

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

September 4, 2008

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

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

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:31

Minutes:

Minutes of the August 7, 2008 meeting were discussed and changes were suggested regarding addition of "Guard Duty". Minutes were accepted as amended by J. Hartley, 2nd by H. Remick. All in favor.

Member Comments: None

Old Business:

M. Norcross inquired to the status of members that Chief Colcord was going to speak to. Chief Colcord mentioned he will speak to the Captain one more time and find a replacement if necessary. Also, will speak to Training Officer to find out his status.

New Business:

Note: The Board of Firewards met with the Town Selectman prior to the meeting in regards to the Emergency Management Director (EMD).

D.A. Bowles asked if D. Littlefield would be willing to assist the Chief with paperwork and grant preparation for the EMD. D.A. Bowles suggested using money from the Town's Emergency Management line to pay for time spent on paperwork. Also, suggested recommending the Selectman raising the line item next year to \$5,000. Chief Colcord mentioned he would be willing to do the paperwork on overtime as long as he was reimbursed through the Emergency Management Line. D. Littlefield inquired what the Board's wishes were. Board will bring options back to the Selectman.

Chief Colcord said he submitted a request for discharge from the National Guard. He said he felt it was taking too much time away from his job.

J. Hartley mentioned it was good to get a breakdown of the Chief's hours to help us to determine areas of need. Chief Colcord said he would oblige.

Chief Colcord presented a bid for snow plowing for the Winter of 2008-2009 from Jeff Tavares. It was originally decided not to open the letter until the job went out to bid.

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The Board discussed the bid specifications. After much discussion the Board decided it would be best to open the bid from Jeff Tavares. The bid was \$3,120 for 12 storms and \$260 each storm after that. J. Hartley made a motion to accept the bid, H. Remick seconded. All in favor.

Chief Colcord discussed the need for breakaway reflective vest to comply with upcoming regulations for people working in the road of travel. The cost of the vest would be \$26.00 each. D.A. Bowles suggested buying 25, one for each member. H. Remick made a motion to purchase 25 vests for \$26.00 each, J. Hartley seconded. All in favor.

Chief Colcord mentioned the Women's Auxiliary was looking for suggestions for gift ideas. Chief Colcord mentioned he will ask them if they want to share the costs for the vests.

Chief Colcord mentioned the need for some equipment purchases, such as flashlights, Cairns helmets and turnout gear. Discussion ensued. J. Hartley made a motion to purchase 2 Cairns 1044 helmets and leather shields and 2 sets of turnout gear, M. Norcross seconded. All in favor.

Chief Colcord let the Board know that Engine 3 was repaired at Lakes Region Fire Apparatus at a cost of \$3,000.

Chief Colcord mentioned he and Asst. Chief Bowles repaired the Swift River hydrant and mentioned we need to check other hydrants and do some mandatory maintenance on them.

D.A. Bowles inquired about the Bliss hydrant. Chief Colcord purchased all the supplies and will coordinate with John Roberts to help with installation.

Chief Colcord will be taking tomorrow (9/5/08) off for personal matters.

Chief Colcord said he had a discussion with Police Chief Dan Poirier in regards to the accident at the intersection of Rt. 113 & Rt. 25. Chief Colcord emphasized the need for confidentiality in situations under litigation.

J. Hartley inquired about a policy for Zero Alcohol Tolerance. D.A. Bowles mentioned we have a policy in place and it is in our SOG manual.

J. Hartley asked about Fire Protection Week and asked if we could mention the dangers of Dryer fire issues. D.A. Bowles asked if we could make a list specific fire hazards.

Chief Colcord submitted an expenditure report for the Board.

Motion for adjournment at 21:02 made by M. Norcross. 2nd by J. Hartley. All in favor.