

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

NEWTOWN, CONN.
Regular Monthly Meeting
Board of Fire Commissioners
Hawleyville Fire Department
October 17, 2011
Called to Order at 7:01 p.m.



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Present: Burton, Cragin, Goosman, McCulloch, Nezvesky, Wlasuk and Jossick.
Absent: Halstead, Ober and Zilinek
Marshal's Present: Frampton

Minutes

Correction: United Fire and Rescue's budget was handed in.

MOTION: Goosman made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26th as corrected.

SECONDED: Jossick

MOTION PASSED

Correspondence to:

<u>Date</u>	<u>To/From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
9/29/11	BOFC/Purchasing Authority BOFC-Frampton-State of CT	Roof Replacement – Sandy Hook Firehouse –Main Station Safety of Persons Entering or Exiting a School Bus Substitute House Bill No. 6449

Correspondence from:

<u>Date</u>	<u>To/From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
9/27/11	Tait/Cragin	Award Bid to Mark Edwards Roofing – SHFH Roof Replacement

Fire Marshals Report:

Frampton reported for the month of September there were 408 hours, 485 incidents and 126 calls. Total loss for the month was \$2K.

- Hose Testing November 1, 2 and 3rd to begin.
- Total hydrant count 364.
- Boggs Hill Bridge to be opened earlier than planned.

Cragin handed out the DFM applications for review by the Commissioners. Cragin would like to have a Special Meeting to appoint a new DFM. This meeting will take place November 14th at 6:30 p.m. at NH&L.

Standing Committees:

Budget – all budgets have been submitted. The Budget committee will meet and compile all information. The budget is due to the town on November 28th. The next regular monthly meeting for the BOFC is scheduled for November 28th, the budget due date; therefore, a special meeting will need to be scheduled in November.

Truck – McCulloch reported the transfer of the spare truck (#332) to Hawleyville is complete. Still waiting on date from Rick Brown for transmission services. #331 issues resolved. Hawleyville Tanker pumped failed its test. Truck Committee to determine a date to inspect #339.

Radio – no report

Policy and Procedures – no report. Waiting for Dodgingtown commissioner to be announced before appointing new committees.

Hydrant – no report

Purchasing Agent: Bill Halstead will coordinate hose testing. Hurricane bills will be compiled for the next meeting. \$60K YTD in reimbursements for the first quarter of the year for the RIP program.

MOTION: McCulloch made a motion to honor the letter which the five chiefs submitted in May, 2011, to the BOFC which recommended that the purchase of turnout gear, at the individual chief's request, include Globe, Cairns and Morning Pride.

SECONDED: Nezvesky

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED

Nay: Burton

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Goosman made a motion that the chief's can purchase from the three different manufacturers, at the same purchasing limit, or less.

Secoded: Nezvesky

MOTION PASSED

Nay: Burton

Wlasuk: feels this undermines the whole purpose of standardizing our equipment.

Goosman: standardization should help lower costs for the BOFC. It has been explained to BF&R the purpose of standardization. The whole town should be taken into consideration.

Burton: the procedure is not correct as we just voted on this motion six months ago. No letter is listed in the minutes. Agrees with Wlasuk and Goosman that standardization should be instituted. If all departments have the same gear each department can share and swap equipment.

Jossick: would like to see the document from Bill Halstead before voting on the motion.

McCulloch – wouldn't questions chief's requests for equipment.

NUSAR: replacing hydrant on Hanover Road boat/state/town launch.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Training Requests:

MOTION: Jossick moved to accept Hawleyville's training request in the amount of \$1,925 for MRT Class and FFII Class.

SECONDED: Goosman

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: McCulloch moved to accept NH&L's training request in the amount of \$1,200 for FFII class.

SECONDED: Jossick

MOTION PASSED

Budget discussion – tabled until further notice.

NOMINATIONS

Burton made a motion to nominate Lisa Goosman for Vice Chairman for 2011/2012.

Secoded: McCulloch

MOTION PASSED

Goosman made a motion to nominate Kevin Cragin for Chairman for 2011/2012.

Seconded: Jossick

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Hennessey

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Secretary BOFC