

TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting February 1, 2024

Firewards Present: J. Bowles, J. Hartley, Z. Remick via phone

Members Present: Chief R. Colcord, 2nd Asst. Chief M. Baumann, Capt. D.K. Bowles, Capt. D. Cribbie, FF J. Larocque, FF K. Eldridge

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:35 by Chairman Bowles

Minutes: The Board reviewed the December 7, 2023 and the January 4, 2024 minutes. J. Hartley made a motion to accept, Z. Remick seconded, all were in favor.

Old Business:

The new battery for the cardiac monitor still has not come.

Reflective stickers for the SCBA bottles are in and have been installed.

The gas meters on E4 & E5 are both mounted in the cab on the doghouses.

Chief Colcord advised that he heard from the ambulance vendor that the chassis is in the schedule to be built. Will need the \$83,000 for the chassis payment in about 6 months. J. Bowles will let the Trustees of the Trust Funds know.

New Business:

Discussed the Firetruck Capital Reserve warrant article wording. J. Bowles advised the Board of the multiple iterations that it has gone through. The original plan was to add \$375,000 into the existing Firetruck Capital Reserve Fund and assuming that the article passes, order the next truck soon after town meeting. Since the Selectmen have already voted to apply \$124,000 of ARPA funds towards the next firetruck, the plan now is to add \$187,500 to the capital reserve fund in 2024. This should be enough to get a contract signed. If the truck is ordered in May 2024, it likely won't be delivered until late in 2025.

The difference between the submitted 2024 operating budget and the one posted on the Town website was discussed. Chief Colcord advised that he talked to the Town Administrator and determined that the \$10,000 reduction that was done in a last-minute effort to control the tax rate, was accidentally done twice. It has since been corrected.

Z. Remick & Chief Colcord advised that the grant writer fee will be \$1995.37 this year instead of \$1,500 like it has been for the last number of years.

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Chief Colcord has Kimberly Seibel's application for membership.

J. Bowles advised that he submitted the warrant article for the regional radio grant that we are going to apply for this year. Chief Colcord advised that Sandwich has the wording for their warrant article and is all set as far as he knows.

All 7 defective lights on Car 1 are fixed and the repairs were paid for by the company who installed them (Capital Fleet).

Chief Colcord mentioned that the new NHESR system that combines TEMSIS & NFIRS has been working out well and has saved Chief Colcord some work on the medical calls. January is the first month that Chief Colcord has done payroll using NHESR and it seems to have gone well.

J. Hartley questioned if there was a pattern to the new training schedule because not all fire trainings are shown on the second Thursday as used to be the case. D. Cribbie advised that when he made the 2024 schedule he was trying to make them on the second Thursday of each month but was also trying to avoid having a Monday and Thursday meeting in the same week where possible so there are a couple of fire trainings that end up on the third Thursday instead.

Discussed the disposition and location of tarps, space blankets, taboggans, blankets, heat packs, and other cold weather rescue equipment.

D. Cribbie advised that the next training will be rope rescue. At this training he also wants to make a list of rope and related equipment that we have and make a list of things we need. He also mentioned a couple other classes such as Firefighter 1 that just posted today and will be held in Madison, an ice rescue class, and a large animal rescue class to be held in Tuftonboro in the spring.

D. Cribbie is putting together a list of people who need different ICS classes. He will be reaching out to them to try and get them up to date.

D. Cribbie also discussed attendance at trainings. He has a list of members that are not keeping up with their requirements. Chief Colcord will review the list and bring it up at the next Firewards meeting.

Discussed the repairs that were completed to Engine 2's pump shift interlock & Engine 4's throttle and turbo sensor.

Z. Remick mentioned that he needs to get the numbers of active members and determine the number of portable radios that we want to apply for in the grant. Chief Colcord will follow up with him next week.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment made by J. Hartley at 20:34 seconded by Z. Remick. All in favor.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bowles, Chairman – Town of Tamworth Board of Firewards