

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

January 7, 2010

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

Firefighters present: Chief Colcord, Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. D. Teryek, , FF J. Tavares, FF E. LaPete, FF E. StJean, FF M. Baumann, FF P. Rich, FF S. Knapp.

Public Present: Steve Gray, David Little

Meeting Opened at 19:30

Minutes: Minutes of the December 3, 2009 meeting were accepted as amended by J Hartley, 2nd by H. Remick. All in favor.

Old Business:

Chief Colcord mentioned that he needs to update the Tamworth Inn's place of assembly permit. He has been trying to make contact with them and will update the Board when he has more information.

Chief Colcord discussed the circumstance around him running for Captain of Rescue. He stated he was not around when this took place and that he is here to do his job as fire chief. Further discussion ensued.

D.A. Bowles asked about the placement of the new rescue tools. D. Littlefield stated that the tools were not in yet, but believe that it was Rescue's wishes to have them on the new Engine 4.

Chief Colcord is keeping a time card for the new year.

There was discussion about the floor in Chocorua Station. Capt. D. Teryek said he thinks we should cut through it to visualize what is happening underneath. Chief Colcord will inspect further. J. Hartley stated he likes the divot because it helps him align the truck in the station.

Chief Colcord will get the pager back from Joanne Rainville.

New Business:

Chief Colcord asked if the Board would support his recommendation that he is submitting to the town to hire Phil Rich as a Highway Dept. employee.

Chief Colcord mentioned some upcoming courses and posted them on the board.

Chief presented last years budget and where we ended up. It is not yet finalized and will update the Board when it is done.

Chief Colcord discussed a letter from the Selectmen requesting personnel forms and information. Discussion ensued. It was felt that volunteers are not direct employees of the town and that the Board was not comfortable submitting such information. Chief Colcord discussed further circumstances around the Drug and Alcohol policy and discussed incidents in regard to it. Chief Colcord will submit a letter to the Selectmen

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stating that . J. Hartley made a motion to direct the Chief to submit a letter to the Selectmen stating that we cannot comply with their requests as stated in their letter dated 1/14/10, due to legal ramifications. H. Remick seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. All in favor, motion passed.

Steve Gray and David Little came to discuss the Capitol Improvements Plan for the Fire Department. David Little gave the Board a handout and asked for clarification based on what we submitted. Discussion ensued.

D. Littlefield mentioned that training for this month will be an in-service training on the TNT rescue tools on the 14th.

Chief Colcord mentioned that training for February 11th will be a tour of Pine Tree Power Plant.

Chief Colcord said he tuned the furnace at S. Tamworth Station and stated it needs further servicing.

Chief Colcord talked about a concern of a resident who is in need of a heater for their home. Chief loaned a couple electric heaters to them.

Chief Colcord mentioned a member is taking a leave of absence and further stated he would like to clean up the roster of members who are not making calls or meetings.

Chief Colcord thanked the members responsible for installing the hose divider and packing new hose on Engine 4.

Chief Colcord asked if he should pursue repairing 6F2. The Board agreed to do so.

Chief Colcord mentioned that former member Forest Merrill's wife, Dottie, passed away and asked members who may attend the funeral on Saturday 1:00pm to wear Class A uniforms.

J. Hartley mentioned that we should take the old Engine 4 to North Country Auction and sell it as is. The Board agreed.

Chief Colcord mentioned his Guard training schedule has changed and may continue to evolve and change.

Capt. D. Teryek mentioned that he disconnected the batteries on 6F1. He also mentioned that the FoamPro was not working on 6E2.

Chief Colcord mentioned that the KA Brett School was inspected and passed.

D.A. Bowles thanked everyone for their help with getting Engine 4 in service.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 21:10 made by M. Norcross. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Submitted by DL