

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

October 17, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:10p.m. by Vice Chairman Tim Powell.

Present were:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Snow Plow Bid results were discussed – this year’s proposal vs last year’s difference and that no shoveling was included in the bid last year. There was one bid submitted from Mark Powell for \$9,000, which is for the per season bid, and will include shoveling. Approved – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed. Tim Powell abstained.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 384.41
Country Home Security	\$ 111.60
DelCo Creative	\$ 435.00
Eklund Family Farm Machinery	\$ 390.00
Galls	\$ 4,170.49
Gillee's (NAPA)	\$ 15.29
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 3,653.96
Haynes Lawn Care	\$ 120.00
IBD	\$ 3,550.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 200.00
Lowe's	\$ 464.06
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 103.29
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.13
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,953.86
On Star	\$ 20.00
Paul Vamosy	\$ 387.63
S&L Roofing & Sheet Metal	\$ 153,766.16
Sherman Air Services LLC	\$ 275.00
Sherman Air Services LLC	\$ 88.00
Village of Stamford	\$ 127.82
WEX Bank	\$ 652.86
	\$ 171,238.94

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

- Discussion to pay 50% of the Gall's invoice (\$8,340.98 is the total) until the department is satisfied with what has been received and make sure the order is correct. It was noted that we have most of the order – approximately 2/3 of the uniform materials. Pay 50% of the bill on good faith and that Galls needs to make it right by February 2024. Approved – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 10/1/2023:

Wayne Bank Accounts

Checking Account	\$	686.05
General Fund Savings	\$	66.67
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	1,182.73
Apparatus Reserve CD	\$	115,000.00
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	4.53

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	499.61
General fund Savings	\$	476,975.01
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	4,039.39
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	17,310.85

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- AJ Vamosy –
 - Three new memberships – Jess Mederos, Fred Vasta and Jake Van Cleef. No arson reports returned yet – tentative on receipt of report to accept them. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Shared letter that Chief VanEtten drafted to send to Oorah Boys' Zone for the many false alarm calls to the facility since the beginning of the year. Would like to send letter to The Zone, various county emergency services (Schoharie and Delaware County) and political representatives to shed light on the situation. Letter should be on SJFD and SFD joint letterhead. Discussion about changing wording of letter and best to leave as is and thought to maybe let Grand Gorge FD know also as they cover the Oorah Girls' Zone in their fire district. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Noted that Bloomville Disposal has been sold – at this time we are not charged for our garbage pick up. Will not know if that will continue under the new ownership.
- George –
 - Update on the move to Paramedic level for the department. Budget for \$1755 for the narcotics plan with O'Connor + medicines and miscellaneous medical expenses, including trainings.
 - \$550 on hold for safes to use as the current ones are obsolete/no replacement parts.
 - Noted most of the medical supplies we have on hand will expire January 2024.
 - Discussion about Paramedic level calls for SFD and Headwaters and the clarification for each.
 - Discussion to move forward and get the safes now so no issue later on.
 - \$1800 budget approved for EMS – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Old Business

- Various jobs around the firehouse to complete – nothing to report.
- Landing zone update – Tim noted that he met with the Stamford CSD BOE + head custodian. Approval to install windsock on end of the school bus garage building.
 - Discussion that there are a few options. \$500 cheaper version or \$1,000 with LED lighting version. Approve the \$500 version – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

- Firefighter's 10% property tax credit – discussion that it is now self-reporting and lists no longer need to be supplied. It's \$200 **OR** 10% only. Discussion that we may be the only District that passed this resolution when it rolled out last year.
- Roof updates – within two weeks the project should be completed. It was noted that the siren needed to be fixed on the metal plate when the holes were drilled incorrectly by the roofing company.

New Business

- The Stamford Joint Fire District formally accepted the resignation of Deidra Hill as Chairman of the SJFD and as a Commissioner of the SJFD. Discussion that will need to identify another Commissioner, preferably from Town of Jefferson or Kortright, but not an absolute. If have any candidates, ask that they attend the November SJFD meeting.
- Annual elections in December – discussion that Ellen will ask our usual members to come and their rate is \$50 per person for the three hours.
- It was noted for the SJFD/SFD webpage that there will be no rate change and Deidra will continue to maintain and post the minutes and page updates.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty – did not attend meeting.
- Peter – noted that new batteries have been installed in 2713
- Bill –
 - Discussion about KJBL antennae for Dusty's hi-band mobile and ST11 mobile
 - Got hi-band holsters for portables at \$10/each on Amazon
 - Got 100 911 sign posts – awaiting the Lowe's bill and will be upgrading the Town of Gilboa 911 signs.
- Tim –
 - New DEC grant application for \$2500 – matched to \$5000 is due 11/15. Chiefs will need to think about any needs.
 - Carpet cleaning – used Stanley Steemer last year. Should get on their list to get rug cleaning again.
 - New printer is here in the radio room – working on getting configured and put into position.
 - Blacktop/sidewalk update out front of fire house – probably will not be completed until next spring.
 - Computer in radio room is pretty much dead. Roughly \$1350 to replace + will need to update the two computers in the upstairs office. Update price is approximately \$460 – discussion to hold off on that for now. Discussion to purchase new computer for the radio room as that is needed for the fire house's door lock system. Approved – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Other Business

- 2024 budget discussion -
 - Increase Snow Removal and Lawn Care Services from \$8,500 to \$12,000 for budget year 2024.
 - EMS new equipment line – no changes.
 - Discussion about Treasurer and Secretary increases. Increase will be \$350 for each for budget year 2024.
 - Discussion and 'food for thought' – will need gear and helmets going forward. That will happen in the 2025 budget year.
 - Approval to override the property tax cap – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - The Stamford Joint Fire District has closed the budget hearing at 9:10pm and approved the 2024 budget – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully,
Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary