

NEWTOWN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Monthly Meeting
Newtown Hook and Ladder
October 19, 2015

Commissioners Present: Bolmer, Goosman, Jossick, Manna, Nezvesky and Whelan
Marshals Present: Frampton, Halstead, Murphy and Ober
Commissioners Absent: Cragin
Chiefs Present: Basso, Ciaccia, 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 September 28, 2015, be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Jossick

Motion passed unanimously

Correspondence to BOFC

Date	From/To	Subject
None		

Correspondence from BOFC

Date	From/To	Subject
10-14-15	Manna/Town Clerk Halstead	Request to swear in William Burnett

Public Participation: None

Marshal's Report for the month of September

- Halstead reported there were 84 calls, 423 incidents, 329 hours worked. Fees collected \$20.00. Total damage for the month was \$26,610.

Halstead

- FFH Tent Inspection
- 29 Main Street – Tent Inspection
- New Haven – Save A Life 2015
- CAD System – 3 Main Street
- Covered Bridge Road – Site Review
- 32 School House – Site Review
- Emergency Light Test – 166 Mt. Pleasant

Frampton

- Fire Lane Issues
- Exit doors hard to open at HOM
- Tumble Jungle – Alarm Issue

Ober

- School inspections
- Located new Knox box – 43 Main Street
- Fire Drill – CAC

- Next week hose testing scheduled for October 28th-30th. Testing will be completed behind Reed School. Second hydrant by the turn around.
- Hard suction testing to be skipped this year – 2015
- Halstead would like to buy 6x10" reflective decals stating SP to be placed on solar panels on all the commercial buildings.
- Also needed is a roll of reflective tape to place on dry hydrants in the amount of \$297.00. Halstead will check with Burton first to see if it is in stock before purchasing.

MOTION: Whelan made a motion that we fund the stickers for the solar panels not to exceed \$500.00

Seconded: Jossick

Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Chief's Meeting

- Halstead reported that on 9/30 a meeting was held with the chiefs who met with Mike Collins, EMS Chief, regarding number of tones going out. He will investigate why four tones are going out. Halstead also stated the fire departments will provide lift assistance if the ambulance services are short on staff to respond.
- Discussed the Labor Day parade and the Chief's would like to recommend an Emergency Services Division. Each department would bring only two vehicles. This would assure there was town emergency services coverage during the parade.
- New Tanker:
 - Custom chassis is most favored.
 - Where would the extra cost for the chassis come from?
 - Chiefs would like to know more details of what comes with the chassis.
 - Not sure if we need high, side compartments on driver's side.
 - Once answers are received the Chiefs can vote on it.
- Dodgingtown investigating hosting town-wide officers training for all five companies.
- Hawleyville holding hazmat tech class. No date set as of yet.

Truck:

- Jossick reported that the transmission service was completed for NH&L and Hawleyville trucks.
- #339 needs a shift cable.
- DOT and Pump tests will start the first week in November.

Budget:

- Nezvesky distributed budget timetable and asked departments to begin working on their budgets.
- Dodgingtown requested a few changes on their capital items. Dollar amounts stay the same. This was determined to be okay.

No reports for:

Policies and Procedures

Radio

Hydrant

Nusar

Purchasing Agent Report for August and September - see attached

Motion: Jossick moved to approve an alarm system upgrade that would transmit via radio rather than phone lines for all six fire departments.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Goosman made a motion to recommend to Robert Tait, Finance Director, that he award the bid for concrete floor refinishing at Botsford Fire and Rescue to Scholar Painting and Restoration in the amount of \$17,820.00.

Seconded: Bolmer

Motion passed unanimously

Old Business:

Tanker Truck Committee Report:

Matt Dobson asked that the BOFC give the Committee permission to continue working on the tanker custom chassis specifications, and then allow the bidding process to begin. This will assist them in determining costs. A custom chassis would have more safety features than a commercial chassis.

Manna commended the Committee on the amount of time and effort put into this initiative.

Motion: Jossick moved that the custom tanker go out to bid after developing specifications.

Seconded: Bolmer

Ayes – Whelan, Jossick, Manna, Goosman and Bolmer

Nay – Nezvesky

Motion passed

New Business

Nominations for Civilian Commissioner

- *Bolmer nominated Lisa Goosman for another three year term as Civilian Commissioner.*
- *Nezvesky nominated Pat Reilly for a three year term as Civilian Commissioner.*

Nominations closed.

Motion: A motion was made to elect Lisa Goosman as Civilian Commissioner for a three year term expiring in 2018.

Ayes: Bolmer, Whelan, Manna

Nays: Nezvesky, Jossick

Motion passed

Nominations and voting for Chairman and Vice Chairman

Goosman nominated Rob Manna for Chairman.

No additional nominations received.

MOTION: Goosman made a motion to nominate Rob Manna as Chairman for the term 2015-2016.

Seconded: Jossick

Motion passed unanimously

Whelan nominated Lisa Goosman for Vice Chairman.

No additional nominations received.

Motion: Whelan made a motion to nominate Lisa Goosman for Vice Chairman for the term 2015-2016.

Seconded: Bolmer

Goosman, Bolmer, Manna, Jossick, Nezvesky and Whelan

Motion passed unanimously

Training Requests: None

The Annual dinner meeting will take place at McGuire's, in Newtown, CT, at 6:30 p.m., on October 26th. Please advise Dave Jossick of your attendance.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Hennessey Secretary