

# TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Board of Firewards Meeting

November 5, 2009

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

**Firefighters present:** Chief Colcord, Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. D.K. Bowles, FF J. Tavares, Capt. D. Teryek, Rescue Luci Bellen, FF J. Harris Jr., FF D. Baril, FF P. Rich, FF E. St. Jean, FF S. Knapp, FF E. LaPete, FF S. Finman, FF M. Baumann

**Public Present:** None

**Meeting Opened at 19:23**

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the October 9, 2009 meeting were accepted as amended by J. Hartley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Norcross. All in favor.

### **Old Business:**

Chief Colcord mentioned he inspected the Chocorua Community Church and they are willing to comply with the necessary codes.

Chief Colcord discussed Phil Rich and requested we accept him as a full member based on his certifications. Discussion ensued. It was decided that he would stay as a probationary member and Capt. D. Teryek will check him off on equipment.

Chief Colcord discussed Nick Chase and after speaking with his former Chief, decided that we will not be accepting his membership.

Chief Colcord thanked everyone who helped with replacing the septic tank. The old rotted tank was removed and replaced with a new one and dry well was added.

Chief Colcord advised that all trucks have passed inspection.

Chief Colcord made copies of the SOG Policies for new members and will hand them out as soon as he has a binder.

Chief Colcord mentioned he had been doing inspections, but did not have a formal written report.

Chief Colcord mentioned that the Fire Dept and Rescue Squad agreed to buy a set of demo TNT Rescue Hydraulic Tools.

### **New Business:**

Chief Colcord mentioned that some members participated in the Town's random drug testing policy. There was discussion around the concern of alcohol testing volunteers who are not specifically on duty at the time.

Chief Colcord discussed next years budget and mentioned that we were increasing the VIP money by \$5,000 to better reimburse the volunteers.

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Chief Colcord discussed that the Board and himself met with the Selectman and requested the release of \$242,000 from our Capitol Reserve Fund to allow us to purchase a new Engine for \$245,000 two years ahead of schedule. The Selectman agreed and the Board entered into a purchase agreement with Lakes Region Fire Apparatus. The additional \$3,000 needed to pay for the remainder of the truck will come from this year's budget.

There was discussion around the additional equipment needed to outfit the new Engine. Discussion ensued and it was decided to purchase the following to get the truck in service; Incoming Gated Relief Valve, 2-10' Hard Suction, 6" Strainer, 4 1/2-6" DBL Female, 4"x3" Storz adapter and cap, Hose Bed Divider for a total of \$3,053.47 that will come out of this year's budget.

D.A. Bowles discussed that we will only be asking for \$1.00 in our Capitol Reserve Fund for next year so that we can justify the cost savings of purchasing the new Engine two years early. The significance of the \$1.00 is so that we may continue with the formality of the warrant article and explain to the taxpayers the cost savings.

Chief Colcord mentioned he had some bills for medical physicals. It was mentioned that FF S. Finman requested to pay for his own. The Board thanked him for his donation.

Chief Colcord mentioned there will be a ceremony at Veteran's Memorial at 11:00am and requested that members attend in their Class A uniforms to show their respect.

H. Remick mentioned the two doors for Central Station are in and he will be installing them shortly.

D. Littlefield mentioned next weeks training will be a CPR training.

D. Littlefield discussed the possibility of doing a new member orientation class on a Saturday where we would review the department's SOGs and By-Laws as well as orientation to Apparatus and equipment.

FF M. Baumann asked about the Volunteer Incentive money and asked if probationary members were receiving pay

## **Non-Public:**

H. Remick moved the Board to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 20:19. Seconded by J. Hartley. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Discussion regarding FF Jim Harris Jr.

Discussion regarding Tamworth Inn

H. Remick moved the Board to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 20:47. Seconded by J. Hartley. All members present voted in the affirmative.

## **Action as a result of Non-Public:**

It was determined to allow FF Jim Harris Jr. to continue as a probationary member.

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment at 21:48 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Submitted by DL