

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

June 17, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:10p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell. Meeting date was changed from normal monthly date which would have been June 8th to accommodate our attorney's schedule so he could attend.

Present were:

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

Also present was Attorney Bill Young.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$ 46.09
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bound Tree	\$ 344.37
Fire End & Croker	\$ 327.64
Fire End & Croker	\$ 1,072.50
Fire End & Croker	\$ 391.93
Fleury Risk Management	\$ 2,873.30
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,120.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 365.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 7,427.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 5,274.50
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,715.50
Lowe's	\$ 1,635.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.37
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 129.54
NYSIF	\$ 272.94
NYSIF	\$ 5,664.06
On-Star	\$ 25.00
Royal Ford Motors	\$ 265.19
The Daily Star	\$ 59.82
Upstate Generator & Power	\$ 809.00
WEX Bank	\$ 477.68
Young, Fenton, Kelsey & Brown	\$ 114.00
	<u>\$ 32,737.81</u>

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

Attorney Bill Young confirmed that the Commissioners should be reviewing all of the bills – including the ones that are prepaid.

Treasurer's Report

After June payments

Checking Account	\$	2,539.21
General Fund Account	\$	102,194.50
Apparatus Reserve	\$	58,102.05
Repair Reserve	\$	15,777.09

Total transfers made from General Fund Savings to Checking Account to cover payments in June - \$20,000

Total Har-Rob Bills - \$17,902

From Repair Reserve - \$15,000

From Vehicle Maintenance - \$2,902

The Repair Reserve balance of \$15,777.09 reflects a transfer of \$15,000 for Har-Rob bills.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

Joe –

- Membership –
 - New member – Junior Member Brianna Cross
 - Move Junior Member Dan Fallo to full-time member – non-emergency to emergency
 - Both approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Discussion about air bottles – do not have info – table for now.

Ryan –

- Did not attend meeting. Was at EMS county meeting with Chief VanEtten.

Comments from Attorney Bill Young:

- Suggests reviewing/auditing the check book monthly. Can be done on rotation – one to two Commissioners review each month. It was noted that we typically reviewed quarterly.
- Noted that the transfer of the firehouse from the village has been held up by title problems. Looks like should be taken care of by next week and hopefully completed by end of summer.

Old Business

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Compliance with policies and forms – review of policies with attorney at this meeting.
- Automatic door closer for upstairs office – purchased through Ace Hardware. Bill had a hard time doing a tax exempt purchase through Lowe's – Ace much easier to deal with.
- Security system for the firehouse – there was a slight glitch, but all seems OK now.
- Generator and siren project updates –
 - Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation has funded the projects for \$33,000.
 - Tim reached out to Upstate Generator on June 2, 2021 via email as well as contacting them a few weeks prior to get a quote and speak about the specifics of the project – they never got back to him.
 - We have received an estimate/quote from King Electric for the generator project.
 - Discussion with Commissioners – will have King Electric do standby generator install. 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - The siren is the sole source provider – discussion that work will be done by KJBL Electronics. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Deidra – none opposed.

New Business

- Stamford Fire Department will be holding their annual Installation Dinner on July 17th. Discussion that as have done in the past, SJFD will send \$2,500 to SFD to help cover the costs. 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- SJFD annual budget workshop meeting – need to do in August timeframe. Discussion to have it at Mama Maria's on Friday, August 27th at 6:00pm. Ellen will call to make reservations + do public notifications.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted that minutes have been added; and fire numbers are up to date as well as EMS.
- Dusty –
 - 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. All work in progress.
 - Shore line for 2773 – need to do.
- Peter – did not attend meeting.
 - Dusty on behalf of Peter – pump tests need to be scheduled – it's been two years.
 - Discussion that AJ will talk with Chief VanEtten about hose testing.
- Bill –
 - Still organizing old equipment and radios. Low band pagers are obsolete. Bill will be organizing further by model numbers.
 - Attorney Bill Young noted that any time an item of value is surplus, need to include resolution. Commissioners agree – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed. See sample:
We also note that pursuant to Town Law, §176(23), a resolution to sell a pumper truck may be subject to voter approval. Section 176(23) provides that, with certain exception not applicable here, a fire district may sell or dispose of unneeded real and personal property valued in excess of \$25,000 "if, when and in the manner and to the extent authorized" by a proposition submitted at a special or annual election conducted in the manner prescribed by Town Law, §179. Thus, if the truck is valued at greater than \$25,000, the resolution to sell would be subject to mandatory referendum. Under section 176(23), if the truck is valued at less than \$25,000 but greater than \$5,000, the resolution would be subject to permissive referendum conducted in the manner provided in General Municipal Law, §6-g(4). No referendum would be required pursuant to section 176(23) if the truck is valued at less than \$5000.
 - 911 signs – Bill noted that Town of Harpersfield signs are starting to be installed.
- Tim –
 - Raspberry device with IAR – still tweaking the system but works well.

Other Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary