

NEWTOWN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Monthly Meeting
Newtown Hook and Ladder
May 18, 2015

Commissioners Present: Bolmer, Cragin, Goosman, Jossick, Manna, Nezvesky and Whelan
Marshals Present: Frampton, Halstead and Ober
Chiefs Present: Basso, Corbo, Halstead and Murphy

Chairman Manna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman’s Comments: None

Minutes:

MOTION: Goosman moved that the minutes of April 27, 2015 be accepted as presented.
Seconded: Nezvesky
Motion passed unanimously

Correspondence to BOFC

<u>Date</u>	<u>From/To</u>	<u>Subject</u>
4/28/15	Llodra/Aurelia cc: BOFC	Road Acceptances of Sebastian Trail and Nicolina Way
5/11/15	Calder/Manna	Sandy Hook Charitable Fundraising Report-Follow Up
5/13/15	Manna/Halstead	Tanker Replacement Committee

Correspondence from BOFC

<u>Date</u>	<u>From/To</u>	<u>Subject</u>
4/30/15	Manna/Aurelia-Halstead	Swearing in of Jason Franks, Fire Investigator
4/30/15	Manna/Peter McNulty	Thank you for Lion’s Club Contribution of \$200 for each fire department.

Public Participation - none

Marshal’s Report for the month of May – Fire Marshal Halstead will report next month.

- Jason Franks was sworn in on 5/12 as a Fire Investigator.
- Dry hydrant on Old Hawleyville Road – Rob Sibley, Director of Land Use, suggested to Halstead that the area around the pipe be dredged and two jersey barriers be installed to divert sand. This is a very important dry hydrant for Hawleyville.
- Fire Marshal Halstead asked the Board to start the process for replacing Ryan Clark.

Committee Reports

- Combined Chiefs – Still waiting on the set up of the new CAD system.
- Houses at Fairfield Hills to be demolished. The job is currently out to bid. #50 and #51 to be used as drills for the fire departments.

Truck – Jossick reported:

- The Hawleyville Command Truck Up-fit was awarded to 911 Emergency Supply, LLC of New Milford, CT in the amount of \$9,161.61. The Town’s share of this amount is \$4,358.00.

Other quotes were as follows:

- Emergency Warning Systems - \$11,844.05
- Gowans and Knight could not bid due to cost of materials.

MOTION: Jossick made a motion to award the Hawleyville Fit-up to Emergency Supply, LLC of New Milford, CT. Total price is \$9,161.61, with the town share being \$4,358.

Seconded: Whelan
Passed unanimously

- #551 was involved in a minor MVA while testing the pre-emption device. No tickets were issued to either party. No drug/alcohol testing was initiated by the town or Board. Jossick stated it should be policy that all drivers be tested if involved in an accident. Gowans and Knight estimated the repair of #551 to be approximately \$7,900.00.
- Manna asked the Policies and Procedures Committee to meet and establish a policy on MVA's involving town apparatus and drug/alcohol testing.

Cragin's personal comments were that all Chiefs should be leaders to their members and their actions should reflect this. The first person to call regarding an MVA should be the Chairman of the BOFC, and that common sense needs to be used. If ever in doubt, always call the Chairman of the BOFC first. If the Chairman is not available, then call the Vice Chairman.

Hydrant – no report

Budget – Nezvesky reported that the budget was passed.

Policies and Procedures - no report

Radio – no report

NUSAR – McCarthy asked the Chief's for any spare 1.5" hose (25 ft.). It does not need to be tested.

Purchasing Agent Report:
(See attached report)

Old Business:

Tanker Replacement Committee

Jossick reported that the following members complete the Tanker Replacement Committee:

Board Members

- Rob Manna
- Dave Jossick
- Jay Nezvesky
- Ron Bolmer

Company Representatives

- Matt Dobson – Sandy Hook
- Gregg Petriccione – Hawleyville
- Mahbulul Hassan – Dodgingtown
- Bill McCarthy – NH&L
- Pat Keough – Botsford Fire and Rescue

MOTION: Jossick moved that the Tanker Replacement Committee, as outlined above, be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Cragin

Motion passed unanimously

Halstead requested that minutes be taken at all meeting and distributed to all chiefs.

New Business

Training Requests:

MOTION: Jossick moved to accept Hawleyville's training request in the amount of \$750 for FF 1 Class at Valley Regional Fire Training be accepted.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Whelan moved to accept Sandy Hook's training request in the amount of \$2,836.32 for Vent Enter Search Class, and EVT Training in Florida including flights, car, hotel and classes, Certification testing.

Seconded: Jossick

Motion passed unanimously

Executive Session

The BOFC moved into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

The BOFC moved out of Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Hennessey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

Terry Hennessey
Secretary