

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes
July 13, 2021

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.

Present were:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$ 68.99
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Fyre Fyter Inc	\$ 409.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.03
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NYSEG	\$ 695.99
NYSIF	\$ 1,898.02
Paraco Gas	\$ 260.43
Village of Stamford	\$ 45.90
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WEX Bank	\$ 449.61
	<u>\$ 4,354.89</u>

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

Treasurer's Report

After July payments	
Checking Account	\$ 1,038.70
General Fund Account	\$ 98,199.75
Apparatus Reserve	\$ 58,106.91
Repair Reserve	\$ 15,779.46

Total transfers made from General Fund Savings to Checking Account to cover payments in July – \$4,000

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

Chief VanEtten –

- At the SFD Board of Directors meeting in June, discussion about purchase of survivor hand held lights (\$120.75 per x 2), air bottles (\$1,248.25 per x 2), seek reveal (TIC) (\$499 per x 1). Discussion that TIC is not a high heat sensor – can be used during overhauls and chimney fires, boots for Mark Fallon (recent ordered boots are still too small). Will get him sized and keep the ones that do not fit in SFD inventory for another member to use. \$357.50 per. Approved for all – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Discussion about money in budget to purchase uniforms for members. Will need to table at this time to gather the information.
- Need to replace radio in 2761 – KJBL quote for \$2,210.34 – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- On Wednesday, 7/14, will be presenting EMS project to the Town of Stamford.
- Chief VanEtten also noted that he spoke with Amy Warner who heads the O'Connor Foundation and hopes to sit down with her to discuss the EMS Project in more detail. Also met with Senator Peter Oberacker.

Old Business

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Automatic door closer for upstairs office – it's here – just needs to be installed.
- Security system for the firehouse – all seems to be working well. Discussion that Tim should contact Country Home Security regarding the firehouse smoke detector in the kitchen area.
- Generator and siren project updates – noted that it was in the works.
- A reminder that the SFD Installation Dinner is on Saturday, 7/17.
- A reminder that the SJFD budget workshop is scheduled for Friday, 8/27 at 6:00pm. Commissioners, Chiefs and spouses are invited to attend.

New Business

- Discussion about the CON letter for Westchester Medical Center/Margaretville Hospital and what it could mean for our area. Discussion about what the template letter says vs. what they can provide to support us. Tim will call contact on the letter to feel it out before we send letter or an edited letter (to meet our area's needs) in support of the CON. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed. Ryan noted that there is a large territory for the letter to go through to get the support it needs.
- Discussion about the need to repair crack in blacktop in the front of the firehouse. Will need to contact KCK Paving or try Webster's. Need to get done before it gets worse and winter comes.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted that minutes have been added; updates/changes have been made to the website and fire + EMS numbers need to be updated.
- 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 –
 - Discussion to possibly replace light bar on 2751 with AJ's old light.
 - Noted that it looks like the seal in the back is still leaking on 2751. Will look at leaks/issues further.
 - The ground light in the back on 2712 not working.
 - The back up alarm on 2761 is not working
- Bill –
 - Will coordinate air pack servicing and checks with MES.
 - Noted that he is still giving out batteries to members for the pagers and noted that members need to make sure they are putting their pager back properly in the charger.
 - Slowly separating the old equipment. Discussion to just send the old pagers to the Town of Harpersfield transfer station. Old radios need to be categorized before the company will take them.
 - Status of 911 signs –
 - 90 signs have been installed in the Town of Harpersfield

- Plan is to do the town and county roads first – should be done by the end of July.
 - State Route 23 locations should be posted by the end of August.
 - Shared status of equipment to be returned by former members who were dropped from rolls this past Spring. Chris Sweeney moved out of the area to NYC and took turnout gear with him. Bill spoke with him and they agreed the items will be returned no later than September 1st. Those dropped from rolls this year either did not have gear issued or it has been returned.
- Tim –
 - No updates on building transfer status.
 - The upright freezer continues to have issues. Will research and try to repair with parts that cost approximately \$100.
 - Thank you to Don VanEtten and the Foundation for all that they are doing regarding the EMS Project. Discussion that the SJFD fully supports the efforts and should provide a letter stating such that can be referred to at the various meetings he attends – including the upcoming ones at the Towns of Stamford and Harpersfield. Ellen will draft up a letter. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Deidra – none opposed.

Other Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary