

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

June 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:05p.m. 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 Chief AJ Vamosy, Stamford 1st Asst Fire Chief Don VanEtten, Stamford 2nd Asst Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck and Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal.

The Minutes from the May meeting were read and approved. 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$69.23
AT&T Mobility	\$382.30
Dr. David Markowitz	\$341.00
Fyre Fyter	\$436.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$1,040.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$95.50
Margaretville Telephone	\$121.53
Mountain Eagle	\$21.17
NAPA	\$29.99
NYSIF	\$274.50
NYSIF	\$6,331.17
WEX Bank	\$670.60
TOTAL	<u>\$9,812.99</u>

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

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	\$ 1,949.11
General Fund Account	\$ 89,548.66
Apparatus Reserve	\$ 26,085.81
Repair Reserve	\$ 22,765.71

Checking account and general fund savings are reflected after June payments are made.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments or questions from the public.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief Vamosy noted the following –
 - Discussion of boot orders. Elijah Thomas' would be rubber. Approval for Leeman Markee's boots - \$372.68. Approved. 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - Discussion about a six gang charger for 2761 - \$290.21 for Kenwood radios or a smart charger with built-in overcharge feature. Discussion that current radios in 2761 are still in working order – no need to issue them out or replace – go with the current charger.

- Discussion about the old camera and that the batteries for it are obsolete. Discussion about purchase of a new TIC camera. Peter noted that he may be able to purchase one through the home inspection services that he does. Approximate cost would be \$500-\$629.
- New members – none this month.
- Nothing to report from Don VanEtten or Joe Hornbeck.
- Chief Hejnal noted the following –
 - Noted that the cable quote for the Kenwood radios is \$130 or \$90. For the generic versions, it's \$15 and \$22. Discussion to start with less expensive ones. Approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Noted that EPCRs are up and running. Working with the County CAD vendor and ESO to try and customize the CAD interface. Also trying to get multiple CADs sent. More training and hands on are needed.

Old Business

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress. The cables need to be tidied in upstairs office. It was also noted that the truck room floor needs to be organized. Perhaps another storage shed where the generator is once that gets replaced. Also will start working on the entry foyer.
- Compliance with policies and forms – can do with the SOGs and then be adopted. Discussion about the SFD website and have resources posted there – would be a centrally located resource for the members. **TABLED** for now due to COVID-19.
 - Purchasing
 - Code of ethics
 - Social media
 - Membership approval resolution
 - Records retention policy
 - Policy on public comments at meetings
 - Information technology use policy
 - Credit card use policy
 - Workplace violence prevention policy
- Automatic door closer for upstairs office. Tim and Joe Hornbeck looking into. Joe noted that he got the parts off the doors – sill plate missing. He might have the parts down at the shop. Reminder that we also need to get stoppers mounted on certain doors (swing up/down vs. using a wood wedge).
- Discussion about department trainings. Most are all done for the mandatory trainings. Will need to re-evaluate and get going again – shoot for mid-October. Bill noted that firefighter training with extinguishers in August or September.
- Provident Insurance coverage – a rep is scheduled to come down on training night to discuss coverage with SFD members. **TABLED** for now due to COVID-19 and when OK to have group gatherings.
- Bassett contract / department physicals – noted in April that we will have to continue with Bassett and their contract rates. Ryan to look into if physicals will even be done this year due to COVID.
- Portable decontamination unit for scenes – Chief Vamosy is working on.
- EMS powerpoint presentation at Town Board meetings – Bill noted that he heard from Alicia Terry to plan on coming in July to the Town of Gilboa meeting.
- LOSAP program updates – Peter will continue to work on – offices are closed right now. **TABLED** for now due to COVID-19.
- Paving project update – got quote from KCK Paving. Seal coat + micro paving + cold tar & sand - \$525 + \$165 + \$190. Discussion that is a good price. Date not scheduled yet. Joe noted that he and his crew will do the striping. Joe will check with the Mayor about putting the trucks down to the sewage treatment plant when the work is being done.

New Business

Discussion about COVID-19 and how it affects the district, department and business. It was noted that we are almost back to normal – elections will take place in July, the Installation Dinner is scheduled for August, and events are being scheduled.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - For the website – minutes are posted.
 - Noted that fire numbers are posted – need EMS.
 - Discussion about light for upstairs office desk – cost is either \$39.99 or \$49.99. Discussion to purchase what would be best. Approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Discussion about members only area – not sure if people are actually using it.
 - Discussion about 'no parking' signs – Joe was going to get information and/or talk to salesman that he knows.
 - Deidra and Bill will work together on shirts for Commissioners.
- Dusty –
 - Door kickplates are on back order – had to send in again.
 - Lighting and electric outlets – truck room floor lights are replaced, need to still do lights in closet and in corner downstairs kitchen area.
 - Shore line for 2771 – we can do that ourselves.
 - Discussion about attire for EMTs when on scene – still need to do and Bill will help
 - Replace/upgrade ballast on SFD sign by the firepits has been taken care of.
 - Discussion about 50 foot hose – not going to replace it as we have enough hose on hand already. Discussion that all hoses should be reviewed for age and wear. Discussion about buying 100 foot 'blank hose' – 4" without couplings. Review what we have first – come back next month with costs – Tim will look into.
- Peter –
 - Truck battery cleaning – still need to do + 2020 replacements.
 - Back up alarms – 2713 and 2761 – all taken care of.
 - Clean truck compartments – remove rust, paint, etc. – need to do.
 - Recruit NY event – postponed for April date – hope to reschedule for future. Peter noted that he has registered with them for future communications. **TABLED** for now due to COVID-19.
 - 2772 charger status – Ryan looking into – have not heard back. It was suggested to put the pressure on the vendor at this point.
 - Commissioner polo shirts updated – Peter, Bill and Deidra will work on together and bring to meeting next month.
 - Dusty noted that the tanker is leaking in the rear dump area. Seems to be a seal issue that needs to be looked at.
 - 2713 – ground light out, 2712 might also have a light out – will look into.
- Bill –
 - Noted that he has been receiving old pagers, chargers, mobile radios, etc. from members. What to do with them? Discussion to put word out to local departments and/or in the state who might need this equipment – ask for fair offer or give to them. Approved – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Deidra – none opposed. Peter will help Bill with this effort.
 - 911 signs – still making them – about three quarters of the way done. Will need to purchase more sign materials – but not needed right now.
- Tim –
 - Building wish list – a few more things to get done.
 - Nothing to report on the transfer of the firehouse from the Village to the District. The title insurance is still being worked on – COVID holding up the process. Maybe in July or August the transfer will go through.
 - Noted that he heard from Kevin Hull at Reynard that the Volunteer Firefighter Benefit Law annual renewal premium is \$2,548.41 less than last year.

Other Business

- Options for a siren – Dusty and Kenny King will look into. The goal is not to have the electric spike when the siren goes off. Replacement of current one is approximately \$5,000-\$7,000 through Federal Public Safety or Edwards sirens.
- Solar panels – nothing to report. **TABLED**
- Reminder for December 2020 – interior list to Kevin + annual claims report to OFPC.
- Robinson-Broadhurst grant status – has been fully funded.
- Discussion about purchase of new generator – Dusty to work on getting prices.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary