

NEWTOWN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Monthly Meeting

Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire and Rescue

May 23, 2016

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

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

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: None

MINUTES:

MOTION: Goosman moved the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of April 25, 2016, be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Nezvesky

Motion passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

4/26/16

To: D. Halstead – From: Manna

Re: Steve Murphy – Swearing in as DFM

4/26/16

To: James Manville – From: Manna

Re: Newtown Lion's Club Donation to Fire Departments

5/23/16

To: Manna – From: Halstead

Re: Halstead Resignation as of 11/4/16

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

MARSHAL'S REPORTS:

April – 113 calls / 444 incidents / 387 hours and \$120 in fees collected.

Halstead:

- Tent inspection – Keating Farms
- Temporary liquor permit – 29 Main Street
- Knox box key – 5 Turnberry
- Knox box secure key reprogramming
- Insurance info

- SHES – walk through
- Watertown – pick up command board

Frampton:

- Fire Drill CAC

Ober:

- Assist FM2 Ethan All and Curtis inspections
- Most of the suppression tanks have been repaired. The dry hydrant at 2 Old Hawleyville Road has been out of service for over a year due to silt issues. Halstead met with Bolmer, Hurley and Sibley and agreed that this hydrant should be removed and capped. A new pressurized hydrant in front of the new diner in Hawleyville will be installed.
- The Dodgingtown Road hydrant should be removed as well as it is continuously out of service.
- Halstead suggests that for the next CIP a fund be established to set aside money each year to extend water lines.
- The Town's ISO rating has dropped. A notice will be sent out with the tax bills to the community to check with their insurance companies to see if their tax bills can go down.

MOTION: Bolmer makes a motion to remove and cap the dry hydrants at 2 Old Hawleyville Road and 55 Dodgingtown Road.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Combined Chief's Meeting – ERG books will be sent to all the companies over the next week.

Budget: Nezvesky was informed that the town reduced our energy line item by \$3K for the July 1st budget.

Truck: #552 has been taken care of and is all set. Any trucks that do not pass the DOT inspection will be taken out of service until they do.

Policies and Procedures - Cragin stated that he is not taking a directive from Nezvesky to discuss the Charter Revision Commission changes at the next monthly meeting as it has been previously discussed.

Radio – no report

Hydrant – as addressed above

NUSAR – currently having radio system problems. 10 pagers have been re-tuned because of tone issues.

Purchasing Agent Report for April - see attached.

The BOFC voted to defer doing the repair to the Hurst tool equipment on 551 and 552 due to funding. The repairs will need to be addressed in the near future. Hawleyville's repair will be taken care of in July.

Nezvesky advised that \$5K was taken out of the BOFC budget by the Legislative Council. He will meet with the Budget Committee to make a recommendation to the commissioner's as to which line item should be reduced.

Manna asked that Nezvesky and the Budget Committee look into the line items to make up the \$25K approximate difference from prior year's shortages.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tanker Truck Committee Report:

Dobson reported on the next steps for the Truck Committee. The specs will be revised and sent out to bid for custom chassis.

We will take next steps depending on the costs that come back.

MOTION: Brunetti made a motion to send out the revised bids for custom tankers.

Seconded: Cragin

Motion passes

Nay – Nezvesky and Whelan

Yea- Manna, Brunetti, Bolmer, Goosman and Cragin

NEW BUSINESS:

Training Requests:

MOTION: Brunetti made a motion to accept Hawleyville's training request in the amount of \$350 for Fit Testing.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Bolmer made a motion to accept NH&L's training request in the amount of \$1,671.19 for food for live burn, VFIS training and the Harrisburg Fire Conference.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Bolmer made a motion to accept Sandy Hook's training request in the amount of \$2,600 for 16 hour aerial use and safety training for 8 FF's and 8 hr. hazmat annual refresher for all company firefighters.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

Moved into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Moved out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Hennessey
Secretary