

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

July 14, 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 1st Asst Fire Chief Don VanEtten, Stamford 2nd Asst Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck and Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal.

The Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Kenny from KJBL was present to discuss siren options, what we want and pricing options. A few things discussed:

- If go with a battery operated option, would need to change battery every 3-6 months.
- If go with Eclipse 48 volts, need a controller – cost is approximately \$10-15K. Eclipse has three distinct/different tones which can be assigned. For example, a tone for the noon whistle and another tone for calls.
- Another option would be more electronic sound.
- A modulator type is more efficient, no moving parts – cost is approximately \$15-20K.
- Discussion and Kenny will look into battery option models. A department in Sullivan County has a siren that perhaps can go visit to hear.
- Kenny will leave literature behind for review.

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$36.77
AT&T Mobility	\$191.15
Bound Tree	\$23.40
Fire End & Croker	\$372.68
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Fleury Risk Management	\$3,220.20
Fyr Fyter	\$399.00
Go To Meeting	\$380.00
King Electric	\$837.95
KJBL Electronics	\$895.30
Margaretville Telephone	\$97.13
NAPA	\$59.48
NYSEG	\$631.30
NYSIF	\$2,110.39
On Star	\$25.00
Sherman Air Services	\$250.00
Village of Stamford	\$42.50
Village of Stamford	\$70.00
WEX Bank	\$464.41
TOTAL	<u>\$10,567.91</u>

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

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account	\$ 2,643.09
General Fund Account	\$ 77,552.75
Apparatus Reserve	\$ 26,086.95
Repair Reserve	\$ 22,766.71

Checking account balance is as of after July payments.

Notification has been received from Greene County Commercial Bank that the Statutory Installment Bond issued in May 2017 was paid in full as of May 30, 2020. The total amount was \$156,413.36

A review of the remaining account balances (as of 6/30/20) was performed and the Commissioners decided to leave all as is for now.

Discussion of budget hearing and workshop. Will hold in-house this year due to COVID-19. Will be **Friday, August 14th with a 6:30p.m. start.** All Chiefs, spouses/guests are welcome to attend.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments or questions from the public – no one in attendance.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- 1st Assistant Chief VanEtten noted the following –
 - Request for four sets of uniforms – approximately \$500 per – for members: Don Reed, Peter Pioppo, George Curbelo and Leeman Markee. Approved. 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - New member – Christina Blowers for emergency both EMS and fire. Approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Chief Hejnal noted the following –
 - Discussion about pagers and should we be thinking about getting supplies? Batteries, clips, antennae, etc. Doug Cole broke the antennae on his G3 pager. Replacement cost is \$24.
 - Purchase three (3) antennae to have on hand - \$24 x 3 = \$72
 - The UHF radio on Ryan's truck needs a cable and antennae - \$55 cost.
 - Approved both – 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Joe Hornbeck did not have any comments to share.
- EPCR programs – Ryan said there was a training on July 13th – working on the CAD side of it too.
- EMS supplies – Ryan said N95 masks continue to be on back order – have the small sizes. Gowns are on back order as well. Otherwise pretty well set with all gear.
- Ryan noted that the department has gone back to regular dispatch for EMS calls.
- Discussion about physicals – Bassett wants to start the day earlier.

Old Business

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Compliance with policies and forms – plan is to start working on in the next few months.
 - 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. Reminder that we also need to get stoppers mounted on certain doors (swing up/down vs. using a wood wedge).
- Department trainings – should be good until October and then start up again.
- 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 as there are no other choices in the area. Approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Portable decontamination unit for scenes – Chief Vamosy has been working on.
- EMS powerpoint presentation at Town Board meetings – Bill noted that the meetings are just starting up again. Will be presenting along with several EMS members at the Town of Gilboa August meeting.
- LOSAP program updates – at this time, it does not seem an affordable option for the district, department or tax payers. Will not be looking into further.
- Paving project update – Tim has reached out two times to vendor and has not heard back.
- Illuma Doors and air handler project – being worked on now and the air handlers will hopefully be hung by tomorrow.
- LifeNet class – it was noted that Dana had surgery so we may not have a department class/training as soon as we thought.

New Business

- We seem to be in good shape with COVID-19 thankfully not affecting anyone in the department and we continue to move forward with meetings and a few events.
- Fireworks event at end of month – permit, license and application have all been taken care of.
- Discussion about SFD Annual Installation Dinner and that SJFD would help with the cost like have done in the past. Approved \$2500 to SFD. 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Discussion to approve Chief Officers recently elected – elections a few months late due to COVID-19. Approved – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - Chief – AJ Vamosy
 - 1st Asst Chief – Don VanEtten
 - 2nd Asst Chief – Joe Hornbeck
 - EMS Chief – Ryan Hejnal.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - For the website – minutes are posted.
 - Noted that fire and EMS numbers are posted.
 - Need to work on 'no parking' signs and Commissioner polo shirts.
- Dusty –
 - Door kickplates – still in progress.
 - Lighting and electric outlets – lights to be done – need switch plates.
 - Shore line for 2771 – we can do that ourselves – need a battery maintainer. Do not need auto eject. Dusty will do the work.
 - Generator – pricing and details – nothing yet.
 - Discussion about attire for EMTs when on scene – still need to do and Bill will help.
 - Discussion about identifiers for EMS personnel on scene. Bill spoke with some EMS members about a polo shirt option or cotton shirt. Hard to change into enroute to a scene especially if not leaving from your home. Discussion to go with lanyards + photo ID. Peter will place order – budget keep reasonable. Approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Deidra – none opposed.
- Peter –
 - Truck battery cleaning – worked on 2751 with Dusty.
 - Clean truck compartments – remove rust, paint, etc. – need to do.
 - 2772 charger status – has been taken care of.
 - Recruit NY event – perhaps after Labor Day and pending COVID-19 status.
 - Discussion about TIC camera and any discounts Peter would have through his inspector role. Would only be a small discount – price would be approximately \$7-8K. Discussion that cost could be more like \$400-500 if got small hand-held ones – will need to do more research.
 - Review of hoses – will need to get pricing for a complete set – two 4" and one 5".
 - Discussion about trucks – 2751 has two lights out, 2713 has a ground light out, and there is one possibly out on 2712.
 - Working on the polo shirts.

- Discussion that trucks are due for service – postpone for six months. For Har-Rob to service, cost is approximately \$4-6K per truck which have only been used for trainings these last few months and have sat around. Discuss further at Budget Workshop.
- Bill –
 - Reported that the new equipment (pagers) is breaking or not working properly. Been working with Ryan to get things repaired.
 - Cliff Mueller still has a pager issue and has been using Dusty's.
 - All old equipment is upstairs in boxes.
 - Continue to work on 911 signs. 75% of the Town of Gilboa is done. Will need more equipment to continue and approximate cost to be \$1800. Approved to purchase – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed. Hope to hear more at the Town of Gilboa meeting in August.
- 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 but should be in the works.
 - Discussion about priorities – new generator or new siren and the prices.

Other Business

- Solar panels – nothing to report. **TABLED**
- Reminder for December 2020 – interior list to Kevin + annual claims report to OFPC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary