

# TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Board of Firewards Meeting

January 6, 2011

**Firewards present:** David A. Bowles, Milton Norcross, Harry Remick, Dana Littlefield.

**Firefighters present:** Asst. Chief Jim Bowles, Capt. Diane K. Bowles, Capt. Dan Teryek, FF Phil Rich, FF Matt Baumann, FF John Baumann, FF Shawn Bross, Prob. FF Michaela Tetreault, FF Jeff Tavares, FF Eric St. Jean.

### **Meeting Opened at 19:46**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the December 2, 2011 meeting, motion to accept as amended by Milton Norcross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Remick. All in favor.

### **Old Business:**

H. Remick mentioned the new entry door and two casings for Central Station are still on order.

D. Littlefield updated information on purchasing RIT tools; the set of irons (Ax/Halligan combo) has been purchased and put into Carl and the RIT air pack is back in service.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles gave an update on Hose 1. Work is in progress and it could be another 2-3 weeks. Some additional work is being done, but is still within the cost of the estimate. D. Littlefield also mentioned the cylinders for the cascade have been hydro tested and returned, the cost was \$178.00 for all six of them.

D.A. Bowles gave an update on the repeater. D.A. Bowles read a letter from NH DRED stating some questions about the request for installing a power line to the Great Hill Fire Tower. D.A. Bowles will follow up on the letter.

D.K. Bowles discussed the Chocorua Sign. Bill Arnold requested that we take down the old sign and bring it to them. FF J. Tavares and FF E. LaPete will take care of it.

The Village Store was discussed. D.A. Bowles mentioned he saw an article stating they would be selling groceries. Asst. Chief J. Bowles discussed there would be additional regulations if that was the case.

No new news on the Tamworth Inn purchase.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles mentioned that the Firefighter I had just started. He also discussed that the course is 2/3 funded by the State, but is unsure if the 1/3 portion is paid by the Mutual Aid or the individual departments. He will get the answer at the OVMA meeting. Also discussed some enrollment issues with the State and that FF M. Colcord was enrolled but FF J. Baumann is on a waiting list.

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## **New Business:**

Asst. Chief J. Bowles gave an update on inspections;

**Brass Heart Inn** – Was looking to follow up on their improvements but has not been able to make contact with them.

FF M. Baumann mounted the mobile radio in Car1 and it seems to be working better.

All the Fire Extinguishers were service and inspected.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles gave an update on the budget. There was a about a \$24,000 surplus.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles discussed there were some issues with the boiler at Central Station and had Joel Streeter come and repair it.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles spoke about a seminar that PSNH was hosting on January 11, 2011 regarding their role in response to extended power outages.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles presented the Board with the year-end report for the department, which will go into the Town's Annual Report.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles discussed a call regarding a residence with burst water pipes on Ossipee Lake Road and some electrical issues. Asst. Chief J. Bowles will follow up with the State Electrical Inspector to determine the severity of the damage and what needs to be done to make it safe.

D.A. Bowles discussed he repaired the butterfly valve on the suction intake on Engine 3.

D. Littlefield discussed the responder fatality in Shapleigh, ME while responding to a call. It was discussed that we need to take care when responding to calls and to use good and appropriate judgment when responding and to wear our seatbelts.

D. Littlefield discussed burning the pile of pallets at Gilbert Block as training for this month. It was discussed that we go and visit the site before the training to develop a plan. Tentative training will be the 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

D. Littlefield discussed the need for help for putting Hose 1 back in service when it is ready.

D. Littlefield discussed training attendance and mentioned it was felt that it was more important for members to attend training and meetings than to make all the calls. He reiterated the bylaws stating that absences need to be excused; otherwise disciplinary action may be taken. He also mentioned that if you attend a training or meeting that you need to stay unless you have an emergency need to leave and if so you need to notify an officer that you are leaving. D. Littlefield also mentioned we need to revisit the roster and check on members who we have not seen in awhile.

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D.K. Bowles requested if she could post Girl Scout Cookies flyer on the Board. Board agreed.

D.K. Bowles discussed the door locks and mentioned that Prob. FF M. Colcord does not have her door code. D. Littlefield will look into it. She also asked if there were directions and software available to the department in the event D. Littlefield was unable to do it. D. Littlefield discussed all the information is in the office file cabinet and software is on the department's laptop.

D.K. Bowles asked if it were possible for members to receive VIP checks earlier in December. Discussion ensued. It will be kept in consideration for the following year.

**Non-Public:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment at 21:45 made by Milton Norcross. Seconded by Harry Remick. All in favor.

Submitted Respectfully by Dana Littlefield 01/06/11