

NEWTOWN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Monthly Meeting
Newtown Hook and Ladder
August 22, 2016

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

Chairman Manna called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Manna welcomed everyone to the new facility and thanked all the volunteers for their assistance with the new facility. On September 2, 2016, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m. There will also be an open house for the public following the Labor Day parade.

Going forward, Manna asked that any comments related to items on the agenda be made during public participation.

MINUTES:

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

Seconded: Brunetti

Motion passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM/TO</u>	<u>SUBJECT:</u>
7/18/16	Will/BOFC	Sandy Hook Fire Department Officers – 2016-2017
6/17/16	Murphy/BOFC	Dodgingtown Volunteer Fire Company Officers – 2016-2017

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Cragin stated that he attended two fire department events last weekend. One was at the SHVF&R substation dedicated in honor of "Porky" Andrews. The other was the Botsford Summer Bash. The ribs were great, and everyone had a good time. There were members from the other Newtown departments and fire commissioners from the BOFC in attendance at both events. The events were excellent and brought out the best in the volunteer fire service in Newtown.

Manna stated that NH&L's fundraiser motorcycle ride is slated for Saturday, 9/24/16. Registration is at 1:00 p.m. with the ride starting at 3 p.m. A BBQ will take place after the ride at 4 p.m.

MARSHAL'S REPORTS:

Halstead reported for the month of July – 123 calls, 432 incidents and 405 hours. \$120 in fees collected.

Halstead met with the Water Company regarding Julia Court. They will install a tank on 1/1/17. Size of water mains in town will be provided. Color-coding hydrants for NFPA standards will also be completed.

84 is going to get paved between exits 9 and 10. It should get done in 2018.

Halstead:

- SHES – meeting/walk through
- 6 Washington Avenue – Knox Box Keys
- 15 Old Purdy Station – Insurance Info
- 46 Winton Farms – Insurance Info

Frampton

- Fire Drill – CAC
- 3 Trades Lane – Library Book Sale
- 30 Church Hill Road – Knox Box Keys
- Newtown Hardware – Knox Box Keys

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Combined Chief's Meeting –

- Donated shipping containers are available for the departments.
- The fire company in New York State, which lost one of its members, was fined heavily by OSHA due to lack of training on all types of air packs. All personnel must be trained properly.

Budget: no report.

Truck: Bolmer reported on sending out bids for servicing the trucks. An \$890 per truck savings would be yielded if service was switched to Tracy's Garage in Derby. After discussion, it was determined that service would begin with them immediately. We will try their service for a year and determine if it is a success. Nezvesky asked Whelan to send to all the Chiefs contact information for Tracy's Garage.

The State work on Route 34 will start milling on 9/11 and paving on 9/18. All work will be done in the evening.

The truck reports need to be sent to Mike Burton as soon as the trucks have been serviced/tested.

Policies and Procedures – no report.

Radio – no report

Hydrant – Manna reported there is a hydrant at the corner of Brassie and Bonnie that is too low. The Water Company will be notified to correct. As previously discussed at last month's meeting, 9,000 gallons of water was put into the suppression tank on Wentworth in Poverty Hollow. It is currently being monitored.

NUSAR – no report.

Purchasing Agent Report for August – see attached

MOTION: Bolmer made a motion to pay for NH&L's Assistant Chief's vehicle siren installation from the Radio Account.

Seconded: Nezvesky

Motion passed unanimously

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Seconded: Brunetti

Motion passed unanimously

Reimbursement Program

Fireworks standby bills should not be billed to the town. Property owners should pay for the service directly to the fire company. Basso will get in touch with Advantage payroll to create a separate account for any reimbursements to their membership, and rectify the payment error previously made.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tanker Truck Committee Report

On Wednesday the Tanker Truck Committee will meet with John Cares, the rep of Granite Fire to discuss the spec further. A special meeting to follow if needed.

NEW BUSINESS - none

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Hennessey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry Hennessey
Secretary