

# TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Board of Firewards Meeting

May 1, 2008

**Firewards present:** D.A.Bowles, M. Norcross, H. Remick, D. Littlefield

**Firefighters present:** Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. D.K.Bowles, FF Eldridge

**Public Present:** Jonathan Bauman, Cassandra Pearce

**Meeting Opened at 19:40**

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the April 3, 2008 meeting were discussed and some changes were suggested regarding typographical errors. Minutes were accepted as amended by H. Remick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Norcross. All in favor.

**Member Comments:** None

### **Old Business:**

Asst. Chief Bowles spoke about the locks grant. He mentioned he wrote a summary and presented it to Selectman Farnum. Jim mentioned money will come out of the Emergency Management line of the Town budget. Jim will also review the Emergency Management Plan and determine the next steps to be taken for editing and publishing.

D.A. Bowles discussed the USDA Grant and updated the Board on pricing quotes. A gear washer would cost \$5,000. Alternatively it was discussed to put a repeater on Great Hill Fire Tower. Initially a solar application was looked into, but appeared to be cost prohibitive. The price for standard electrical hook up, equipment and installation would be about \$14,276. D. Littlefield mentioned that our share of the cost would be 65%. It was discussed that the Fireman's Club could pay the difference. After further discussion D. Littlefield said he would get the application and move forward with the grant.

Asst. Chief Bowles looked at the SCBA compressor and determined it has been serviced recently and is working fine.

Asst. Chief Bowles mentioned that FF J. Tavares installed the weather stripping on the door at Wonalancet station.

In regards to pay for Hazardous Materials incidents and Declared Disaster incidents, D. Littlefield presented the board with SOG 110. After brief discussion M. Norcross moved to accept it and H. Remick seconded it. All in favor.

Asst. Chief Bowles mentioned he will bring the By-Law change to the next Business Meeting.

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Asst. Chief Bowles mentioned that Capt. S. Bross installed the muffler on 6H1 and had the vehicle inspected.

D. Littlefield tabled the Uniform Guidelines discussion until next month.

## **New Business:**

Capt. D.K. Bowles discussed parking issues at Central and ask that we remind others of proper parking measures.

Asst. Chief Bowles mentioned that the Forestry trucks are all inspected and in service.

Asst. Chief Bowles mentioned that the tow behind pump was loaned to Pinetree Power while they did inspections. Pinetree Power purchased a new battery for the pump.

D. Littlefield mentioned that we will receive a check from the Carroll County Haz-Mat Team in the amount of \$132.00 for 11 man hours and asked that we submit a formal bill to the Haz-Mat Team for their records.

D. Littlefield discussed RSA 153-A in regards to reimbursement for incidents in which the party involved was found guilty of criminal action. Discussion ensued and D. Littlefield will look into it more and see what other departments are doing.

Asst. Chief Bowles discussed the Office Reorganization letter and had questions regarding the billing process. Discussion ensued, no action taken.

## **Non-Public:**

D. Littlefield moved the Board to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 19:46. Seconded by H. Remick. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Discussion of personnel issue.

D. Littlefield moved the Board to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 20:04. Seconded by H. Remick. All members present voted in the affirmative.

## **Action of Non-Public:**

The board decided to table the issue until next month when all of the board is present.

## **Public Comment:**

Jonathan Bauman submitted an application for membership. Discussion ensued. The board approved the application based on he clears the background check and passes the physical.

Cassandra Pearce inquired to the board about the status of the insurance memo. Asst. Chief Bowles mentioned he will and Capt. D.K. Bowles will check and send that to her. Motion for adjournment at 21:56 made by H. Remick. 2nd by M. Norcross. All in favor.