

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

September 12, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:25p.m. by Chairman Deidra Hill.

Present were:

Deidra Hill	x	Dusty King	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester		Peter Pioppo	x	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		Stamford EMS Captain George Curbelo	x

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the August meeting were read and approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.

### **Presentation of Bills**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Airgas	\$ 192.60
Amazon (lights)	\$ 863.90
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Country Home Security	\$ 410.00
George Curbelo	\$ 522.74
Haynes Lawn care	\$ 180.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 125.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 97.14
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 138.77
NYSEG	\$ 703.37
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,953.86
On Star	\$ 20.00
The Daily Star	\$ 60.29
WEX Bank	\$ 648.99
Young, Kelsey, Brown & Strippoli	\$ 997.50
	<b><u>\$ 7,143.54</u></b>

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

- Discussion that the KJBL invoice for \$1,640 can be discarded as that is for an order that was incorrect and has since been corrected and paid last month.
- Discussion to continue to hold the Gall's invoice for \$8,340.98 until the department is satisfied with what has been received and make sure the order is correct.

**Treasurer's Report** - Bank account balances as of 9/1/2023:

### **Wayne Bank Accounts**

Checking Account	\$ 847.34
General Fund Savings	\$ 66.48
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$ 1,179.45
Apparatus Reserve CD	\$ 115,000.00
Repair Reserve Savings	\$ 4.52

### **Bank of Greene County Accounts**

Checking Account	\$	128.80
General fund Savings	\$	483,811.49
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	4,029.59
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	17,268.84

### **Privilege of the Floor**

No comments at this time.

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

- Chief Don VanEtten –
  - Discussion about purchase of holsters/slings for radios. Bill and Cliff Mueller are working on the order and the department had approved a \$200 budget. Discussion for SJFD to pre-approve this purchase – approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
  - New member approved by the department – Erik Bullard. Approved by the department last week. Approved by SJFD – 1<sup>st</sup> motion Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Peter – none opposed. Pending completed arson background check, and it was noted that he also has military background.
  - Noted that a bill will be coming from KJBL within the next month or so for the removal of equipment from former EMS Chief’s vehicle.
  - Extrication gloves – would like to purchase one dozen pairs at \$43/pair from Extrication Concepts. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Tim – none opposed. Noted that a request for purchase will be completed next month.
- George –
  - Medical supplies from Bound Tree - \$384.41
  - NYS Inspection of 2772 last Thursday went well – passed the inspection.
  - CLIA cost of \$200 every two years – is a requirement for glucose testing in the field.
  - CPR training next week – ordered books and will need e-cards. \$522.74 was paid and to be reimbursed.
  - Noted will be needing more medical supplies.
  - Noted ALS will be in process to move to Paramedic status.
  - Discussion to approve George’s requests – approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.

### **Old Business**

- Various jobs around the firehouse to complete – nothing to report.
- Landing zone update – Tim noted that he is on the agenda for the Stamford Central Board of Education meeting to be held on Thursday regarding the windsock. In speaking with the Superintendent, he believed that the request will be supported.
- Roof project updates – no updates at this time.

### **New Business**

- 2024 Budget Hearing to be held next month.
- Discussion to review budget numbers for oxygen and snow removal which will need a contract.
- Discussion about snow removal at firehouse, the two dry hydrants and the landing zone. Discussion to do an RFP for the upcoming 2023-2024 year.
- Discussion to also do an RFP for the 2024 lawn maintenance at the same time – the current contract was for the 2023 season.
- Discussion on how to fix the dry hydrant at Todd Road – will possibly need a new box built.

### **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra – noted should be up to date, fire and EMS numbers have been posted.
- Dusty –
  - Nothing to report – building-wise in good shape.
  - Would like to discuss a matter in Executive Session.
- Peter – nothing to report.
- Bill – did not attend meeting.
- Tim –
  - Noted need to review and fix how the Lowe’s account is set up.

- Noted there is an air compressor issue on 2761. For future discussion, have an in-house compressor installed.

**Other Business**

- Joe – quick conversation about radio chargers and what we have/what we need.
- Tim – send a letter to attorneys to retain them for next year.

The Stamford Joint Fire District Board of Commissioners went into an Executive Session at 8:10pm to discuss a personnel matter and returned to the regular meeting at 8:20pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary