



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

March 27, 2023
Regular Meeting
Dodgingtown Fire
55 Dodgingtown Rd. Newtown CT. 06470

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

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

Chiefs – Chief Ward, Chief Murphy, & Ass't Chief Basso

Marshals- Rich Frampton, David Ober, & Steve Murphy

Radio Committee- Mark DeWolfe

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIAENCE

COMMUNICATIONS- From: Mirelle Capozza Re: Autism Training and Events

I have been working on Autism training for our police force with the blessing from First Selectman Rosenthal. Officer William Chapman and I have been trained as trainers for this program. This training is designed to improve positive interactions between first responders and autistic individuals. I would like to set up training sessions with the fire departments as well.

Additionally, we are planning an event with FUN (Families United in Newtown) on April 1. We would like to have first responders participate and do a touch a truck event.

Chief Ward stated- Newtown Hook & Ladder is attending the event-
Chiefs were interested in learning about the training.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Brian Sharnick would like to add to New Business- SCBA Masks cracking.
Jay made a motion to add to new Business, Tim Whelan seconded, Motion passed

REPORTS

Fire Marshal –Fire Marshal Frampton presented January 2023 & February 2023 reports. See attached

Purchasing Agent – David Ober reported

- Hose: Partial hose delivery Jan 4, 2023
- Capital: Hawleyville took delivery of a cap for their OIC vehicle
- Supp. Tank: Misty Vale Rd. Tank was repaired in Dec 2022 \$7,818.56
- 1099's: After multiple issues with 1099s David was able to produce accurate forms, complaint filed.
- Hose: Partial Hose delivery Feb 24, 2023 (from 22-23 Budget)
- Hurst Tool: Annual Service & Minor Repair \$7,500.00 April 10, 11, 18, 20 & 21st Dave will email to Chiefs
- SCBA: Annual Flow Test, Service & Minor Repairs \$8,200.00 April 24-27 Dave will email Chiefs
- NOTE: Dave Ober had a minor MVA-3/14/23 Snow Storm- DPW repaired and back in Service
- Accounts: Tim asked about the balances on accounts -hydrant, heating oil, maintenance. Many will be short.
- Capital: Some of the departments have not purchased their capital- Please do so

Combined Chiefs- No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy –Dave reported Pros Medical Services In Brookfield is now the provider for Firefighter Physicals- several Firefighters have used them and have reported positive feedback.
Dave has not received any invoices as of yet. Brian Sharnick asked if they are including the blood Cancer Screening and Dave said he has asked them to research what is needed.

Brian Sharnick asked if they had a Doctor to oversee the Board of Fire Commission Medical Policy. Dave or Brian will discuss and reach out to Pros.

Radio/Hydrant Steve Murphy reported a new 30,000 gallon suppression tank at 94 Eden Hill Rd. was tested and passed and was Geo Tagged in to the Town IT mapping.
Steve Murphy also reported that there is a water source on Cemetery Rd. they got 2 prices for dredging \$24,000 & 7,300
Brian made a motion to go ahead with the project, after getting a third quote. Ron Bolmer seconded. Motion Passed

Radio Committee Sub Committee- Mark DeWolfe attended to give update on the radio project.

Eden Hill Tower- well underway

Dinglebrook Completed just waiting to be online

Great Quarter is completed and waiting to be online

This will enhance the current system

Mobiles- Right now DPW are programed, Park and Rec are being programed; he wants to meet with the Chiefs after this meeting to talk about Programing. Project should be at the point of punch list items or completed by the end of May.

Programming Portables should take 4 weeks. Pager antennas are breaking let's get them fixed under warranty.

Truck- Parts have finally come in and installed for 229 and Tanker 9 regeneration.

Sandy Hooks has set up a committee for replacement of 449

Hook & Ladder updated Truck committee on 114. They will keep the truck committee in the loop.

Sandy Hook Ladder truck should be in service by the end of this week. Working on Radios

Budget-.No Report

NUSAR- No Report

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- NH&L- 111 SCBA expiring needs replacement Bottle (Expired) \$1,959, RIT Pack \$6,433.00
Brian Sharnick made a motion to purchase new RIT Pack through (\$6,433.00) SCBA Non-Recurring Tom Fitzgerald Seconded –Motion Passed
- NH&L Capital Transfer: Rotary Saw (purchased by ARP Funds) \$1500.00
 - Purchased Bay Station \$172.85
 - Accountability Tags \$387.00
 - Ladder Wrap \$338.90
 - \$898.25
 - Hydrogen /Cyanide Meter \$413.60
 - \$1311.85Motion Made by Brian Sharnick, seconded by Tim Whelan, Passed

- Hawleyville –would like to change two Capital Items currently in budget (3) Pro Bars and a Rope & Bag listed for \$1,340.00 and would like to purchase in its place (2) CMC Aztek Pro Series System (Mini 4:1) and (1) PMI SMC Roof Roller, for approx. \$1,340.00
Brian Sharnick made a motion for the Capital change seconded by Tim Whelan and Passed

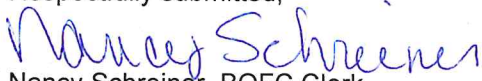
- Pat Reilly - BOFC Policy and funding for PPE annual inspection for turnout gear.
Chief Ward has info- \$150 annual inspection cleaning and document and if repairs are needed there would be a separate charge. The company he received information from is REDLINE (will send info to all chiefs)
We will get two addition quotes.
Will put this on next month's agenda
- NH&L0 SCBA Masks – (5) masks fail in the last 2 months with cracks- \$379.00 per mask, MES only has 8 in stock.
Tom Fitzgerald made a motion to purchase all 8 masks out of SBCA masks from non-recurring, seconded by Brian Sharnick and passed

NOTE: Jay Nesvasky just wanted to mention about pension /death benefits- Botsford had a member pass away and he talked to the company that handles this, The Rep is willing to come talk to the Fire Departments about how the benefits work.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Fitzgerald, Seconded by Seconded by Tim Whelan and Passed Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk


TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	26	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	1	2/23/2023	57 Mt. Pleasant- Boiler- Explosion	3,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	13	2/3/2023	33 Pond Brook- Shed/Generator	4,000.00	
BRUSH	3				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	6	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	4				
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	2				
MUTUAL AID	2				
STRUCTURES	2				
RESCUE	1	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	15				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	3				
VEHICLES	0	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	2				
MVA	15				
WATER EVACUATION	5				
CHIMNEY	1				
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster					
PUBLIC SERVICE	5				
APPLIANCE					
TOTAL	106				
			TOTALS	7,000.00	
			FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	28	568
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	19	292
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	15	194
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	14	269
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	30	493
			TOTALS	106	1816

Fire Company's Calls 106

The Fire Marshals had 442 incidents and 331 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 0 tanks \$0.00, 7 burn \$10.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$35.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	4	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	1	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	1	
D	BUILDING & SITE	0	
	1. Building Inspections	37	
	2. Site Inspections	28	
	3. C.O. Inspections	3	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	2	
	7. Fire Drills	3	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	2	
F	OFFICE	218	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	3	
I	TRAINING	6	
J	PURCHASING	122	
O	OTHER-Rich	7	
O	OTHER-Dave	1	
O	OTHER- Steve	1	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	2	
	TOTAL	442	331
Rich	Run Fire Pump	4	
	Deposit	1	
	Fire Watch	1	
	Illegal Burn- 22 Huntingtown Rd.	1	
Dave	Fire Watch	1	
Steve	Fire Watch	1	
Jami	Fire Watch	2	
Feb-23			
		Marshal's Signature	

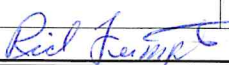
TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	
ALARMS	24	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	1/30/2023	2 Little Brook Lane	\$4,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	5	1/29/2023	8 Fairchild Rd minor damage- hands bur	2,000.00	
BRUSH	0				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	3	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	3	1/31/	I-84- Hawleyville		
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	2				
MUTUAL AID	3				
STRUCTURES	2				
RESCUE	1	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	22				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	1				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	6				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	2				
MVA	11				
WATER EVACUATION	1				
CHIMNEY	4				
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	2				
PUBLIC SERVICE	4				
APPLIANCE					
TOTAL	97			6,000.00	
			FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS	MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	22	540
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	16	273
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	13	179
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	18	255
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	28	463
			TOTALS	97	1710

Fire Company's Calls 97

The Fire Marshals had 403 incidents and 368 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 1 tanks \$20.00, 2 burn \$10.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$30.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	7	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	2	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE	0	
	1. Building Inspections	41	
	2. Site Inspections	14	
	3. C.O. Inspections	2	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	1	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	1	
	7. Fire Drills	1	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	5	
F	OFFICE	274	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	3	
I	TRAINING	8	
J	PURCHASING	135	
O	OTHER-Rich	6	
O	OTHER-Dave	6	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	1	
	TOTAL	403	368
Rich	Run Fire Pump	2	
	Knox Box- St. Rose, 143 Mt. Pleas	2	
	Alarm Issue -NHS	1	
	Sprinkler Insp. 3 Primrose	1	
Dave	Run Fire Pump	2	
	Deposit	1	
	Hydrant GEO tags	2	
	Knox Box 141 Mt. Pleas	1	
Steve			
Jami	poster/fire prevention	1	
Jan-23			
			Marshal's Signature