

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
October 1, 2020

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

Present: 12 Excused: 5 Absent: 1

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 8:50pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jamieson Barber, motion passed.
- 2019 fire department awards were presented before the business meeting. The awards were:
 - Community Service Award – Jamie Cota
 - Richard Palmer Safety Award – Todd Cadieux
 - Firefighter of the Year – Todd Cadieux
 - Officer of the Year – Eric Couture
- No new updates on the work on the Brush truck upfit. We expect it will take at least another couple weeks.
- Keith thanked everyone who helped clean the station on Saturday, September 19th. A lot of work was done.
- Keith thanked those who attended the Zoom select board meeting.
- Keith thanked Eric for helping with the fire extinguisher training
- Keith thanked those who participated in the last birthday parade.
- Keith thanked Malcolm Baker, Todd Cadieux, Amber Baker and Owen Baker for attending the annual September 11th memorial at the fire station.
- Budget needs to be in by October 23rd. Please let Keith know if you have any ideas for equipment or other expenses ASAP.
- Fire prevention week is being delayed until spring. We are hoping to be able to be in person at the school at that time.
- St. Albans Town's ladder truck was put up for bid a week ago. We have secured approval from the Select board to place a bid in an amount not to exceed the approved budget.
- Keith sought feedback on the change of not always having the most senior officer taking command. We have had relatively few calls in the past month so there was little feedback.
- Keith added phone numbers to the new department cell phone for Engine 1 including members' cell phone numbers.

New Business

- Training will be our annual hazardous materials refresher and will be next Thursday starting at 6:00pm. We will be providing pizza.
- A resident has requested for us to burn a brush pile for them which we may do for our second training this month.

- Water 3 has new rear tires and the brakes have been serviced.
- New cleaners have been hired for the building and they will be here on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
- There is a new printer in Keith's office.
- The Franklin-Lamoille Fire School for 2021 will be the fourth week in September.
- The county association has proposed doing a non-official pumping apparatus driver operator course which may be held in several different locations throughout the course.
- VOSHA is increasing enforcement of mask mandates, including for emergency responders according to the county association.
- Oil pressure switch on Engine 2 has been replaced.
- We will have the truck radios serviced to address quality issues when the new truck is back in the station.
- Discussed rearranging equipment on the trucks.
- New Nomex hoods have been ordered. The new hoods are supposed to increase protection from carcinogens.
- Keith introduced Jon Callan, a prospective member who lives on Mill River Road.

Motion to adjourn made by Eric Couture seconded by Ben Piper, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Select Board Concerns

- None