

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

November 12, 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, Ellen Kennedy, Dusty King, Tim Powell, and Bill Sharick.

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

### Presentation of Bills

| <u>Vendor</u>                | <u>Amount</u>             |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ace Hardware                 | \$25.74                   |
| AT&T Mobility                | \$191.15                  |
| Bill Sharick                 | \$63.00                   |
| Eklund Family Farm Machinery | \$32.34                   |
| Embassy Suites               | \$858.67                  |
| Fire-End & Croker            | \$6,291.60                |
| First Net Services, LLC      | \$2,194.00                |
| Har-Rob Fire Apparatus       | \$1,150.34                |
| Har-Rob Fire Apparatus       | \$13,439.00               |
| James Publishing             | \$184.00                  |
| Margaretville Telephone      | \$96.16                   |
| Margaretville Telephone      | \$121.53                  |
| Mark Powell                  | \$500.00                  |
| McKesson Medical             | \$22.99                   |
| MIBH/Healthworks             | \$350.00                  |
| Mountain Eagle               | \$37.12                   |
| Muthig's Plumbing & Heating  | \$2,500.00                |
| NAPA                         | \$97.54                   |
| NYSIF                        | \$2,332.76                |
| On Star                      | \$20.00                   |
| Stinson Lock Service         | \$270.00                  |
| WEX Bank                     | \$519.15                  |
|                              | <b><u>\$31,297.09</u></b> |

Approval of bills as presented – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed. It was also noted that the large Har-Rob bill will be paid when the checks clear.

Lucy noted the following monies have been received:

- \$1,995.27 dividend received from Utica National (2018-19 policy return)
- \$169.79 received from Utica National for 2015

### **Treasurer's Report**

|                      |    |           |
|----------------------|----|-----------|
| Checking Account     | \$ | 2048.32   |
| General Fund Account | \$ | 30,138.29 |
| Apparatus Reserve    | \$ | 26,088.27 |
| Repair Reserve       | \$ | 24,937.53 |

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

No Chiefs present at this time.

### **Old Business**

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office – still a work in progress.
- Purchasing policy – no updates to status.
- E-PCRs are up and running – still needs some tweaks. Discussion on who can use. Dusty King, Eileen King, Margaret Schoonmaker, Rachel Schoonmaker and Mark Fallon. It was not clear if Karen Cole had been trained on it yet.
- Paving project status – paving done – striping to be completed in the summer after the sealcoat is done.
- Automatic door closer for upstairs office. Tim will speak with Tom Ehrhart to see where old closers are/if can be used.
- Boiler update/installation – boilers are done and the bill is on tonight's warrant for payment.
- Discussion about mandated department trainings – especially the sexual harassment course and that the department training officer needs to get this done.
- Robinson Broadhurst application discussion.
  - Air scrubber cost is approximately \$40,000
  - Back up guidance system is approximately \$45,000
  - Requesting \$78,000 in grant money
  - Would like to request \$25,000 for SFD 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- LOSAP updates – Peter did not attend meeting.
- Tim noted that he will need to speak with Mayor Schneider and Jim Kopp about transferring the fire house over to us from the village. At this point, the village still needs to set up a committee to discuss and then get Tim on their meeting agenda.

### **New Business**

- Elections – December 10, 2019
  - It was noted that Tim's commissioner position is up at 12/31/19.
  - Ellen will take care of the legal notices, securing the election inspectors, and any paperwork associated with elections. Ellen asked Bill to get the voter lists from his contacts.
  - Set fee for election inspectors at \$50pp. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Gene Muthig service is on Saturday, 11/16 at 11am.
  - Commissioners would like to attend along with SFD members.
  - Ellen will order flowers on behalf of the commissioners and will collect money from them (\$10 each/\$50 total).
- Bill would like to look into ideas for shirts for the commissioners for when they attend meetings or events. He will bring back information to a future meeting.
- Discussion about the SFD First Responder service and coverage, acknowledgements from community members, as well as community concerns about no EMS transport.

## **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra – did not attend meeting
- Dusty –
  - Kick plates for new door bottoms – can do ourselves – interior side of doors only. Dusty to look into options.
  - Still needs to work on a few lights and electric outlets.
  - Need to work on the smoke alarms upstairs.
  - Generator is due for service. Dusty to look into doing it himself or having Turnkey Control Solutions (TCSI) do the service.
  - It was noted that we are down to four bottles of oxygen. Dusty spoke to Ryan Hejnal about it as well.
- Peter – did not attend meeting
  - It was noted that the truck battery cleaning still needs to be done.
  - It was noted that the back up alarms on 2712 and 2771 still need to be repaired.
  - It was noted that the cam sensor on 2711 was replaced at Jamie’s Truck Repair shop.
- Bill –
  - Still waiting on pagers
  - Discussion about 911 signs
    - In Gilboa there are 340 full time residents, and 369 seasonal residents
    - There are 914 in all of our district – this does not include seasonal
    - Figure 900-1,000 residences in all
    - Cost would be approximately \$4,400 for signs in Gilboa at \$12/sign complete
    - \$4,000 spend up to SJFD coverage part in the Town of Gilboa and up to \$15,000 for the entire SJFD coverage. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Tim – nothing to report at this time.

The Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolutions:

### **STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 1 : OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2020 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2020 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 15, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 15, 2019 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2020 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2020 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only

if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2020 budget only in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$218,925.00, and

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Tim Powell ) AYE  
Commissioner Bill Sharick ) AYE  
Commissioner Dusty King ) AYE  
Commissioner Deidra Hill – absent  
Commissioner Peter Pioppo – absent

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: Stamford, New York  
November 12, 2019

**STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2 :  
APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2020 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 15, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 15, 2019 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2020 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2020 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00 % increase in said tax levy; and

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A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal

year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

WHEREAS, previously at this meeting this Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2020 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Stamford Joint Fire District for 2020 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$218,925.00.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Tim Powell ) AYE  
Commissioner Bill Sharick ) AYE  
Commissioner Dusty King ) AYE  
Commissioner Deidra Hill – absent  
Commissioner Peter Pioppo – absent

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: Stamford, New York  
November 12, 2019

#### **Other Business**

- Noted that the CON letters are starting to come back from towns and EMS agencies.
- Discussion about snow plow contract payments.
  - Season is 11/1/19 through 4/30/19
  - \$3,000 for season, \$500 per month
  - Payable to Mark Powell
  - 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Motion to allow Lucy to balance the budget accounts as needed – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Bassett contract – will look into further as it's asking us to commit to three years and 20 tests each year – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Bill noted that there are only two of five hi band radios left in 2761 and thinks SFD members might have them. He will send a message out via IAR to try and get them back.
- 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary