

# TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

## **Board of Firewards Meeting September 2, 2021**

**Firewards Present:** Jim Bowles, John Hartley, Harry Remick, Z. Remick called in and participated via FaceTime.

**Members Present:** Capt. Diane Bowles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief M. Baumann

**Public Present:** None

**Meeting Opened at 20:25 by Chairman Bowles** (The meeting started late, after the auctioning of the 1941 Ford was completed at S. Tamworth Station.) While the auctioning of the 1941 Ford was taking place J. Hartley investigated and fixed a leaking air shore line check valve on 6E1.

**Minutes:** The Board reviewed the August 5, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve made by, J. Hartley, Second by J. Hartley – all were in favor.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Old Business:**

The 1941 Ford was auctioned off at 19:00 earlier tonight. It was sold to North Stonington Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. for \$7,200.

The new Ram 5500/Alexis Forestry truck arrived on 8/11/21. Lakes Region Fire Apparatus needs to complete the punch list and dealer prep, and it needs to go to Ossipee Mountain Electronics to have the radio installed. M. Baumann advised that lettering is scheduled for Wednesday of next week.

### **New Business:**

There was discussion of the demo ambulance/rescue vehicle that was brought to Central Station last Thursday. It was a 2013 aluminum body re-mounted on a brand new Ford F550 chassis. The cost is \$235,000 and it comes with a two-year warranty. All were a little leery of the remounted unit. The same company, Specialty Vehicles Products Inc. also has a brand new Lifeline type 1 unit that is being built now that is going on a RAM chassis and will cost \$310,624 and includes a power load system. J. Bowles made a motion to put an article in the 2022 warrant to add \$70,000 to the Rescue Vehicle capital reserve fund and purchase a new one with a lifetime warranty. J. Hartley seconded and all voted in favor. J. Bowles advised that he already mentioned this possibility to the chair of the CIP committee on Wednesday.

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Z. Remick made a motion to form an ambulance spec. committee of J. Tavares, M. Baumann, and Z. Remick. J. Bowles seconded and all were in favor.

J. Bowles advised that the new forestry has been registered.

J. Hartley mentioned that we should get rubber mats for the floor of the new forestry truck.

J. Bowles asked about getting a winch kit for the new forestry truck. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea and it can just be purchased out of the current equipment budget.

Z. Remick reminded everyone that the list of approved drivers for the new forestry truck needs to be made and kept with the other documentation required by the FEMA grant.

J. Bowles presented a vehicle replacement masterplan for discussion. It was agreed that this plan would be shared with the Capital Improvements Committee with the understanding that it may need to be adjusted in the future. Essentially it calls for replacing fire engines when they are 30 years old, the rescue vehicle/ambulance when it is 20 years old, and the SUV when it is 10 years old. Some estimated costs and suggested amounts to be put away each year were included. There was discussion that 20 years may be too long for the ambulance depending on usage.

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment at 21:25 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by Z. Remick. All in favor.

*Note: After the meeting several Firewards and M. Baumann investigated a complaint of a whistling sound on 6E1 that occurs only at certain times, usually when accelerating. It was determined to be a loose clamp on the pipe between the aftercooler and the intake manifold. The clamp was tightened and the noise went away.*

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