

TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting January 5, 2023

Firewards Present: J. Bowles, Z. Remick, H. Remick

Members Present: Chief Richard Colcord, Capt. Diane Bowles, Capt. Dave Cribbie, J. Baumann

Public Present: Erin Burns, Jeff Larocque

Meeting Opened at 19:30 by Chairman Bowles

Minutes: The Board reviewed the December 1, 2022 minutes. Z. Remick made a motion to accept, H. Remick seconded, all in favor.

Old Business:

Central Station new rear apparatus door. Chief will work on strengthening the header and mounting the springs and motor.

The Central Station SCBA air compressor has been repaired.

The SCBA have been flow tested. Four units needed repair but repairs were done right away and they're all back in service.

The SCBA grant application was discussed. Our grant writer has advised that there is a better chance of receiving the grant if we go for a new compressor, fill station, and SCBA all at once. The total amount of the project is \$352,914. It was decided that the grant will be submitted showing that the Town will contribute \$19,976.26. J. Bowles will draft a warrant article using this amount.

New Business:

Erin Burns handed in an application for membership. She works at the Brett School and had a background check done in September so just needs to get us a copy of it.

Z. Remick made motion to accept Jeff Larocque as a probationary member pending background check and physical. H. Remick seconded all in favor.

Z. Remick made motion to accept Erin Burns as a probationary member pending a physical and submitting her background check that was done for the school in September. H. Remick seconded, all in favor.

Central Station generator not working again. The generator runs but the automatic transfer switch does not transfer automatically. Chief will look into it and get Generator Solutions to repair it if necessary.

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Chief Colcord advised that the Zoll 12 lead cardiac monitor was checked/serviced today. He has ordered a new V lead cable for it and a new oxygen sensor.

Chief Colcord advised that the State just did the annual re-licensing inspection of our rescue vehicle/ambulance and it passed.

Car 1 is having an issue where the engine makes an unusual noise. Another time it started but wouldn't move. It will be taken to Cantin Chevrolet tomorrow for diagnosis and repair. It is still under warranty.

Voted to adopt the new meeting schedule that D. Cribbie proposed last month as it was well received by both the EMS and Fire members at their recent meetings.

The proposed policy for Car 2 use, for attending out of town trainings was discussed. The intent of the policy was agreed upon. J. Bowles will put it into the standard SOG format and bring to the next meeting for review and approval.

The proposed criteria for approving expenses related to out of town training classes was discussed. It was agreed that more changes are needed to properly consider some scenarios that could come up. J. Bowles will attempt to come up with wording to address these situations, put it into the standard SOG format, and bring it back to the next Firewards meeting for review and approval.

Next week's fire training will be ropes & knots and land navigation and GPS.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment made by Z. Remick at 21:17, seconded by H. Remick all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bowles, Chairman – Town of Tamworth Board of Firewards