

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

February 4, 2010

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

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

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:33

Minutes: Minutes of the January 7, 2010 meeting were accepted as amended by H. Remick, 2nd by D. Littlefield. All in favor.

Old Business:

Chief Colcord mentioned that he has not made contact with Tamworth Inn. He stated that it appears they may be closing up and he will hold off on issuing an occupancy permit until he hears further from them.

Chief Colcord said he removed some of the concrete from the Chocorua Station floor and feels the ground was not compacted enough in the first place. He will be moving trucks around and would like to patch the floor with new concrete. It was discussed to wait until Spring.

Chief Colcord mentioned that 6E1 was going to have the leak repaired on the tank beginning Tuesday and 6E2 will be moved into Central in the mean time. The tank does have a lifetime warranty that will cover the costs of repair.

Chief Colcord mentioned that the Dept. returned about \$7,000 to the general fund left over from the 2009 budget.

Chief Colcord submitted an activity report and call stats for the month of January.

Chief Colcord will advertise old 6E4 for public sale and we will open bids at the April Fireward's meeting.

M. Norcross asked about the pager. Chief Colcord mentioned he had not got the pager back from Joanne Rainville.

In regards to the concern over the Selectmen requesting personnel forms and information, Chief Colcord mentioned that the Selectmen have chose to make the volunteers sub-contractors and would issue 1099 to the volunteers. In doing so this would make the dept. volunteers independent of any Town policies. Chief Colcord further discussed he had concerns as to whether or not we are still covered under liability and workmen's compensation insurance, so he contacted LGC/PRIMEX who has provided a 1/29/2010 letter saying that this will not effect workmen's compensation. Chief Colcord also mentioned that there were issues with volunteers and eligibility or un-eligibility with

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unemployment and other programs. Discussion ensued. Chief Colcord will submit a letter to the BOS regarding the Town paying for volunteer firefighter's unemployment.

New Business:

Chief Colcord mentioned that he is going to have Nick S. fabricate some brackets for the new tools on 6E4.

Chief Colcord would like to follow up with 8 members (S. Ruhf, S. Finnman, S. Glencross, S. Schwartz, S. Matheson, W. Streeter, C. Robinson, N. Pelchat) to see what their level of commitment is and whether or not they want to continue to be on the Dept.

Chief Colcord mentioned that there will be a funeral service for Mark Decoteau on Saturday in Plymouth and was advising if anyone wanted to attend in Class As see the posting on the board for more information.

Chief Colcord asked the Board if he could use 6Car1 to go to Concord for the receiving of Mark Decoteau at the airport. Chief Colcord said he will be acting as the Honor Guard for the National Guard. The Board approved this one time circumstance.

Training for this month will be at Pine Tree Power, meet at the station at 1900 to be there by 1915.

Chief Colcord discussed a new location that is applying for a fireworks permit and mentioned that he has reviewed the site and the owners are familiar with the changes and upgrades that need to be made.

There was discussion about the Chief's employment agreement and it was felt that the evaluation should be in September to better align with budgeting. H.Remick made a motion to have the Chief's evaluation be in September of each year, M. Norcross 2nd. All in favor. The Board approved a new contract effective from February 1, 2010 to February 3, 2011 with review on or around September 1, 2010.

The Board received a copy of the State's employee evaluation form and will fill it out accordingly for the Chief and bring it back to the next Firewards meeting for an evaluation.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 21:13 made by M. Norcross. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.
Submitted by DL