27, 2022.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – No report

Radio/Hydrant-

- Jeff Dugan reported that there are a couple more suppression tanks to be looked at, will work on those. They are able to use the same company that did the last two tanks (they are on state bid)
- Chief Ward reported that radios and portable are not functioning properly, since the cut over to the new system on May 11, 2022. There was discussion stating many areas that have no coverage, dead zones or in and out service by portables and radios. The Chiefs have serious concern of these issues and feel there is a safety issue if the radios are not working in all areas. There are areas on So Main St, I-84 etc.
- Tim Whelan said he would reach out to Director of Emergency Communications and have a conversation about the problem, to see if there is any resolution.
- Don asked about pager repair since the new equipment has not arrived and there is no confirmed date for equipment to be delivered and up and running. Each department have several pagers that need repair.
- Chief Murphy stated he has been added to the zoom meeting invite and will receive the minutes from those meetings.

Radio Committee Sub Committee-

- Chief Murphy has been added to the Radio sub-committee and received minutes from that last Friday meeting and will start joining the Friday Zoom meetings.
- After discussion concerning the delivery timing of equipment and having the systems up and running, Tim Whelan said he would reach out to the Director of Communications.
- Chief Digioia - with having no budget for pager repair and not knowing exactly when we will be using the new equipment.
- Tim Whelan mentioned that Mark DeWolfe was asked to step down from the Radio Project subcommittee. Whoever told him to step down from the radio subcommittee had no right to do so. Mark was appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners because of his knowledge in this field and he will stay on this committee until completion.

Truck-

- Tim Whelan reported that Engine 1 is at Tracy's for repair.
- Annual Service is almost complete- Sandy Hook is the last company.
- Dodgingtown had a breakdown and parts showed up for engine 1.
- The services on Sandy Hook will resume and anticipated to be completed next week.

Budget- No Report**Fire Admin- Sub-committee- No Report****NUSAR- No Report****OLD BUSINESS-**

*Pat Reilly will schedule a meeting with First Selectman within the next few weeks to discuss the ARAP. Pat would like to include Chiefs and Commissioners if they are available. Will let everyone know once a meeting has been scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tim Whelan made a motion to purchase 2 complete sets of gear (Helmet, Hood, Coat, Pants, Boots, one set of firefighting gloves and one set extrication gloves) for Sandy Hook. Nonrecurring account.
Jeff Dugan Seconded
Motion Passed unanimously
- Ron Bolmer also made a motion to also purchase 2 complete sets (as above) of gear for Dodgingtown
Jeff Dugan seconded
Motion passed unanimously
- Chief Ward needs to request a change of their capital LED Headlights for Apparatus
Change from (4) sets to (3) sets due to price increase from \$1100.00 each to \$1455.00 each. Total \$4390.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting
By Brian Sharnick
Seconded by Seconded by Jay Nezvesky
Passed unanimously

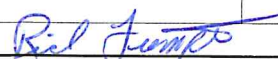
Meeting adjourned at 7:29.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	3	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	2	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	48	
	2. Site Inspections	33	
	3. C.O. Inspections	0	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	0	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
	7. Fire Drills	6	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	5	
F	OFFICE	243	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	2	
I	TRAINING	13	
J	PURCHASING	108	
O	OTHER-Rich	2	
O	OTHER-Dave	5	
O	OTHER- Steve	1	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	471	378
Rich	Complaint- 2 Woodbine- Outdoor Burning	1	
	DEPosit- NSB	1	
Dave			
	Run Fire Pump - Muni Center	4	
	Complaint - Ed. Playcare- 2 Sawmill	1	
Steve	Install Detector -68 Birch Hill	1	
June 2022 Reporting Month			
			Marshal's Signature

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	29	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	11				
BRUSH	5				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	0	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	3				
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	4				
MUTUAL AID	2				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	3	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	20				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	11				
VEHICLES	0	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0	6/11/2022 138 Underhill Rd. Dumpster Fire			
MVA	15				
WATER EVACUATION	0	TOTAL			
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	1				
PUBLIC SERVICE	10				
APPLIANCE	0				
TOTAL	114				
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	33	627
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	23	346
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	13	244
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	13	271
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	32	557
		TOTALS		114	2045

Fire Company's Calls 114

The Fire Marshals had 471 incidents and 378 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$00.00, 0 tanks \$00.00, burn \$0.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$0.0