

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

NEWTOWN, CONN.
Regular Monthly Meeting
Newtown Board of Fire Commissioners
May 23, 2011
Hawleyville Fire Department
Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present: Burton, Cragin, Dugan, Goosman, Jossick, McCulloch and Wlasuk.

Marshal's Present: Halstead and Frampton

Minutes

Correction:

Under Purchasing Agent: Dugan asked that turnout gear be ordered for **Botsford Fire and Rescue**.

MOTION: Wlasuk made a motion to approve the minutes of March 28th as corrected.

SECONDED: Goosman

PASSED

MOTION: Goosman made a motion to approve the minutes of April 25th as presented.

SECONDED: Wlasuk

PASSED

Correspondence to:

<u>Date</u>	<u>To/From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
5/4/11	Halstead/Scott Harrison	Narrow Banding Fire Equipment – price reduction
5/22/11	Cragin and all BOFC Members from Bill Halstead	Thank you gift for induction into Hall of Fame

Correspondence from:

<u>Date</u>	<u>To/From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
5/17/11	Newtown Lions Club	Thank you for donation to fire departments.

Public Participation – Jay Nezvesky commented on water tanker #558 not supplying receipts to the town for fuel consumption when using the tanker for pool water.

Fire Marshals Report:

Halstead reported:

- For the month of there were 89 calls, 410 incidents and 403 hours worked. \$260 in fees collected.
- Total damage was \$0 for the month.
- Halstead - Middle School roof replacement meeting.
- Frampton – Children's Adventure Center fire drill.
- Ober – Assist building inspections Masonic Care and Ethan Allen.
- \$4,560 for reprogramming all radios and pagers. NE Communications will come to town and do reprogramming. Then go to each firehouse reprogram vehicles.
- M. Will would like to be on next month's agenda to discuss regional dispatch.
- M. Will looking at relocating our cell tower to Dinglebrook over the next month.

- Ambulance Corp and Danbury Hospital doing a mass casualty incident. This will be done at Fairfield Hills on a Saturday morning.
- September 15/16, 2012 looking at doing cultural arts expo at Fairfield Hills. Fireworks will take place.
- The entire state was turned down for reimbursement assistance for pump outs caused by heavy rain in March.
- Chiefs would like to support Botsford to purchase Morning Pride gear in black. Letter submitted to Chairman Cragin with signatures.
- EOC up and operating since January. Working out well. Waiting for five more computers to arrive.
- Cragin will address with Maureen Will that the BOFC has never received any communications with regards to regional dispatch. The only information that the BOFC has received has been through the media and fire marshal Halstead's reports.

Standing Committees:

Budget – The town budget passed with no additional changes.

Truck – McCulloch reported:

- "License check" sheets need to be filled out and submitted to the Truck Committee.
- Hawleyville's tanker will be sent out to bid next week.

Radio – no report

Policy and Procedures – no report

Hydrant – no report

Purchasing Agent:

Insurance reimbursement – need paperwork from Dodgingtown and NH&L to get reimbursed.

Chiefs to generate a wish list for any equipment repairs that need to be done or supplies that need to be purchased before the end of budget year.

Old Business:

- Spare Truck – Truck Committee recommends that the spare remain in town for another year July 2011-2012 and will continue to be used by other departments when needed. Will be signed on as a spare truck. Hawleyville has agreed to house the spare truck in their firehouse.

New Business:

- Gas receipts for #558 Water Tanker – According to Jay Nezvesky who spoke with Fred Hurley, he has not sent Botsford Fire and Rescue any gas receipts for the fuel used for fundraising activities. Fred informed Jay that there is no need for fuel receipts. McCulloch will send a letter asking for this in writing acknowledging pool water deliveries.
- Videos and Pictures from Calls – chiefs need to be concerned about emergency personnel not being geared properly. People and license plates cannot be included in any video from emergency scenes.

MOTION: Burton made a motion to reimburse Sandy Hook for \$706 for the annual maintenance contract for the CP40 card printer as we have in the past. This is used town-wide.

SECONDED: Goosman

PASSED

Training requests:

Botsford Fire and Rescue submitted receipts for the \$225.00 expense from the April meeting that was not approved. See below:

MOTION: Dugan made a motion to approve Botsford's request in the amount of \$580.01 for construction of the wall and FDIC class tuition request from April.

SECONDED: Jossick

PASSED

MOTION: Burton made a motion to approve Sandy Hook's request in the amount of \$1,296.00 for vehicle rental to Newark airport; vehicle rental in Ohio for Extrication Class, gas for rental, working fire video annual subscription and pump class.

SECONDED: McCulloch

PASSED

MOTION: McCulloch made a motion to approve Newtown Hook and Ladder's request for - \$1999.88 for EVOC training, burn building rental; hotel for Ohio extrication training; car rental for Ohio trip; baggage charge for trip; EMT refresher (2 students), food for in town training on 5/21 and 5/22.

SECONDED: Dugan

PASSED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Hennessey

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Secretary BOFC