

Campton-Thornton Fire Commission Business Meeting December 14, 2009

Meeting called to order at 1600 hrs by Ch. Dan Morel. Present at the meeting were : Dan Morel, Niles Downing ,Dick Giehl, Jim Demeritt, Todd Baldwin, Ch. Tobine, Deputy Ch. Halm, Town administrators Ann-Marie Foote and Tammy Beaulieu.

The first order of business was to discuss the 2010 budget. The preliminary finishing touches were plugged in and a date and time to meet with the Boards of Selectmen was set for January 11, 2010 at 7 pm.

Old business: Dan reported that he had attended the last Campton Selectmen's meeting to present the Commission's proposal for the adjustments to the Fire Chief's salary structure. The feedback was positive.

The acquisition of a Fire Department credit card for emergency purchases of fuel and other necessary expenses was revisited. The Commission was informed by Chief Tobine that the bank he planned on obtaining the card from (Northway) would not issue a corporate card, but Chase Bank would at 11.24% interest. As the Commission doesn't expect to carry a balance, that doesn't appear to be an issue. A motion was made and seconded to go with the Chase card and passed unanimously.

New business: Jim will meet with the Thornton BOS to apprise them of the Commission's proposal for the Chief's salary structure.

Chief Tobine advised the Commission that the Ford Explorer that the dept. used was taken out of service due to major mechanical and body issues. The current Chief's vehicle was scheduled to replace it in March. A suggestion was made that the vehicle be placed in the State auction in the spring, but the option of selling it sooner will also be considered. In the meantime, the Department will need to use the utility vehicle as a replacement.

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Jim thinks that the Town of Thornton has placed money in its CIP for this purpose. Chief Tobine will check to see if Campton has prepared for this expenditure. The Commission will discuss this issue at its next regular meeting.

Chief Tobine explained to the Commission the need for an updated computer networking system and dedicated server. He explained several serious deficiencies with the current system and the advantages of the upgrade. He has contacted a company and has a proposal of \$9168.00. Several of the Commissioners took copies of the proposal for review and will possibly check into other options.

No other business was presented. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 1740 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Downing