

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

October 18, 2022

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 Deidra Hill.

Present were:

Deidra Hill	x	Dusty King	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester	x	Peter Pioppo		1 st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Tim Powell	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 2023 Stamford Joint Fire District budget hearing was opened.

The bids for the Stamford fire station roof project were opened and reviewed:

- There were three (3) total bids submitted
- James A. Edgar Company – Scotia, NY – subcontracted under Garland Industries. Bid was \$262,900.
- S&L Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. – Voorheesville, NY. Bid was \$260,900.
- Collie Roofing – Voorheesville, NY. Bid was \$203,000. Collie Roofing submitted bid proposal via hard copy as well as via email.
- Commissioners discussed that they have thirty (30) days to review the proposal submissions and make a decision.
- Discussion to meet on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m., along with the SFD Chiefs to review and discuss the proposal submissions.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Delco Creative	\$ 275.00
Extrication Concepts	\$ 180.00
Leeman Markee	\$ 300.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.42
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,829.42
The Daily Star	\$ 74.04
Village of Stamford	\$ 42.50
Village of Stamford	\$ 70.00
WEX Bank	\$ 628.48
Young, Fenton, Kelsey & Brown	\$ 1,819.75
	<u>\$ 5,546.99</u>

An invoice for \$7,923.11 for apparel from Gall's was also included in the bills. After discussion about the many issues with the order and the billing, will hold the invoice and not pay at this time.

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

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of October 18, 2022

Checking Account	\$	422.68
General Fund Savings	\$	112,719.97
Total General Fund Balance (inc. \$6,051.14 remaining from grant)	\$	118,771.11
Apparatus Reserve	\$	80,151.54
Repair Reserve	\$	15,789.35

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - No new members this month.
 - Noted that 2761 is getting noisy under the dog house. Discussion possibly a brake issue or turbo leak issue again. Discussion to get it safety inspected at Gerster's.
- Ryan –
 - Purchase Stryker monitor cable to replace damaged one - \$304.92.
 - Bound Tree supplies and restock - \$184.83
 - Mileage reimbursement for Leeman Markee for September - \$300
 - All approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Tim – none opposed.

Old Business

- Various jobs around the firehouse still need to be taken care of.
- Landing zone at DEC building updates – is still in the works and could be done end of this week. The landing zone will need to be striped. Discussion about how to do it, dimensions and who would do it.
- Credit applications –
 - Tractor Supply – account was set up and they issued a business credit card.
 - Stamford Farmer's Co-op – Deidra noted that she needs to take care of.

New Business

- Discussion about the Defensive Driving Course that was held on October 15th and that the District needs to be made aware of ahead of time – especially if they will be paying for. There were 19 participants. Discussion that there needs to be better communication. The District will pay for the SFD members (16), and cannot pay for the 3 non-member spouses. That would be up to the SFD on how to cover that. Discussion about online version of course as another option. Approved – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Discussion about preapproval for payment of the \$10,000 invoice for Peckham Industries Inc. for the landing zone, should the invoice arrive prior to the November meeting – approved. 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Ryan –
 - Discussion that the Lucas device needs to be serviced.
 - At the August budget workshop, it was discussed that the contract would be effective 1/1/23 to 12/31/23 and would carry over the 2022 funds into 2023.
 - Due to issues currently with the device, would like to request start date of 11/1/22 through 10/31/23.
 - Quote for \$3,256.60, which includes some/not all batteries.
 - Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- A motion was made to override the 2% tax cap – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Tim – none opposed.

- A motion was made to bond up to \$500,000 for the fire station roofing project – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Tim – none opposed. Commissioners Bill, Dusty and Tim all approved. Please see resolution below:

A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED OCTOBER 18, 2022, OF THE STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWNS OF KORTRIGHT, HARPERSFIELD, STAMFORD, GILBOA, JEFFERSON AND VILLAGE OF STAMFORD, DELAWARE AND SCHOHARIE COUNTIES (THE "FIRE DISTRICT"), AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF A CAPITAL PROJECT CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROOF FOR THE EXISTING FIRE STATION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT LOCATED AT 111 MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF STAMFORD, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$500,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION; AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE SUCH BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE FIRE DISTRICT TREASURER; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District, in the Towns of Kortright, Harpersfield, Stamford, Gilboa, Jefferson and Village of Stamford to undertake a capital improvements project as described herein, and to finance such project by the issuance of obligations to the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners desires to issue obligations of the Fire District to finance a portion of the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District, in the Towns of Kortright, Harpersfield, Stamford, Gilboa, Jefferson and Village of Stamford, in Delaware and Schoharie Counties, New York, hereby resolves (by the favorable vote of not less than three-fifths of all the members of said Board of Fire Commissioners) as follows:

Section 1. The Stamford Joint Fire District, in the Towns of Kortright, Harpersfield, Stamford, Gilboa, Jefferson and Village of Stamford, in Delaware and Schoharie Counties, New York (the "Fire District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a capital improvement project consisting primarily of the following: the replacement of the roof on the fire station at 111 Main Street in the Town of Stamford, as substantially described in the Negative Declaration issued by the Fire District and dated October 18, 2022, such project to include any original furnishings, equipment, machinery, site work and ancillary costs required for such purpose. The estimated total cost of said specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$500,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore.

Section 2. The Board of Fire Commissioners plans to finance the maximum estimated cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 of the Fire District, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. Serial bonds of the Fire District in the principal amount of not to exceed \$500,000 are hereby authorized to be issued for said purpose pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 12 of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is fifteen (15) years; provided, however, if the Fire District provides certificates or other materials demonstrating satisfaction of the requirements of subdivisions 11 and/or 12(c) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, the Fire District hereby determines that such longer period of probable usefulness shall apply.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Fire District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution is permitted, but not required, to exceed five years.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Fire District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Fire District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the Fire District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Fire District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Fire Commissioners relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Fire District.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 8. The Fire District hereby determines that the replacement of the roof on the existing fire station is a Type II action that will not have a significant effect on the environment, and, therefore, no other determination or procedure under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") is required.

Section 9. A proposition for the approval or disapproval of this resolution shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Fire District at a referendum to be scheduled by the Fire District, and the resolution shall take effect upon approval of such referendum by such qualified voters.

Section 10. The Fire District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said referendum in accordance with Town Law Sections 175 and 175-c.

Section 11. The Fire District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, in a newspaper having general circulation in said Fire District and said newspaper is hereby designated as the official newspaper of said Fire District for such publication.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted that EMS numbers are up to date, need fire and minutes are up to date on the website.
- Dusty –
 - Fire alarm status updates – the kitchen area still needs to be done – all other heads are installed.
 - It was noted that the wiring still needs to be done for the noon whistle and to tidy up the wires on the roof as soon as possible. Ryan has been in touch with KJBL – they are waiting for a part to come in. It was noted this all needs to be completed before the roof project begins.
- Peter – did not attend meeting.
- Bill –
 - 911 signs – no updates
 - Pagers/radios/batteries – no updates
 - SJFD boundaries and coverage updates – no updates
 - Bill noted that MES will be at the station on Friday to perform SCBA checks. Bill will be away. Ryan said he will be available to assist.
- Tim –
 - Lowe's line of credit update – needs to be done.
 - Transfer of firehouse to the District status – no updates since last month.
 - Carpet cleaning in the firehouse – it was noted that Peter will be scheduling an appointment.

Other Business

- None.

Motion made to close the 2023 budget hearing and approve the budget. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Tim – none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary