

Georgia Fire and Rescue Department
Regular Business Meeting
January 2, 2024

Location:
4134 Ethan Allen Highway
Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 16 Excused: 4 Absent: 6

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:29pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept as read made by Jamie Cota seconded by Owen Baker, motion passed.
- Keith discussed the capital budget he submitted to the finance committee. Members were able to review the capital budget.
- Keith drafted a proposal to the Select Board regarding how to fund the ladder truck replacement which he allowed members to review, and which was discussed. The proposal reflects discussions he had with the Select Board. Keith asked for volunteers for a truck committee. Todd volunteered. Eric and Pat previously expressed interest and were tentatively interested. Other members who expressed interest include Cameron, Mike C., and Isaac.
- Yearend purchases included two new thermal imaging cameras, new 4 gas meters, helmets and other PPE, nozzles and fittings.
- Keith thanked everyone who provided coverage or otherwise helped with Don Turner's funeral and memorial services.
- The water level in the tanks behind the station appears to be holding steady.

New Business

- Training for January will comprise of first 5 minute drills on the 16th, a presentation by Vermont Gas on the 23rd, and building construction on the 30th.
- Chelsea emailed EMS only members that Jamieson Barber decided to step down as EMS training officer. Chelsea will be doing pediatric scenarios with Sim Baby. EMS members should let Chelsea know if they are interested in the EMS training officer position.
- Discussed recruitment efforts for fire and EMS. Fire service recruitment has been a widespread issue for years. Also discussed automatic mutual aid.
- Isaac Ellis is back from his leave of absence.
- AJ Calacci will be taking a leave of absence for 3 to 6 months.
- The town budget overview will be held January 6th in the Georgia Fire Station. A volunteer is needed while a second meeting is held in the apparatus bay.
- We were asked if we could provide water for the ice rink at the JMMY Center.
- Fairfax's annual holiday dinner is on January 18th and they have requested coverage from 5:00 to 10:00pm. We will be dispatched first due for anything on the western part of town. Cambridge will be covering the eastern part of the town.
- Call percentages for 2024 are available. See Keith after the meeting for your call percentage.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jamieson Barber, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Select Board Concerns

- None

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Attendance

Member	Present	Excused	Absent	Note
Baker, Gary	x			
Baker, Keith	x			
Baker, Malcolm	x			
Baker, Michael	x			
Baker, Owen	x			
Barber, Jamieson	x			
Boudreau, Cassie		x		
Cadieux, Blake	x			
Cadieux, Todd	x			
Calacci, Anthony		x		
Callan, Jonathan	x			
Cook, Michael	x			
Cota III, A. James	x			
Couture, Eric			x	
Dubie, Chelsea			x	
Dunsmore, Andrew		x		
Ellis, Issac		x		
King, Patrick		x		
Lafond, Cameron	x			
Lamaroux, Craig			x	
Lawrence, Caton	x			
Marden, Nichole			x	
Mullin, Rob		x		
Nye II, Eric			x	
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Guests

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