

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
NEWTOWN, CONN.



**BOARD OF FIRE  
COMMISSIONERS**

Newtown Board of Fire Commissioners  
8/27/12  
Hawleyville Fire Department  
Called to order 7:00 p.m.

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Commissioners present: Burton, Cragin, Descheneaux, Goosman, Jossick, Manna and Nezvesky

Fire Marshal's Present: Halstead, Ober and Clark.

Opening Comments: Chairman Cragin stated the following before moving into regular monthly business:

- There will be no hijacking of the BOFC monthly meetings.
- There will be no repeat of the July meeting's disruptions by Botsford Fire and Rescue.
- Cragin asked that if you cannot be a positive volunteer member, or Fire Commissioner, to please leave the meeting.
- Cragin said he is cognizant of everyone's time and tries to make the meetings concise and efficient, especially because the fire departments could be called out any time at night.
- If any member is going to be disruptive, or if there is any attempt by individuals or FD's to interfere with the BOFC's elections, Cragin will adjourn the meeting immediately.
- As a precaution of the above possibility, the standing Committee Chair's need to be prepared to send Hennessey a copy of their monthly summaries.

Minutes

*MOTION: Goosman moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly meeting of 7/23/12 as presented.*

*Second: Descheneaux*

*Motion Passed*

Correspondence to the BOFC:

<u>Date</u>	<u>To/From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
• 8-9-12	Aurelia/Llodra ▪ Cc: BOFC	Road Change – Dug Hill to Silver Brook Lane
• 8-9-12	Aurelia/Llodra ▪ Cc: BOFC	Road Change – Flintlock Trail to Silver Brook Lane
• 8-15-12	Cragin/Will	Thank you letters sent to Fire Chiefs for CERT

Correspondence from the BOFC: none

## Fire Marshal's Report

- Halstead reported for the month there were 105 calls, 441 incidents and 440 hours worked.
- Fees collected for the month - \$20.00
- 87 Laurel Trail – illegal burn being continued
- 28 Valley View – hydrant location.
- Meet with First Selectman regarding Knollwood.
- Site review mulch bins at D'Addario
- Issue with fire door at NHS.
- Attended hazmat mitigation plan meeting.
- Annual report for July 1 - June 30 submitted. \$599,119 total damage for the year.
- Two new hydrants installed at dog pound.
- Will be updating traffic lights with pre-emptive systems beginning December, 2012.
- Superior Products Distributors Inc. was awarded the bid in the amount of \$25,276 for 12 new hydrants at FFH. Water company overseas hydrants at FFH. There are no annual fees – is the town responsible for all these hydrants?
- Dodgingtown requesting assistance for dry hydrant at 55 Flat Swamp Road.
- J. P. McGuire will not hold the town accountable for any alarm issues.
- Ryan Clark will be ordering fire prevention materials for the schools. Please advise Ryan if anyone has any materials.

## Standing Committees

### Budget (Burton):

- Cragin and Burton met with the First Selectman about the CIP. The FS and Finance Director asked the BOFC to prioritize requests in dollar amounts and bring the information back to the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Keep requests the same as originally submitted in the budget.
- 2013/2014 budgets to be submitted to the Budget committee from chiefs by September 7th. No increases allowed.

### Truck (Manna):

- #551 - had light tower repair made.
- #229 – rear valve was replaced.
- Highway finished working on services.
- Fire Marshal vehicle is on order, and will be getting pricing on up-fit package.
- Parade Committee restricting how many trucks are in the parade unless the fire departments pay a fee to allow more than three trucks.
  - Cragin feels the Parade Committee should respect all fire volunteers and their equipment that is used to provide service to all Newtown residents.
  - Perhaps if fire departments do not partake in the parade it may get the attention of the Parade Committee. This should be something to ponder.

- Burton feels the BOFC should have some input in the parade planning. Letter from Cragin should be sent. Please provide any comments to Cragin that you would like to see be addressed.

Radio (No report)

Policies and Procedures (Jossick)

- If there are any policies and/or procedures members would like to see addressed and/or implemented, please set up a meeting with Jossick. Cragin asked Jossick to get the policies

Hydrant (Nezvesky):

- 3 hydrants are out of service in Hawleyville. They are in the works of being repaired. Bag the hydrant if it is out of order.

NUSAR (McCarthy):

- Corporate Health EKG machine was not working correctly. 65% of physicals not done to protocol. \$8K in insurance costs was spent to prove EKG machine was faulty. The BOFC should be aware of this.

Purchasing Agent (Burton):

- Hose testing to be scheduled for November.
- Amplified chargers in Sandy Hook not working. Should we switch back to the non-amplified chargers? Burton asked that chiefs talk with their companies and report back to him.
- Halstead will forward to Burton a new company that is promoting their chargers for consideration.

Public Participation:

- McCulloch raised his concern of the proper voting procedures for re-electing the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the BOFC. Cragin stated that voting is done in accordance with Town Charter for the re-election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the BOFC.

**Old Business - none**

**New Business**

**Training Requests**

*MOTION: Goosman moved to approve Hawleyville's requests in the amount of \$236.53 for training funds for CPR Class for 16 and two pump operator/apparatus driving manuals; and \$\$750.00 for Pump Operator Class (3@\$250).*

*Second: Jossick*

*Motion Passed*

*MOTION: Manna moved to approve NH&L's request in the amount of \$56.45 for reimbursement for tolls for Firehouse Expo training trip.*

*Second: Goosman*

*Motion Passed*

*MOTION: Burton moved to approve Sandy Hook's request in the amount of \$388.27 for testing for Q License.*

*Second: Goosman*

*Motion Passed*

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terry Hennessey*

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