

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
August 1, 2019
Approved: September 5, 2019

Location:
Georgia Fire Station
4134 Ethan Allen Highway
Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 13 Excused: 6 Absent: 13

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:03pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Jamie Cota seconded by Eric Couture, motion passed.
- Keith introduce Paul Carpenter who has joined the fire department. He is new to the fire service.
- Old Engine 1 has been cleaned and pictures have been taken for the sale listing. The truck should be listed next week. Vendor will take 10% of sale price as commission. Beyond the need to move the truck out of the station, please do not drive the truck. Plan to get it inspected as it is due this month.
- Tanker 2 will be prepped for sale soon after the old Engine is listed.
- Hose testing was completed, four lengths failed testing. Keith thanked Jamie, Gary Baker, Jamison Barber and Malcolm Baker for helping.
- Keith is required to submit hours and call percentages to the Select Board for compliance with the new Standard Operating Guidelines later this month. See Keith if you have questions.

New Business

- This month's training will be a tour of the alarm system at the school.
- There will be an extrication training on Saturday starting at 8:00am.
- The fifth Thursday will be a makeup SCBA training.
- There is an emergency vehicle driver training instructor course September 21st and 22nd in Alburgh.
- Fairfax is hosting a softball tournament as a fundraiser on August 25th. \$25 per person minimum donation plus a corporate sponsor matching. Teams of ten and must have a minimum of five women.
- Keith thanked Pat King for painting the locker room.
- Chris Gonyeau has resigned from the fire department. Chris was a past chief for five years and had a tenure of over 20 years with the department. He also had a big role in getting the new station built. Keith thanked him for his years of service.
- Keith read a thank you card from a young towns person who received a tour of the truck and the station.
- The department's policy for fireworks in town is that Keith will only sign off on displays by properly licensed technicians.
- Keith has a new email address, firechief@townofgeorgia.com. Keith will send an email from that address to everyone.

- The phone system is being changed and the Select Board has been made aware of the internet issues at the station.
- Radio systems at dispatch went down yesterday as well as their generator, phone systems and their backup systems due to a lightning strike at a substation. Jeff Bryant happened to be at their mobile operations center when we received a call which he transmitted via Active911.
- We still have two tickets to sell for the Franklin County International Fire Association Calcutta. Let Jamie know if you are interested in attending or know someone who would like to as soon as possible.
- New Emergency Reporting system is online and calls are being entered. The officers should now have logins and can start entering their calls. Discussed tracking truck response times for all trucks, instead of the first truck to respond, to aid improvement of our ISO certification.
- There have been several burglaries around town. Discussed possibility of installing security cameras at the station.
- Watch out for wild parsnips. If you break them, the oils can cause burns if it gets on your skin and is exposed to sunlight. If you get into some on a call, make sure to wash your skin as soon as possible and wash your gear when you get back to the station.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jeff Bryant, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Select Board Concerns

- None