

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

September 6, 2012

Firewards Present: David A. Bowles, Harry Remick, Dana Littlefield, John Hartley, Dan Teryek.

Members Present: Chief Rich Colcord, Asst. Chief Jim Bowles, Capt. D.K. Bowles, Lt. Matt Baumann, FF Shawn Bross, FF Jeff Tavares, FF Steve Knapp, Probationary FF Eric Ames.

Public Present: Selectman John Roberts, Tamworth Foundation Treasurer David Little.

Meeting Opened at 19:30

Minutes: Minutes from August 2, 2012 were read. Motion made to accept minutes as amended by J. Hartley, 2nd by D. Teryek. All in favor.

Public Comment: John Roberts and David Little were present to discuss how the bill from PSNH for electricity to the fire tower equipment, including equipment installed by Tamworth Wireless, was going to be split with the Fire Department.

Old Business:

Repeater Update: The Repeater is operating and in service as of 08/13/12. Chief Colcord brought forth the invoice from E.S.M. Electric. The total for the invoice is \$11,020.72. It was discussed that the original quoted amount \$6,094.00 with a possible increase of 15% based on increased costs of materials, making a possible total cost of \$7,008.10. The Board stated its displeasure with the increased costs, but will pay the invoice as stated. It was further discussed who should be allowed to operate on the Repeater frequency. The Board agreed that the Fire Dept., Police Dept., Highway Dept., West Ossipee Fire Dept., Sandwich Fire Dept. and possibly other departments as requested or needed, may utilize the frequency during an emergency with priority courtesy offered to Tamworth Fire Dept.

On 08/23/12, All agreed it was the original intent for Tamworth Wireless to hook to the Repeater system power. There was some question whether an official vote had been taken, so a vote was taken. H. Remick made a motion to allow Tamworth Wireless to hook to the Repeater System for use of power and that Tamworth Wireless will be responsible for payment of electricity they consume. Seconded by D. Teryek. All in favor.

Engine 2 Frame Update: Work is in progress and will be completed soon.

Door Repair Update: Chief Colcord installed new doors on the Furnace Room and Rescue Office.

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Meeting Room Painting: Work is in progress and will be completed soon.

Radio Narrow-banding Update: Chief Colcord and Asst. Chief J. Bowles are working on deciding what radios have been reprogrammed. Programming will be done on Sept. 14th.

New Business:

Lt. Matt Baumann and FF Marsha Colcord are currently enrolled in the Firefighter II program being hosted at Center Ossipee Fire Dept. Chief Colcord mentioned that the Rescue Skills Module and the ICS module of the class are reimbursable through the Fire Academy. Lt. Baumann mentioned that the both modules would total 48 hours for each member.

Chief Colcord stated that the Hanson Hydrant is out of service as of 08/09/12 and it estimated that the material to repair the hydrant is \$2,300. J. Hartley made a motion to purchase the material to repair the hydrant, seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Chief Colcord presented the Board with a Budget Worksheet. It was discussed to prioritize projects and possible encumbrances to keep from going over budget.

D. Littlefield discussed upcoming training. J. Hartley and FF S. Knapp are presenting training on Vehicle Extrication on Electric Vehicles next week.

D. Teryek asked about our radio policy during calls. D.A. Bowles mentioned typically Officers and apparatus sign on only. Capt. D.K. Bowles mentioned that it has been previously discussed that Officers should be allowed to sign on after the first tone and if none signs on then Firefighters should sign on after second tone. It was further discussed that a max of 2-3 should be enough personnel to sign on.

D. Teryek discussed apparatus that is responding Mutual Aid should have qualified personnel on board and new members or juniors should wait and car pool together if absolutely necessary.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles mentioned that we should plan to budget for repairing the Wonalancet Station drainage, while repairing the ramp.

Chief Colcord discussed that he is in the process of creating the budget for next year.

Capt. D.K. Bowles discussed needing \$400.00 for Fire Prevention this year. The Board agreed to spend the money.

Chief Colcord will have the apparatus inspected this month.

Non-Public: None

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 21:14 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Submitted Respectfully by Dana Littlefield