

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

May 9, 2023

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 Deidra Hill.

Present were:

Deidra Hill	x	Dusty King	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	
Lucy Chichester	x	Peter Pioppo	x	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	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Time was taken to discuss the Lawn Maintenance bids and that none were received. It was noted that Tim will need to check with the lawyer on what needs to be done as this has not happened before and what next steps should be. Tim made a motion if have to rebid, will go through the rebid process again. If the lawyer says it is OK to hire someone from the fire department, will try that route. Approved – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
American Test Centers Inc	\$ 555.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Dylan Gallup	\$ 247.59
Fyr Fyter Inc	\$ 426.00
Jerry Austin	\$ 366.80
Karl W. Reynard Inc	\$ 436.00
KJBL Electronics Inc	\$ 650.00
Lowe's	\$ 322.36
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 99.12
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McKesson Medical	\$ 165.58
MIBH / Healthworks	\$ 455.50
NAPA (Gillie's)	\$ 51.99
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NYSEG	\$ 629.80
On Star	\$ 20.00
Paul Vamosy	\$ 396.93
SFD	\$ 94.48
The Daily Star	\$ 59.50
USPS	\$ 28.95
USPS	\$ 96.00
WEX Bank	\$ 873.08
	<u>\$ 7,279.53</u>

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

Treasurer's Report

Bank account balances as of 5/1/2023:

Checking Account	\$	8,040.53
General Fund Account	\$	467,008.27
Total General Fund Balance	\$	475,048.80
Apparatus Reserve	\$	5,168.48
Apparatus Reserve CD	\$	115,000.00
Repair Reserve	\$	31,796.05

\$7,586.39 has been received in NYSIF dividends

\$300,000.00 bond funds from Bank of Greene County for roof project

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

2nd Assistant Chief Joe Hornbeck –

- New member approved at SFD meeting:
 - Logan Vamosy – Junior Member
 - Approved – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- EMS Purchase (on behalf of Ryan):
 - Bound Tree – medical supplies for \$151.72
 - Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Old Business

- Joe – approval to purchase materials at Lowe's to construct saw horse stands for the flowers in the firepits. Approval to purchase and within reason up to \$500. Approved – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Tim –
 - Has mortar on hand and will have the broken step fixed.
 - LZ project – still need to get striping done. Spoke with person who will do the job and he said we're first on the list to get done.
 - Roof project – have the bond, insurance certificates paperwork – start date still TBD. Completion by approximately December 1st since the start date has been pushed back.
- Bank of Greene County on-line accounts are set up. Discussion that they will only issue two debit cards (when asked for four). Discussion will probably only need two.

New Business

- Truck repairs and service issues discussion –
 - 2761 was serviced, the rest were only safety inspections.
 - Kevin from Har-Rob to do the service for this year.
 - Discussion to come up with a better way to communicate of what is needed for each truck and who should do the work. Need to make sure it's a certified shop.
 - Discussion to give local business another chance, communicate what is needed, provide a checklist of work to be done and keep detailed records.
 - Peter will work on creating the checklists.
 - Discussion need to replace or repair exhaust on 2771 – OEM exhaust only.
 - 2711 waterway – no update yet, but the warranty process has been started. Dusty has been documenting the rust spots/progression with pictures.
- Discussion about copier machine (Ricoh) has been repaired. Tim spoke with technician about a new machine – cost is approximately \$1500 which includes service contract and would be monitored for toner usage. Discussion about consolidating printers/copiers if were to get a new one. Tim to gather further information and pricing and bring back for a future meeting.
- Discussion about chassis repairs and what fund should be used. Tim will talk with the lawyer about passing a referendum to take up to \$15,000 out of Repair Reserve. Follow legal procedures for truck and pump maintenance and repairs. Approved – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

A resolution, pending public hearing to be held at the June 13, 2023 meeting as follows:

WHEREAS, The Stamford Joint Fire District has established a repair reserve fund for needed repairs to buildings and apparatus; and

WHEREAS, The Stamford Joint Fire District apparatus is in need of bi-annual service work; and

WHEREAS, The Stamford Joint Fire District has in excess of \$30,000.00 in its repair reserve; and

WHEREAS, The Stamford Joint Fire District anticipates the cost of service to the apparatus fleet to not exceed \$15,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Stamford Joint Fire District approves the expenditure, not to exceed \$15,000.00, from the repair reserve to perform the needed service and repairs to the apparatus, subject to a public hearing to be held during the regular June Meeting.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Deidra Hill	X	
Tim Powell	X	
Bill Sharick	X	
Peter Pioppo	X	
Dusty King	X	

Passed and approved this 9th day of May, 2023

- Discussion about Truck Committee trip to upcoming Harrisburg Expo. Approval to purchase LZ light kits if they are available at the show – approved. 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted should be up to date, numbers are not posted and will need to add new members to the site.
- Dusty –
 - No building issues to note/in good shape.
 - Will have Kenny King come to firehouse to look at where new lighting will go for roof project.
- Peter –
 - No truck issues to note.
 - Replaced batteries in 2751 – were replaced two times.
 - Need to review other truck batteries to check their life expectancy.
- Bill –
 - Nothing to report on equipment or communications.
 - Working on 911 signs.
 - Went to Town of Gilboa meeting – Schoharie County EMS ambulance concerns voiced.
- Tim –
 - Transfer of firehouse from the Village – **IT IS FINALLY OURS!**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary

