

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

September 8, 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 Fire Chief AJ Vamosy, Stamford 1<sup>st</sup> Asst Fire Chief Don VanEtten, Stamford 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck and Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal.

The Minutes from the August meeting were read and approved with a few minor changes. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Deidra, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.

### **Presentation of Bills**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
AT&T Mobility	\$191.15
Bound Tree	\$113.70
Bound Tree	\$70.20
Bound Tree	\$157.74
Creative Electronics	\$665.25
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$1,140.00
Hartford Steam Boiler	\$105.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$97.13
McKesson Medical	\$95.90
NAPA	\$260.96
NYSEG	\$652.30
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$2,120.39
Sunrise Heating Fuels	\$86.00
Watts LLC	\$1,100.00
WEX Bank	\$585.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$7,441.12</u></b>

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

Discussion about a duplicate invoice for Carrot Top (\$67.42) for a flag.

Discussion about how SFD member Elijah Thomas documents gas purchases. Ryan to show him how to do properly.

### **Treasurer's Report**

After September payments

Checking Account	\$ 1,668.69
General Fund Account	\$ 137,064.00 *
Actual General Fund	\$ 59,064.29
Apparatus Reserve	\$ 26,089.17
Repair Reserve	\$ 22,768.65

\*This figure includes \$78,000 from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation

Lucy provided in her notes that the total actual expenditures from the 2020 budget to date as of 9/8/2020 is \$163,873.70.

## **Privilege of the Floor**

No comments noted.

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

- Don VanEtten on behalf of Chief AJ Vamosy –
  - Purchase nine rapid chargers for all of the officers - \$71.47 each - \$643.23 total. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
  - New member John Stark was approved at the September SFD meeting. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed. Also noted that two members up for their transition from 6 month probation to full time member status has been extended an additional six months (Vic Arnone and Chris Sweeney).
- Ryan Hejnal –
  - Noted that the AED battery from the original grant purchase is no longer working. The other battery was replaced in February 2020. Discussion to replace battery (EMS budget) - \$450.38 through McKesson.
  - Discussion regarding two UHF Kenwood portables – the current model has already been discontinued. \$287.62 (portable) + \$62.78 (mic). Noted that portables might fit carry cases we have already and to hold off on ordering. Total is \$775 – 2 radios, 2 remote speakers, 2 vehicle chargers.
  - Discussion regarding Kenwood vehicle mounts – charger with radio – works with old and new portables. \$37 each. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.
  - Discussion about six bank charger through KJBL for 2761. Need to do further research as the current one is 'a piece of junk'.
  - EPCR – new system is working out, a work in progress and waiting to hear back on CAD status.
  - Noted that N95 masks came in the other day – waiting on epi.

## **Old Business**

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Compliance with policies and forms – Tim and Bill plan is to start working on in the next few months, and will include Deidra and Peter in the process.
  - 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. Joe Hornbeck looking into. Reminder that we also need to get stoppers mounted on certain doors (swing up/down vs. using a wood wedge).
- Provident Insurance coverage – a rep is scheduled to come down on training night to discuss coverage with SFD members. Ellen will reach out to Kevin Hull at Reynard to see if a date can be scheduled or if still travel restrictions.
- Bassett contract / department physicals – October 26<sup>th</sup> is the date for SFD physicals and it was noted that if members from other departments come to SFD on that date, they will need to pay for their portion.
- Portable decontamination unit for scenes – Chief Vamosy has been working on, but currently on hold.
- EMS powerpoint presentation at Town Board meetings – Bill noted that the Town of Gilboa board really enjoyed the presentation. Hoping to go to Town of Harpersfield meeting in November. The goal is to visit all town boards.
- Paving project update – all that is left is for Joe and his crew to do the striping.
- Illuma Doors and air handler project – all done with just a few minor issues to be fixed. A bill has not been received yet and Ellen will need to do a final report to Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation.

## **New Business**

- Letter from Town of Harpersfield Town Clerk, Linda Goss, thanking the department for use of the fire house and setting up for a recent planning board meeting regarding Tractor Supply.
- Discussion and review of account balances and proposed 2021 SJFD budget.
  - ESO would be approximately \$4,400 per year.
  - Bill noted that he met with the Town of Gilboa regarding the 911 signs. The Town would like to reimburse SJFD since they committed to the project. Discussion that the SJFD cannot generate invoices.
  - Discussion that 911 signs for the Town of Harpersfield would be approximately \$6,000. Matt Taylor noted this and said he will speak with Town Board members at their meeting which is tomorrow night.

## **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra –
  - For the website – minutes are posted.
  - Noted that fire and EMS numbers are posted.
  - 'No parking' signs – not here yet.
  - Commissioner polo shirts are in the works.
  - Next month will be delivering bill for yearly website fees.
- Dusty –
  - Door kickplates – still in progress. Discussion that Joe will reach out to his contact at Steel Sales.
  - 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, Tim needs to get the parts.
  - Generator –
    - Pricing for a 24kw generator is \$13,086 per Kenny King. Pad and installation are included in the price.
    - Discussion to apply for a grant through Robinson-Broadhurst – due date is November 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Discussion that Ellen will need to send a letter to Turnkey, bid process, advertise in local papers.
- Peter –
  - Truck battery cleaning, clean truck compartments (remove rust, paint, etc.) – need to do.
  - Recruit NY event – pending COVID-19 status and will check with SFD member George Curbelo on some possible dates to do an event.
  - TIC camera – only carry one brand through the vendor he deals with. No need to follow up.
  - Review hoses for age and wear + need to get pricing for a complete set – two 4" and one 5", couplings, LDH – need to do.
  - Discussion about trucks – need to look over each one to see if any issues. Also has not heard anything back regarding 2711 repair status.
  - Working on the polo shirts.
- Bill –
  - Pagers/Radios – still continue to see issues with the pagers.
  - Old equipment returned and on-hand – discussion to perhaps do as one lot via auction. Will not do anything yet – wait until end of year as there are more items still coming in.
  - 911 signs – already covered above.
- 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. Joe will speak with the Mayor.
  - KJBL proposal for the siren discussed. Proposal is for \$17,633.00. If went without the solar power option included in the proposal (\$3,400) – would be \$14,233. Discussion that a siren is not a priority now and will be looked into at a future date.

## **Other Business**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary