

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

March 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell.

Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Deidra Hill	x	Stamford Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	x
Lucy Chichester	x	Dusty King	x	1 st Assistant Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	x	2 nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal	x

X = attend in person

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kevin Hull from Reynard Insurance attended the meeting to discuss:

- Utica National has credited the 3/1/21-3/1/22 policies at an annual premium of \$1,036 over last year.
- Truck coverage policies, prices and changes. Discussion that 2711 aerial truck coverage should be changed from \$1,050,000 to \$1.5MM.
- Hot topic: claims for sexual harassment, misconduct or abuse liability (\$500/year for coverage) and cyber liability and data breach (\$300/year coverage for \$100,000 minimum)
- Discussion that Restricted Junior members (14-15 years old) are covered under Provident.
- Commissioners approve of the aerial truck coverage change, the \$500 and \$300 hot topic coverages as well – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Deidra – none opposed.
- Kevin left the meeting at 7:20p.m.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$ 8.27
Adobe	\$ 194.27
AT&T Mobility	\$ 191.15
Bound Tree	\$ 275.22
Country Club Motors	\$ 96.55
Dan Fallo	\$ 33.60
Donny Stone	\$ 480.00
ESO Solutions	\$ 818.85
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 570.00
John Stark	\$ 215.04
Karl W. Reynard Insurance	\$ 15,935.43
Karl W. Reynard Insurance	\$ 2,261.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 557.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 48.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.53
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 129.54
Margaretville Telephone (February)	\$ 124.53
Mark Powell	\$ 500.00
McKesson Medical	\$ 242.35
Microsoft Office	\$ 107.99

NAPA	\$	62.96
Newegg	\$	221.21
NYSEG	\$	570.93
NYSIF Workers Comp	\$	2,120.38
NYSIF Workers Comp (February)	\$	2,120.39
Paraco Gas Corp	\$	782.39
Peter Pioppo	\$	106.53
Steel Sales (February)	\$	286.84
Stryker Sales Corp	\$	1,024.25
WEX Bank	\$	436.44
	\$	30,619.64

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

Treasurer's Report

After March payments

Checking Account	\$	1,663.81
General Fund Account	\$	137,177.89
Apparatus Reserve	\$	58,097.03
Repair Reserve	\$	30,774.44

- All tax monies have been received – with the exception of Jefferson
- Dividends totaling \$9,322.26 have been received from NYSIF

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

Don –

- Boots for Mark Fallon – approximately \$372. Also Don Reed needs boots – not discussed at March SFD Board of Directors meeting. Approval for Mark, pending approval from BOD for Don – 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Mileage reimbursement for members who are using personal vehicles for class – John Stark and Dan Fallo. Approve monthly reimbursement – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Adam Gallagher was approved at the department meeting to become a member. Seeking approval from SJFD – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Discussion to purchase turnout coat nametags (13 at \$45 each) and SCBA nametags (7 at \$12 each) – approved and purchase request needs to be completed. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Ryan –

- Would like approval to purchase EMS supplies - \$422.43 – approved. 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Would like approval to purchase new CPR instructor materials to do in-house training – \$396 – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Deidra – none opposed.
- Spoke with FirstNet – would like to purchase a Surface tablet for his needs - \$599.99. Approved – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Old Business

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Compliance with policies and forms – Tim, Bill, Deidra and Peter will start to work on.
 - 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 – still need to do. Reminder that we also need to get stoppers mounted on certain doors (swing up/down vs. using a wood wedge). All still work in progress.
- First Responder powerpoint presentation to the town boards – still scheduled to meet with Town of Harpersfield in April. Will be updating the information in the presentation as well. Discussion about proposal for a paid service. Tim, Ryan and Bill will be meeting with Alicia Terry (Town of Gilboa) at some point.
- Security system for the firehouse – no updates or issues.
- Discussion that Dusty speak with Kenny to see if proposal for generator is still good or if there are better options.

New Business

- Attorney Bill Young would like to participate in SJFD meetings to keep us up to date on matters, review policy, etc. Tim will reach out to Bill Young to see if he is available to come to a special SJFD meeting on Thursday, June 10th.
- Discussion about the Volunteer Firefighter Benefit Law. The Commissioners had adopted a resolution regarding this back in February 2018 which read as follows:

Required Resolution

In accordance with legislation passed in December of 2014 as Senate Bill S7084 and Assembly Bill A8991 which was signed into law by the Governor on December 11th, 2014 and states that Volunteer Firefighter Benefit Law (VFBL) coverage will be provided for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers performing emergency services when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present upon passing this resolution provides the option of granting coverage for such duties.

Be it resolved that the Stamford Joint Fire District intends that their members be covered by VFBL benefits when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present. Upon arrival of a jurisdictional officer in command, such volunteer shall be entitled to benefits in the manner set forth in subdivision one of Section 209-i of the General Municipal Law.

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Upon further discussion, the Commissioners felt that a more thorough resolution should be utilized – which was approved (1st motion Deidra, 2nd motion Bill) and adopted at this meeting as follows:

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, volunteer members of the Stamford Joint Fire District, herein known as the Stamford Fire Department engage in duties outside the Stamford Joint Fire District with no authority from an outside jurisdiction on the scene; **and**

WHEREAS, said members are acting before a person of authority in an outside jurisdiction arrives on the scene; **and**

WHEREAS, the Stamford Fire department members are acting in accordance with NYS General Municipal Law; **and**

WHEREAS, NYS General Municipal Law Section 209-i1-b provides for VFBL coverage to volunteer first responders acting in this capacity; **and**

WHEREAS, the Stamford Joint Fire District Board of commissioners authorizes the members of the Stamford Fire department to engage in such activity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Whenever a volunteer member of the Stamford Joint Fire District, herein known as the Stamford Fire Department, provides services under General Municipal Law Section 209-i when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present, such volunteer firefighter shall be entitled to coverage under the VFBL coverage provided by the Stamford Joint Fire District for the provision of such services, in accordance with NYS General Municipal Law Section 209-i1-b. Upon the arrival of a jurisdictional officer in command, such volunteer firefighter shall report to such officer and offer his/her services to assist such fire company or fire department. If such offer of assistance is not accepted, then the volunteer member of the Stamford Fire Department must immediately cease providing any additional service at the scene of the emergency.

This resolution having been adopted by the Stamford Joint Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners on March 9th, 2021, by a unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at a regular meeting.

- 2713 siren repair discussion – fix or replace? Cost would be approximately \$1800-2000 to replace vs. \$1100 to repair (like what other trucks have). Discussion to wait and see what Kevin can do – repair amplifier for a savings. If it can't be repaired, then will look at replacement.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted that fire numbers need to be updated on the website, EMS is done and minutes have been updated.
 - Discussion about shirts (sample provided) and logo discussion. Approve to move forward – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Dusty –
 - Door kickplates have been installed!
 - Lighting and electric outlets – lights to be done – need switch plates. Also added was need outlet for security area and an outlet in the cage.
 - Shore line for 2771 – materials are here and just need to be installed.
- Peter –
 - Noted that Har-Rob will be coming back possibly this week – pending parts.
 - Discussion about various lights on trucks and the light tower on 2761.
 - Discussion about repair on 2713 dump valve – no ETA on parts.
 - To be done – review truck batteries, clean truck compartments.
- Bill –
 - Discussion about pagers and radios – replace and repair options.
 - Discussion to purchase a few more G3 pagers as we have new members coming on board.
 - Discussion to budget in pager replacements each year.
 - Discussion to purchase two G3 pagers now – even though not SFD Board of Directors approved yet. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Have 5-6 G1 pagers on hand
 - Started going through the old pagers and radios.
 - 911 signs – have been working on Town of Harpersfield. Have been driving around and need about 260 new signs – looking to get 300 heavy duty posts and start making signs.
- Tim –
 - Nothing to report on building wish list.
 - No updates on transfer of firehouse from the Village.
 - Newegg purchase issues for the Raspberry device order – but will keep moving forward.
 - WEX cards discussion and to get additional cards for chiefs (ST2 and ST 3) – approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed – with understanding that the gas cards are to be used within reason.
 - A permissive referendum posting will need to be done for truck and pump services – not to exceed \$15,000. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Dates for Commissioner training at Turning Stone may have changed – review at April meeting.

Other Business

- Solar panels – nothing to report. **TABLED**
- Reminder for December 2021 – interior list to Kevin + annual claims report to OFPC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary