

## **STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT - February 14, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell. Present were: Bill Sharick, Joe Keyser, Chief Vamosy and EMS Chief Hejnal.

The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved with a correction, on a motion by Joe seconded by Bill. In reference to the current EMS service, discussion was omitted.

### **Presentation of Bills:**

\$ 59.66 Cornerstone	53.73 Ace Hardware
1,138.00 Matthew Sherman, LLC	1,888.10 Glatfelter Brokerage
859.70 River Valley Radio	97.30 Village of Stamford
653.87 Mirabito	13,266.90 NYSIF
1,050.00 MES	500.00 Greenbriar Construction
238.73 Verizon	450.00 Donald Stone
310.91 Village of Stamford (fuel Nov. & Dec.)	500.00 AFDSNY Dues

Joe made a motion, seconded by Bill to pay bills in usual manner with the exception of \$97.30 from the Village of Stamford for telephone..

The treasurer's report was given as follows: there is a balance of \$22,011.80 in the checking account, \$7,565.27 in the general fund savings account, \$146,025.01 apparatus reserve savings, \$24,473.03 repair reserve savings. Tax monies have been received from Town of Stamford (\$17,154.15), Town of Gilboa (\$60,266.20), and Town of Kortright (\$14,503.83). This report is to be acknowledged as part of the minutes.

A representative of Catskill Creative was present to discuss setting up a website. He said there would be free hosting for a year, the domain would be given to the district (which we would pay for) and there would be an internal mailing list. The cost for setting up the website would be between \$1,700 and \$5,000. The overall consensus was to proceed with a quote and a decision would be made after further review.

Mark Los was also present to discuss taxes, rates and mapping.

There was considerable discussion regarding telephone, internet and TV service. Spectrum (previously Time Warner) provides all services. Verizon provides telephone and internet, which the cost would be bundled. Currently there are no contracts with Verizon or Time Warner. Bill made a motion, seconded by Joe to stay with the current carrier (Cornerstone) for a month until the next bill arrives. After more discussion, Bill rescinded his motion, seconded by Joe to proceed with telephone and internet service from Verizon. Approval was given to purchase an antenna for TV service.

Chief Vamosy made a request to purchase fire extinguishers. Bill made a motion, seconded by Joe to approve the purchase of 5 at state contract pricing. He also presented a quote for the purchase of high band radios. After much discussion on the effectiveness of high band compared to the low band radios for the purpose of communication with the county and officers, Bill made a motion, seconded by Joe to purchase 3 mobile high band radios for chief officers.

A WEX account has been approved for purchasing fuel. The account will be set up and cards will be sent out upon receipt of vehicle and driver information.

Eastern Energy will provide information in March regarding the energy audit.

Bill asked about a vendor for fire extinguishers. A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Bill to go with Fyr Fyter and send them the necessary information regarding the new Stamford Joint Fire District.

Kevin Hull will be contacted to present insurance information at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucille Chichester  
District Secretary