

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

May 15, 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: Lucy Chichester, Deidra Hill, Ellen Kennedy, Dusty King, Peter Pioppo, Tim Powell, Stamford FD Chief AJ Vamosy (came late), and Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal.

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

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

None – no Chiefs present at this time.

### **Presentation of Bills**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Ace Hardware	\$ 78.74
Ace Hardware	\$ 82.79
Amazon	\$ 536.00
Bank of Greene County	\$ 40,706.68
Dr. David Markowitz	\$ 340.00
Ebay	\$ 27.95
Ebay	\$ 19.49
Garrison Fire & Rescue	\$ 560.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 600.00
McKesson Medical	\$ 651.72
MTC	\$ 121.53
MTC	\$ 95.04
Newegg Business	\$ 54.03
Newegg Business	\$ 52.52
Newegg Business	\$ 499.98
Newegg Business	\$ 1,069.99
On Star	\$ 20.00
Ryan Hejnal	\$ 61.35
Sherman Air Services	\$ 250.00
Wex Bank	\$ 457.80
	<b>\$ 46,285.61</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	\$	1,206.68
General Fund Account	\$	112,506.88
Apparatus Reserve	\$	26,081.69
Repair Reserve	\$	29,932.21

Discussion about a Har-Rob \$455 credit memo to be issued. Tim called John Harris regarding a charge for pump service on 2751 that should not have been charged. Discussion that it will be put toward 2711 ladder service charges.

**Old Business**

- Discussion about repairs for 2712 and the cost would be \$12K to repair the pump. Discussion to go through the Repair Reserve for funding. Tim will speak with Bill Young, and the Board of Commissioners approved the following resolution – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed. Will also have legal notice posted in The Mountain Eagle and The Daily Star.

**TRUCK REPAIR RESOLUTION**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District; that

WHEREAS, at the bi-annual service and pump certification performed by Har-Rob Fire Apparatus, truck 2712 did not pass the required UL Pump Certification test; and

WHEREAS, said truck is a vital part of the Joint Fire District’s resources, and is in need of repair which the Board of Fire Commissioners have solicited quotes for the cost of the repair and have received a quote of between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 to repair and upgrade the fire pump; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Joint Fire District has presently in excess of \$35,000.00 in its equipment repair reserve fund which it resolved to use a maximum of \$14,000.00 for the repair of the pumper fire truck 2712 subject to a public hearing pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Joint Fire District proposes to pay for any amount over \$14,000.00 from the current 2019 operating budget.

This resolution having been adopted by the Stamford Joint Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners on May 15, 2019.

- Discussion about paint for the truck room floor. The fire department appropriated \$2,500 for floor paint. The expense will be a bit more with an additional \$4,440.43 and the department is asking the SJFD to help with the expense. Total floor paint project would be \$6,940.43. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.
- Discussion about clean out and renovation of new office. The routers, smart switch, Tim’s new laptop are here. Peter, Deidra and Ryan will set up.
- Purchasing policy – no updates.

- E-PCRs and coordination with fire reports – no updates.
- Sexual Harassment training – we are OK for now.
- Discussion about AT&T First Net and that Peter had an issue with installation while in New York City. Oneonta rep was able to fix the problem.
- Discussion that Chief Vamosy would like to order tablets for the three Chiefs (ST1, ST2, and ST3)(ST4 would continue to use the ToughBook). Additionally, would like to have tablets installed in 2761 and 2713. Cost is approximately \$2650 for an IPAD AIR with 10" screen. Also, there is a \$35/month/tablet charge for service which would run approximately \$200. To have mounted in vehicles, cost is approximately \$40 per through First Net. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.

### **New Business**

- New applications received from Brooke Milea and Katrina Alexander for Junior Firefighters. Was approved at the fire department meeting – pending clear background check and SJFD approval. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Deidra, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Tim noted that there is a webinar scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 being hosted by the NYS Office of State Comptroller regarding audits. He is going to try to view it and has information if anyone else is available and interested.
- Ryan noted that 2772 ALS certification is currently working on a two year CON which will be up soon. We need to reapply – cost is \$5,000. Fitness and Competency forms were reviewed with the Commissioners and signed. Approval for ALS recert \$5,000 fee – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.
- Installation Dinner – discussion that SJFD will give SFD \$2,500 toward the dinner again this year. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.

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

- Ryan would like approval to purchase medical supplies from Bound Tree for \$160.09. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.
- Ryan spoke about the new radio system and that he found cables and software for Tait radios so they can be programmed. Cost is \$107.16 through Ebay. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.
- Ryan said that medical director, Dr. David Markowitz, has malpractice insurance that needs to be covered by each department. Our portion is \$340 for the current year (2019). OK to pay – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Deidra, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Ryan also inquired about malpractice insurance for each SFD EMT – which is \$180 per person. Tim believes we are already covered. Ryan will check with Kevin Hull at Reynard.

### **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra –
  - Minutes are up to date on the website.
  - Need fire (2 months) and EMS call stats for the website.
  - In addition to what was noted above under Old Business, the new shredder and radio room clock are here.
- Dusty –
  - Per Tim, Tom Ehrhart is prepping the doors for installation and will need the master key.
  - Lighting project almost completed – light in truck bay was loose, now fixed; still need to install light in kitchen closet and in corner of public meeting room.

- Peter –
  - Truck battery cleaning will be done soon.
  - Back up alarms on 2713 and 2771 – can get parts at NAPA. Suggestion to check the grounds first to make sure not loose.
  - Also finishing up installing handlights.
  - Discussion about purchase of a pressure washer. Cost is approximately \$7,600 for a hot water unit; Karcher has a washer for approximately \$4,000. Peter will check with McQuade & Bannigan which has a model \$4,200-4,500. Further discussion to get more information on the electric model and hold until August meeting.
- Tim –
  - Discussion about the need to have the parking lots paved. We need to get price quotes. Dusty will check with Bill Boyle. Ryan will check with Jim Thorington. Brand's Paving has already mentioned that they are behind on their jobs and we would not get done for several months.

### **Other Business**

- Chief Vamosy joined the meeting late after attending an Advisory meeting. There was discussion about the new radios and pagers and any updates to when the new system will be up.
- Discussion that when Deidra and Peter were ordering the new laptop for Tim, they found out that that model was being discontinued and the price was very affordable – so they ordered two. As it turns out, the department's laptop is several years old and not working well so this will be the replacement. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.
- Options for a siren – Dusty and Kenny King still need to look into.
- Solar panels – nothing to report.
- Phone line and efax services – on hold for now.
- Overhead doors – will be able to paint once gets warmer. Noted that the paint is here.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary