

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

December 12, 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 Vice Chairman Tim Powell.

To note – the annual election polls were opened at 6:00p.m. for (1) five year term and (1) three term.

Present were:

	Dusty King	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
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
	Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Captain George Curbelo	x

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$ 132.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Diane Shafer	\$ 50.00
Grand Gorge Tire	\$ 529.40
Har-Rob Fire Equipment	\$ 2,838.00
Har-Rob Fire Equipment	\$ 1,899.00
James Publishing	\$ 170.00
Karl W. Reynard	\$ 1,450.00
Karl W. Reynard	\$ 2,716.00
Mama Maria's	\$ 206.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 103.29
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.13
Mark Powell	\$ 1,500.00
Marylee Hill	\$ 50.00
MES	\$ 510.14
NAPA	\$ 26.38
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,953.86
Ricoh USA, Inc.	\$ 16.74
Safeco Alarm System	\$ 379.89
Sandy Ferris	\$ 50.00
Sporty's Catalogue	\$ 658.71
Superior Plus Propane	\$ 607.68
The Daily Star	\$ 76.88
The Daily Star	\$ 54.76
WEX Bank	\$ 787.21
Young, Kelsey, Brown & Strippoli	\$ 85.50
	<u>\$ 17,220.95</u>

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 12/10/2023:

Wayne Bank Accounts

Checking Account	\$	553.03
General Fund Savings	\$	67.06
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	1,189.78
Apparatus Reserve CD	\$	115,000.00
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	4.55

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	507.06
General fund Savings	\$	274,173.15
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	4,059.39
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	17,396.57

Commissioner discussion to keep checking account only at Wayne Bank; move all other accounts to Bank of Greene County effective 1/1/2024. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - New membership application – Luke VanCleef – former Jefferson FD member – emergency status. Approved pending arson background. 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Discussion about the roof project and the downspouts causing an ice issue in the parking lot and walkways – will need to address.
 - Discussion about Oorah Boys Zone calls and the recent false alarm calls starting up again. Tim will discuss with attorney Bill Young or Nicole Strippoli regarding options to send another letter to them or how to handle.
 - Discussion to conduct a drill at the camp and discussion to speak with code enforcement official Rich Irwin.
- No EMS purchases at this time – George did not attend meeting.

Old Business

- Various jobs around the firehouse to complete – nothing to report – in progress.
- Landing zone update – windsock + frame has been purchased and is at the school. They will be doing the installation at a date TBD.
- Roof updates – discussion about rain gutters and the downspout issue. Awaiting the warranty paperwork – the job is 100% completed – then final payment can be made to the vendor.

New Business

- SJFD annual reorganization meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. followed by the regular meeting. Ellen will have legal notice sent to the newspapers.
- Discussion about recent email received from one of the Towns regarding the firefighter exemption. As was noted in a previous meeting, we are not required to certify/sign off on any paperwork – the exemption is self-reported by fire department members. If the Town would like to know who is an active department member, a copy of the roster can be provided to them.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - Noted wire has been pulled and new panel board has been installed for the roof project accent lighting.
 - Adapter has been replaced, ladder replaced on 2711 and foam has been picked up.

- Peter –
 - Noted that he has been approached by four people who would like to submit membership applications.
 - 2712 battery issues – discussion to have a battery load tester purchased to keep at the firehouse. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - 2713 Kussmaul issues or receptacle on the truck or ejector issues? Will need to evaluate.
 - Discussion to replace 2713 master switch – hopefully can do in-house – get part from NAPA.
 - 2761 still has tie rod issues – awaiting parts.
 - Noted that 2713 outside right rear tire pressure was down 30# - will need to watch that.
- Bill – nothing to report.
- Tim –
 - Lowe's line of credit – no updates.

Other Business

- It was noted that the cancer insurance paperwork has been taken care of and submitted for this year.
- Dusty noted need to get radio back from Jefferson EMS and give to Headwaters so we can communicate with them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary

To note – the annual election polls were closed at 9:00p.m.