

NEWTOWN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Monthly Meeting

Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire and Rescue

July 25, 2016

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

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

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Manna welcomed Neil Chaudhary of the Legislative Council.

MINUTES:

Correction: Under the Combined Chiefs Report: the acronym should be NFPA standards not NFA standards.

MOTION: Goosman moved the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of June 27, 2016, be accepted as corrected.

Seconded: Cragin

Motion passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

Date: 7/25/16
From: Karin Halstead
To: BOFC
Re: Open House and Dedication of Substation – August 20, 2016, 11 a.m. to noon.

Date: 7/7/16
From: Manna
To: Pat Fahey
Re: Pay Increases for DFM Frampton and \$1 per hour for DFM's Ober and Murphy

Date: 7/21/16
From: Manna
To: Gladys McLaughlin – Newtown Woman's Club
Re: Thank you for \$350 donation for Club 100 Insurance

Date: 7/7/16
From: Manna
To: Tait
Re: Insurance Coverage on Portable Equipment

Currently, the portable equipment is not covered and will be investigated further.

Date: 7/7/16
From: Manna
To: Tait
Re: First Half Fire Company Reimbursements

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

MARSHAL'S REPORTS:

June – 114 calls, 505 incidents and 415 hours. State police helicopter is not available for water dumping.

Halstead:

SHES – Knox box; door inspection, re-inspection, hydrant flow test, location of memorial survivor tree
Platts Hill/Beaver Dam – Pre-review
29 Main St. Tent Inspection
128 Castle Hill Road – Ins. Info
Big Budda – Temp Liquor Permit
St. Carnival – tent inspection and inspection
4 Primrose Street – Temp Liquor Permit

Frampton:

Fire Drill – CAC
6 Washington Ave. sprinkler issue
Frontier – Knox box keys
Ethan Allen – hydrant issues
3 Primrose St. – fire alarm inspection
CVS – exit door issue
Windcorp – solar panel signs
Newtown Woods – Knox box application

Ober:

Assist building inspection – Liberty
Assist with school door inspections (Reed, NMS, NHS, and Hawley)

Murphy:

Tent inspection – Housatonic Valley Waldorf

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Combined Chief's Meeting – the Chief's discussed what medical supplies will be purchased. In the future will the town pay for the cost of the NARCAN that will be on all first responder vehicles as requested by the State of CT Department of Public Health?

The Chiefs offered to assist Burton with handling their own P.O.'s to purchase their department's equipment to avoid delays.

The Chairman established an Ad-Hoc Committee to update the Fire Marshal's job description and make any revisions and changes as they deem fit.

The water tank on Wentworth off of Poverty Hollow is empty and needs to be filled. It holds 30K gallons. Chief Ciaccia will coordinate providing water for 1/3 of the capacity. Bolmer will monitor the tank to see if there is a leak. McCarthy will coordinate with Bolmer an internal inspection before filling.

Budget: Nezvesky reported that the final budget number of \$1,329,821 was approved by the town.

Truck: Reviewed specs for #111 and made some minor revisions.

Policies and Procedures – no report.

Radio – no report.

Hydrant – no report.

NUSAR – McCarthy discussed the Workman’s Comp policy and would like to have the dive team members and service dogs considered for inclusion in the same policy as the Firefighters and Ambulance Corps. NUSAR will discuss during legislative session. He would like the BOFC to support this request.

Purchasing Agent Report for June – no report – Burton absent

OLD BUSINESS:

Engine #111 Replacement

MOTION: Bolmer made a motion to accept the specs for #111 as presented.

Seconded: Whelan

Motion passed

There are 3 items missing from the spec causing the vehicle not to be NFPA compliant. These items will be discussed during the specification review.

Tanker Truck Committee Report

MOTION: Whelan made a motion that he would like to consider the Tanker Committee’s recommendation after commercial choices are bid and discussed by this Board. These tankers will be spec’d by the Board’s current Truck Committee with input from the four Chief’s receiving tankers.

Seconded: Nezvesky

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: Whelan made a motion to consider the Tanker Committee’s recommendation (bids) after commercial choices are bid and discussed by this Board. These commercial tankers (bids) will be spec’d by the Board’s current Truck Committee and Tanker Truck Committee with input from the four Chief’s receiving tankers.

Seconded: Nezvesky

Motion passed

Yay: Cragin, Goosman, Nezvesky, Bolmer and Whelan

Nay: Brunetti and Manna

Manna would like to have this done as soon as possible.

Manna feels the motion is very undermining to the Tanker Committee for all the work they have done over the last year.

MOTION: Brunetti makes a motion to purchase 3 custom tankers as spec’d by the Tanker Committee and Hawleyville will hold off on pursuing the 4th tanker.

Seconded: Goosman

THIS MOTION HAS BEEN RESCINDED.

Murphy would like to ask Gowans and Knight to assist in the determination of which tanker should be replaced first. Professional advice is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Training Requests:

MOTION: Whelan made a motion to accept NH&L's training request in the amount of \$682.95 for CT Fire Academy and June Fire School.

Seconded: Brunetti

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Bolmer made a made a motion to accept Dodgingtown's requests in the amount of \$1,350 for CPR re-certification and EMT class.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:32 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, sweeping initial "T".

Terry Hennessey
Secretary