

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

November 4, 2008

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

Firefighters present: Chief Colcord, Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. D.K.Bowles, J. Tavares, Capt. D. Teryek

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:43

Minutes:

Minutes of the October 2, 2008 meeting were discussed. Motion by H. Remick to accept the minutes, seconded by J. Hartley. 4 Yes, 1 Abstain

Member Comments: None

Old Business:

Chief Colcord updated the board on the status of the Tamworth Inn. The owner lost her contract with the sprinkler installer. They are in the process of getting quotes from new installers.

Chief Colcord mentioned some items relating to the Emergency Management Director (EMD). D. Littlefield let the Board know that the Selectman appointed him as EMD in a non-public session just prior to the Fireward's meeting. He said he will take care of the paperwork and meetings Chief Colcord discussed.

Discussion arose in regards to the captain and training officer. Chief Colcord asked to appoint and promote D. Littlefield as Captain of Central and Training Officer. Some discussion ensued. J. Hartley made a motion to accept Chief Colcord's appointment and promotion, H. Remick seconded. 4 Yes, 1 Abstain

Chief Colcord discussed the specs on a new pressure washer. He said he received prices on a 110V 1,600psi 2gpm pressure washer. Some issues were discussed. It was thought that a larger unit would be more appropriate. J. Hartley made a motion to purchase a unit capable of 2,500psi, but not to expend more than \$3,500. M. Norcross seconded. All in favor.

New Business:

D. Littlefield inquired as to when the K.A. Brett School was going to be inspected. Chief Colcord said it was on his upcoming schedule.

D. Littlefield mentioned that he is trying to coordinate training for a RIT Team for the OVMA. Will come back with further information.

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D. Littlefield spoke about the Address Sign Fundraiser that the Rescue Squad is sponsoring. The signs are reflective address signs and will help with all emergency response. Signs are \$16.00 and can be purchased through the Tamworth Rescue Club.

There was discussion in regards to the Chocorua Village hydrant. The current road upgrades to the village have made it harder for apparatus to reach the hydrant. Asst. Chief Bowles mentioned it would be better to have the hydrant moved 25-30 feet upstream, to make it more accessible. Chief Colcord said he would get prices for the upgrade. Asst. Chief Bowles said he will check with the State to see if they will fund the project. J. Hartley made a motion to have Chief Colcord write a letter to Faye, Spofford & Thorndyke (FST) to see if they are willing to pay for the costs of the upgrade. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Chief Colcord mentioned he would speak to Bruce Robinson in regards to cleaning out "Kelly's Hydrant".

Chief Colcord let the Board know that he had to go to court in regards to an illegal burn. The defendant, Richard Mancini, pleaded out.

Chief Colcord asked about getting portable radios together so that he could take them to have them re-programmed. Some discussion ensued. It was decided to have Audible Channel Recognition added to the portable radios.

The Board discussed heat loss issues for Central Station. Chief Colcord said he will seal off the back window in the apparatus bay. D. Littlefield made a motion to have the Rescue bay door replaces, H. Remick seconded. All in favor.

Chief Colcord presented the Board with the budget. It was noted that we are well under budget.

Chief Colcord gave the Board a list of items he would like to see the Department purchase. Items were discussed. The Board approved to have Chief Colcord purchase the following items; 2 sets of PPE, 6 sets of gloves, some mechanic tools, parts to supply air to the 6Hose1, a vent saw, hose for 6Engine3, positive pressure fan, 2 skull protectors for the ladders on the Engines, impress battery charger, and 2 Storz adapters.

D.A.Bowles asked if the department wanted to show their support to put a tower on Copple Crown. J. Hartley made a motion to submit a letter showing our support for the project, M. Norcross seconded. All in favor. D.A.Bowles will write the letter.

D.A.Bowles spoke about the Antenna/Repeater for the Great Hill Fire Tower. He said he would submit an application to the State for a Special Use Permit.

Motion for adjournment at 21:58 made by J. Hartley. 2nd by H. Remick. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by D. Littlefield