

**Twin Mountain
Fire Department**

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Good afternoon,

I have created the series of Warrant articles for the Select board to review as we discussed the other evening. These articles are being put forward with the understanding that:

1. The Fire Department and Ambulance expenses will be listed on the General ledger in two separate areas under the department heading of Fire- Rescue.
2. 100% of ambulance Revenue will go into the Fire Department and Ambulance Apparatus, Equipment, and Personnel Special Revenue Fund.
3. An annual warrant article will be presented from the SRF. to cover a portion of the operating expenses of the ambulance. This amount will be approximately equal to the previous year's income minus \$75,000 for future apparatus purchases.
4. The Fire Department will no longer fund large purchases thru Capital Reserve funds and the remaining monies in the two existing Capital Reserve Funds (Emergency Van and Fire Equipment) will be moved to the FD Special Revenue Fund by the Select board as soon as practical after the March voting.
5. The goal of separating the Ambulance on the ledgers is to be able to show a degree of self sufficiency for the ambulance with the hopes that it can ultimately become self sustaining.
6. A Committee may be created by the Select Board and the department head to look at additional ways that the Ambulance may increase its goal of revenue/ self sufficiency.
7. The Town of Carroll will supplement, thru taxation and the General fund, the remaining operating costs of the Ambulance until such point that it becomes self- sustaining.
8. In moving forward with these changes the Select board will move ahead with the purchase of the approved new ambulance

Below is a list of the proposed warrant articles to make this happen. I plan to make the Pick/up truck a petition warrant article so that it can be considered separately. Thanks and if you have any feedback please let me know by Monday, if possible.

2012 Warrant Articles

To see if the Town will vote to allow the final lease payment of \$65,000, for the Fire Engine approved in 2008, to be made from the Fire Department and Ambulance Apparatus, Equipment, and Personnel Special Revenue Fund.

To see if the Town will vote to create a capital reserve fund to be known as the Emergency Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This fund will be established with an initial amount of \$ 25,000. This amount is to be re-appropriated equally from the Emergency Van Capital Reserve Fund (\$12,500) and the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (\$12,500). This Capital Reserve fund is to be used for any unanticipated large repairs to Fire-Rescue vehicles. No money is to be raised thru new taxation.

To see if the Town will vote to change the current ambulance billing appropriations (from the current 80% /20% split) to 100% of the revenue going to the Fire Department and Ambulance Apparatus, Equipment, and Personnel Special Revenue Fund. This fund will then be used in the future to offset some of the operational costs of the ambulance as well as continue to provide for future apparatus purchases.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand ~~00~~ dollars (\$19,000) to replace the existing 2002 fire department pick-up that has been turned into a forestry vehicle. The full amount is to be taken from the Fire Department and Ambulance Apparatus, Equipment, and Personnel Special Revenue Fund. No money to be raised from new taxation.