

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

April 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Tim Powell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were: Deidra Hill, Ellen Kennedy, Dusty King, Peter Pioppo, Tim Powell, Bill Sharick, Stamford FD 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Joe Hornbeck, and Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal.

Kenny Fuller, Jr. and Glen Morrison from KJBL Electronics joined the group to talk about radio challenges and options, along with Kevin Brown of the Bovina Fire Department.

- VHF paging system will limit members – which trucks are enroute, communication about what is needed at scene, etc.
- Confirmed that we would be able to hear another department being toned – just the initial page.
- KJBL noted that they can program other mutual aid departments into SFD radios.
- Unication has developed a dual band pager – if the county goes with that option, price is about \$680 per.
- SFD would have to purchase portables.
- All apparatus would be equipped + radios for three Chiefs would be provided.
- Approximately \$300 for 2312/3312 model which has radio and speaker. \$255.50 each + the speaker option.
- P25 capable portable = \$920.75 for package.
- No dual band portables made yet.
- There were more detailed discussions and KJBL left literature behind for review.

The Minutes from the March meeting were read and approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.

### **Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs**

- Nothing to report from the fire side.
- EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal would like to purchase medical supplies from McKesson - \$651.72. Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Deidra, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Review and approval of slate of chief officers from the SFD elections held on April 4, 2019. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
  - Chief AJ Vamosy
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Don VanEtten
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Joe Hornbeck
  - EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal

## **Presentation of Bills**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Ace Hardware	\$ 12.87
Amanda Catapano	\$ 1,040.00
Country Home Security	\$ 96.24
Donald Stone	\$ 180.00
EMTAC Group	\$ 700.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,113.09
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,375.60
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,818.47
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 3,242.53
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,595.62
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,986.49
IAM Responding	\$ 735.00
Jamie's Truck Service	\$ 766.20
Karl W. Reynard	\$ 1,928.59
Lowe's	\$ 531.93
Mama Maria's	\$ 217.75
Mark Powell	\$ 300.00
MTC	\$ 95.04
MTC	\$ 121.53
NAPA	\$ 141.17
Oneonta Garage Doors	\$ 125.00
OnStar	\$ 20.00
Paraco	\$ 742.80
Tops	\$ 48.90
USPS	\$ 76.00
Village of Stamford	\$ 51.00
WEX Bank	\$ 501.26
Young, Fenton, Kelsey & Brown	\$ 456.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,019.08</b>

Approval of bills as presented – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account	\$ 2,451.78
General Fund Account	\$ 183,206.23
Apparatus Reserve	\$ 26,080.55
Repair Reserve	\$ 29,932.21

- Dividend from NYSIF \$11,378.96 – 40% of premium
- Payment to Bank of Greene County \$40,706.68 due May 30, 2019
- Final payment of \$40,706.68 due May 30, 2020

- **Old Business**

- Upstairs office status – a work in progress/coming along.
  - Verticals are installed – have two more to do.
  - Connections and wires still needed.
  - Need to purchase a new router that is faster and move the computer router over to the TV.
- Purchasing policy – no updates.
- EMS Chief Hejnal noted:
  - EPCRs are still in progress to set up with fire reports.
  - Need to make Certificate of Need (CON) official. We are still working under the two-year agreement. It is due in September but would like to have it submitted by June since no meetings are held in the months of July and August. Cost is \$5,000.
- Sexual Harassment training – all fire department members have completed except for approximately under one dozen. SJFD Commissioners will also need to complete the training. The dozen or so who have not completed the training will be reviewed by SFD for any further actions.

- **New Business**

- No new applications submitted to SFD.
- Discussion about First Net through AT&T which was presented at recent SFD department meeting.
  - Cell and data services for military, police and first responders.
  - Discussion about tablets for chief officers for in the trucks – cheapest tablet is \$1400.
  - Discussion about commissioners signing up to save money.
  - Discussion that the first thing to do is sign up for agency list.
- Discussion about radios and let's see where the county is going with this first.

- **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra –
  - Minutes are up to date on the website.
  - Need fire and EMS call stats for the website.
  - Will update officer list and members.
  - Will be able to order electronics now that maple season is not as busy.
  - Discussion that a clock is needed in the radio room – need to order one. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
  - Discussion that it seems to work best if Deidra does the New Egg orders, per Lucy. When Ellen places order, tax is charged and it is hard to recover the monies.
- Dusty –
  - Doors are on order with all hardware – minus the combo locks.
  - Joe suggested saving panel from radio room entry door.
  - Lighting project almost completed – need to add outlet in cage, light in ceiling in downstairs kitchen area, light in closet in kitchen + need more switch plates.
- Peter –
  - Trucks have been serviced.
  - 2712 pump issue – rough repair quote of \$10-11K – did not pass pump test. Labor will be the biggest part of the expense. Discussion about mechanical seals vs. packing. Do packing so can save on labor costs which are very high.
  - 2711 ladder to be serviced. To be determined who will do, with option to possibly see if Jamie's Truck Service can do the job.

- Need to repair back up alarms on 2713 and 2771.
- Truck battery cleaning will be done soon.
- Bill –
  - Nothing to report at this time regarding communications/equipment updates.
  - Noted will be scheduling air pack testing.
  - Noted will be needing more cylinders – will go through SFD for request.
  - EMS Chief Hejnal will be able to get programming key for Kenwood radios + will look for Harris Tait programming keys.
- Tim –
  - Building wish list – coming along.
  - Discussion about ordering toner for office printer on an as needed basis – standing motion that Ellen will keep track of. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.
  - Discussion again about purchase of a pressure washer – Peter will look into and come back to group.
  - Discussion that we need a bigger shredder for upstairs office. The small ones we have purchased cannot handle the volume and burn up. Tim suggested a Fellowes brand. Peter and Deidra will look into this.
  - Discussion about Tim’s interest in running for the Town of Gilboa Justice position. Tim has reached out to attorney Bill Young to make sure there is not a conflict with his Chairman position – and all looks okay.

**Other Business**

- Discussion about electric service – Clean Choice Energy letter.
- Options for a siren – Dusty and Kenny King still need to look into. Also, discussion brought up again about turning off siren for noon whistle. Bill will speak with Charlie Kopfman on this.
- Solar panels – nothing to report.
- Phone line and efax services – on hold for now.
- Overhead doors – will be able to paint once gets warmer.
- Bank of Greene County payment – OK to pay – no motion needed.
- Reminder of defensive driver class at SFD on Saturday, 4/13. District will be paying for the course for SFD members/family and for meeting refreshments (light breakfast and lunch).

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary