

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

January 11, 2022

### Organization Meeting

Meeting called to order by District Secretary Ellen Kennedy at 7:00 p.m.

Nomination for Chairman                      Deidra Hill            1<sup>st</sup> by Tim Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Sharick

Appointment of Vice Chairman              Tim Powell            1<sup>st</sup> by Bill Sharick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dusty King

The following recommendations were made for 2022:

1. Bill Young and Terry Hannigan as attorney.
2. The Mountain Eagle & Schoharie News as official newspaper with The Daily Star as a secondary newspaper
3. Wayne Bank and The Bank of Greene County as official banks for depository of funds.
4. Regular monthly meetings to be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. It was noted with the exception of the firefighter's parade in August, and the budget workshop night (dates TBD).
5. Lucy Chichester appointed Treasurer with salary set at \$7,875.00.
6. Ellen Kennedy appointed Secretary/Treasurer with salary set at \$5,000.00.
7. Approval of membership in the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.
8. Mileage rate to be set at .585 (IRS rate)

Motion to adopt with no discussion – 1<sup>st</sup> by Tim Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dusty King – none opposed.

Oaths of Office administered

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:15p.m. by Chairman Deidra Hill.

Present were:

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

z = attended via Zoom

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

### **Presentation of Bills**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Ace Hardware	\$ 31.22
AFDSNY	\$ 300.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Donny Stone	\$ 210.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 75.00
Karl W. Reynard Insurance	\$ 2,681.00
Karl W. Reynard Insurance	\$ 1,740.00
King Electric	\$ 5,379.86
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 96.68
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 124.58
Mark Powell	\$ 500.00
NAPA	\$ 20.08
NYSEG	\$ 752.03
NYSIF	\$ 1,898.02
Sherman Air Services	\$ 1,123.00
Stryker	\$ 284.05
The Daily Star	\$ 38.44
The Mountain Eagle	\$ 19.43
Village of Stamford	\$ 42.50
Village of Stamford	\$ 70.00
WEX Bank	\$ 390.85
WEX Bank	\$ 1,015.00
Zoom	\$ 14.99
	<b><u><u>\$ 17,036.11</u></u></b>

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

It was noted that 2772's fuel bill has been increasing since Hobart 1863 is being mutual aided/shared for EMS calls – this is due to using 2772's fuel card.

### **Treasurer's Report**

After January payments

Checking Account	\$ 88.00
General Fund Account	\$ 25,225.17

This balance includes \$11,636.14 from R-B grant.

Encumbrances:

Apparel	\$ 10,000.00
Turnout Gear	\$ 3,500.00
MES (air tanks)	\$ 2,500.00

Apparatus Reserve \$ 80,121.60

This balance includes \$22,000 that was transferred from the remaining 2021 general fund

Repair Reserve \$ 15,783.44

## **Privilege of the Floor**

No comments at this time.

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

Chief VanEtten –

- The department had one applicant and approved him at the department meeting: Gavin VanEtten as a Junior member. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed. Arson and background check have been received as clear.

Ryan –

- Bassett contract for department physicals – table until the February meeting.

## **Old Business**

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Automatic door closer for upstairs office – need to be installed.
- KJBL plans to come on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to finish and program the siren.
- Further discussion about SJFD boundaries, calls and coverage. Bill has done some further work, went to the planning department in Delhi and met with Spencer Duvall. The boundaries were developed in the 1930s and modified a bit as properties were sold. Around 1990 is when the 911 system came into effect and an outside agency allegedly put together what they thought the boundaries of fire districts should be (in approximately 2008). Further discussion – get map information from Delaware 911 emergency services so we can see what they see, Tim to speak with Bill Young, discussion to meet with our surrounding departments at a later date to discuss who covers what at the boundaries. Discussion that maybe an agreement needs to be drawn up with the other departments to establish who would be expected to cover what – all pending Tim’s conversation with Bill Young.
- Mandatory training for SFD – Dusty coordinating the sexual harassment training for department members.

## **New Business**

- Dusty will take care of the 2711 testing scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
- Don will take care of the overhead door service scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion about passing of former SFD member and former SJFD Commissioner Sid Wright. Ellen was asked to send a card from SFD and SJFD on behalf of the members.

## **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra –
  - Noted that numbers are up to date and minutes are updated.
- Dusty –
  - Noted the new generator has been installed – not on line yet, and the old generator found a home in Kentucky.
  - Discussion need a regulator for the tank. Paraco is the gas supplier and should take care of – Tim will contact them.
  - Hopes to get lighting in the firehouse done soon.
- Peter – did not attend meeting – Dusty on his behalf –
  - No issues to report with the trucks.
  - Discussion about bay door openers and the issues. Would cost a few thousand dollars per door to do an upgrade. Peter may have a solution that could work – cost approximately \$130. Discussion to let him try that on one bay door and see how that goes.
- Bill –
  - Nothing to report on pagers and radios – have more batteries coming in and there is ongoing maintenance.
  - Old equipment update – will be going to the Harpersfield transfer station soon.
  - Noted that the 911 signs for the Town of Harpersfield are almost complete – just a few more to do. Next year the plan is to work on Jefferson, Stamford and Kortright. Noted will need to make purchases next month.
- Tim –
  - Transfer of firehouse to the District update – nothing to report. When he speaks with Bill about District mapping, will ask about the transfer too.

## **Other Business**

- The annual Contract for Legal Services from attorney Bill Young was signed.

- Discussion about training for Commissioners – no classes being held close by – maybe Clifton Park on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Solar panels – nothing to report. **TABLED**
- Reminder for December 2022 – interior list to Kevin + annual claims report to OFPC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary