

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

September 10, 2010

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

Firefighters present: Asst. Chief Jim Bowles, Capt. Dan Teryek, Capt. Diane K. Bowles, FF Shawn Bross, FF Eric St. Jean, FF Jeff Tavares, FF Phil Rich, Prob. FF Michaela Tetreault. Rescue Luci Bellen

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:44

Minutes: Minutes of the August 5, 2010 meeting were accepted as amended by John Hartley, 2nd by Harry Remick. 4-Yes 1-Abstained

Old Business:

Capt. Dan Teryek inquired what to do with disposal-replacing the tires on Engine 2. Recapping the tires was discussed. It was decided to purchase 4 drive tires and 2 steer tires.

David A. Bowles gave the Board an update on the Great Hill Fire Tower Repeater. It was decided that the Department would request to appropriate 40% of the project cost, estimated at \$16,000, on the 2011 Town Warrant.

David A. Bowles mentioned that he replaced the boundary marker behind Central Station.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles updated the Board on the radio-reprogramming project. Jim mentioned the equipment was in and he was trying to delay the appointments with OME for the programming. Jim further mentioned he was hoping to get the new local frequency first before we get the radios reprogrammed. Board agreed to hold off on programming as long as possible.

Capt. Diane K. Bowles spoke to the Board about fire prevention materials. Diane inventoried current materials and asked if she could purchase \$425.00 of new material, understanding that we only budgeted \$300.00 for materials. Discussion ensued. Dana Littlefield made a motion to expend the additional \$125 to purchase the materials needed, 2nd by John Hartley. All in favor.

New Business:

Milton Norcross brought up the use of Car 1. The Board felt that the use of Car 1 should be used at an officer's discretion.

Dana Littlefield mentioned that training will be hose relay and hose lay with the Hose Truck. It was discussed that the training will be either held at Bruce Robinson's pit or old route 16 Chocorua Lake.

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Dana Littlefield discussed his actions while on duty as Police Officer. It was discussed that that he can size up the scene and give information to incoming units and make the appropriate decisions. Dana stated that he would not be able to commit himself to a scene for an extended period of time.

Asst. Chief Bowles updated the Board with recent inspections;

- Tri-Cap and Dental Office
- Barnhardt Assisted Living residence
- Community Kids
- Brass Harte Inn is getting a new furnace
- Emmerson Community Living
- Maura Community Living

John Hartley inquired about the status of inspections. Asst. Chief Jim Bowles stated that there was no backlog of people calling in for new inspections.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles asked the Captains of the stations to take care of having their apparatus inspected.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles mentioned that Lakes Region Fire Apparatus was inquiring about having pumps tested. Jim stated that we did not budget for that and that we would not be doing it at this time.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles said he would like to have the SCBA compressor tested and inspected. Jim will schedule to have it done.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles mentioned that the Tamworth Firemen's Club will be paying the stone portion of the bill for repair of the Kelly hydrant.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles said he would work on getting the bid advertised for selling the old Engine 4.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles gave the Board a budget update.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles met with Steve Gray of the Capital Improvements Committee. Steve mentioned that the CIP was requesting more information on future expenses. Jim will try and put together more information for the report.

Capt. Diane K. Bowles updated the Board on Chief Colcord's National Guard deployment mission.

Capt. Dan Teryek inquired about filling up the apparatus now, due to the fact Watson's is no longer selling Diesel fuel. FF Jeff Tavares mentioned it was approved by the Selectmen to use the fuel depot at the Town Garage.

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Capt. Dan Teryek discussed radio use on incidents. Dan feels that there needs to be some ground rules and procedures for use of communications. Capt. Diane K. Bowles said it would be good to have radio training. Dana Littlefield agreed and would try to incorporate a practical training with classroom training.

Jeff Tavares updated the Board with status on Medstar. Jeff mentioned Medstar is no longer in business and the Town is currently in a month-to-month contract with Lifestar Ambulance Service.

Dana Littlefield mentioned that the Rescue Squad was requesting the use of Central Station training room for an EMT-B class that will be instructed by John Burdette (2C1) starting Sept. 27th. The Board approved the request with the understanding that he would offer free enrollment to a member of the Fire Dept. or Rescue Squad. Dana Littlefield will continue to look into a policy for renting out the classroom.

FF Eric St. Jean asked if the department would be willing to pay for him to take the upcoming EMT-B. David A. Bowles stated that if he were to take the class and not pass that he would have to pay for the class. Dana Littlefield felt that a student should pay the money in advance and if they passed they would be reimbursed. David A. Bowles feels that the department should not pay for rescue members and its related courses. The Board agreed to deny the request based on precedence and lack of policy.

Dana Littlefield said to batten down the hatches for Hurricane Earl.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles discussed an approval of a cull de sac. Discussion ensued. Jim feels we should approve it.

Non-Public:

None

Action of Non-Public:

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 21:50 PM made by Dana Littlefield. Seconded by John Hartley. All in favor.

Submitted Respectfully by Dana Littlefield
09/02/10