

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

January 2, 2009

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

Firefighters present: Chief Colcord, Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. D.K.Bowles

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:42

Minutes:

Minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting were discussed. Change made to make \$20/hr to \$2,000. Motion by D. Littlefield to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by M. Norcross. All in favor

Member Comments: None

Expenditure Report:

Chief Colcord reported we are still under budget.

Old Business:

D. A. Bowles inquired about the status of Tamworth Inn. Chief Colcord advised nothing new has happened. He gave the Board a copy of a letter he would be submitting to the Debbie Sells. Asst. Chief Bowles suggested some edits. Board approved the letter.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles met with the Selectman in regards to the Moody hydrant. Engineers from FST were on hand at the meeting and mentioned they recognized the oversight and offered to make the appropriate repair. Asst. Chief J. Bowles will meet with FST to offer suggestions.

Chief Colcord mentioned he had inspected the KA Brett School and it went well. He suggested that maybe the generator should be put of service due to an inherent oil leak. D. Littlefield said he would be looking into grants to hopefully help fund a new generator in the future.

Chief Colcord said that John Roberts had not had a chance to do the Bliss hydrant and there was no decision yet on Kelly's hydrant.

Chief Colcord mentioned he will put out an announcement for members to bring their portables to the station so that he could have them reprogrammed at OME.

D. A. Bowles and Chief Colcord met with the Selectman in regards to adding money to the Capitol Reserve. They said they would support us in the decision to ask for \$115,000 in lieu of us supporting the Highway Garage project and giving up our funding for Capitol Reserve last year.

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Old Business: *(cont.)*

Chief Colcord mentioned that the Barnstormers had the appropriate glycol mix put into the sprinkler system and shut down the heat for the building. The heater that remains in the building is an electric forced hot air heater mounted on the wall in the sprinkler control room.

Chief Colcord updated the board on station improvements. Nothing has been done with the Rescue bay door.

Chief Colcord mentioned he purchased new tires for Car1 through Frechette Tire in Conway, thanks to a discount through Ptl. P. Frechette.

New Business:

Chief Colcord spoke with the Women's Auxiliary and they are purchasing 21 6-in-1 Pliers and 10 headlamps for the department's annual gift.

Capt. D. K. Bowles mentioned that the Women's Auxiliary may be disbanding due to lack of members and fundraising, but they may still be available for incidents. It was suggested that they come and meet with the Board. It was also suggested that the department would reimburse them for their expenses during an incident.

D. Littlefield spoke about creating a petition for a warrant article, for this years annual meeting, that would change the term length of the Board of Firewards from a one year term to a three year term. Discussion ensued. Board approved.

Chief Colcord submitted an article he had written for submission in the Civic News.

There was discussion in regards to creating a Smoking SOG. Discussion ensued. It was decided that D. Littlefield will draft a copy and bring it back to the Board for review.

Non-Public:

D. Littlefield moved the Board to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 20:39. Seconded by H. Remick. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Discussion in regards to personnel evaluation and contract negotiation.

D. Littlefield moved the Board to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 21:49. Seconded by M. Norcross. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Action of Non-Public:

Contract for Employment will be amended and accepted at next months meeting. Car1 should only be used for personal use if it is within the reasonable response area. Implementation of an Inspections Goal list. Accountability of hours worked based on type of work; i.e. EMS, Mechanics, Inspections...

Motion for adjournment at 21:57 made by D. Littlefield. 2nd by H. Remick. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by D. Littlefield