

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Organizational Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2024

The annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Secretary Ellen Kennedy.

Present were:

	Andrea Donaghy	x			
	Dusty King	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x	
Lucy Chichester	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 Captain George Curbelo	x	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nomination for Chairman – Tim Powell. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Appointment of Vice Chairman – Bill Sharick

The following recommendations were made for 2024:

1. Young, Fenton, Kelsey, Brown & Strippoli and Hannigan Law Firm as legal representation.
2. The Mountain Eagle & Schoharie News as official newspaper with The Daily Star as a secondary newspaper
3. Wayne Bank and The Bank of Greene County as official banks for depository of funds.
4. Regular monthly meetings to be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. It was noted with the exception of the firefighter’s parade in August, and the budget workshop night (dates TBD).
5. Budget hearing to be held at 7:00p.m. on the third Tuesday in October.
6. Lucy Chichester appointed Treasurer with salary set at \$8,225.
7. Ellen Kennedy appointed Secretary with salary set at \$5,350.
8. Approval of membership in the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.
9. Mileage rate to be set at .67 (IRS rate)

Resolution with motion – 1st by Bill, 2nd by Peter – none opposed.

Oaths of Office administered to elected Commissioners, Treasurer (absent) and Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.

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Minutes

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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 Tim Powell.

Present were all noted above.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Organizational Meeting.

The Minutes from the December 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	\$ 24.81
AFDSNY	\$ 300.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
AT&T Mobility (Feb)	\$ 229.38
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 557.02
Fire End and Croker	\$ 819.20
IBD	\$ 5,875.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.62
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.13
Mark Powell	\$ 1,500.00
NYSEG	\$ 815.46
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,953.86
O'Connor Hospital	\$ 543.52
O'Connor Hospital	\$ 100.00
Ricoh USA	\$ 21.16
S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal	\$ 60,900.00
The Mountain Eagle	\$ 15.95
Village of Stamford	\$ 132.58
Wells Fargo Vendor	\$ 174.00
Wells Fargo (Ricoh)	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 616.53
	<u>\$ 75,104.60</u>

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 1/1/2024:

Wayne Bank Accounts

Checking Account	\$ 285.14
General Fund Savings	\$ 67.25
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$ 1,193.09
Apparatus Reserve CD	\$ 115,000.00
Repair Reserve Savings	\$ 4.56

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	4,666.14
General fund Savings	\$	233,774.43
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	31,526.19
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	17,088.55

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- George –
 - Reported that the Stamford Fire Department is officially at the Paramedic level
 - Noted will notify Mark Rosselly, get dispatch on board and our mutual aid departments.
 - George and Erik Bullard are the department's Paramedics
 - Discussion about staff/department EMT providers, call coverage, and 2772 will now be going to more calls – our District and mutual aid to other departments.
 - Discussion about how to keep 2772 in service and possible retrieval of vehicle at scene by department members.
- Chief VanEtten –
 - Discussion about the Department applying for the NYS grant application and it being a work in progress. Tim and Dale Downin will work on.
 - Discussion opting not to apply for the Federal grant as only the largest departments would benefit from it.
 - Discussion and update about a past member and issues of posing as a department member.
 - New membership applications – **NINE** approved at the last department meeting – all approved pending arson background.
 - Ginny Austin – non-emergency
 - Amanda Gardepe – emergency
 - Nikki McGrath – emergency
 - Evalina Macejka – emergency
 - Bobbi Jo Hughes – emergency
 - Mary Skinner – non-emergency
 - Jennifer VanCleaf – non-emergency
 - Tyler Vasta – Junior member
 - Levi Curbelo – Junior member
 - All approved and pending background check - 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Andrea – none opposed.

Old Business

- Various jobs around the firehouse to complete – nothing to report – in progress.
- Roof updates –
 - King Electric to complete the exterior lighting.
 - Downspouts and rain gutters are temporarily repaired, until can do a permanent correction.
 - Awaiting the warranty paperwork and final invoice – the job is 100% completed – then final payment can be made to the vendor.

New Business

None.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - Noted need to work on the penetration in-take on the air compressor.
- Peter –
 - Noted that the new battery tester unit will be here tomorrow.
 - 2713 master switch to be replaced
 - Will look at 2713 tire and check all other tires
- Bill –
 - 911 signs – nothing to report at this time – will start up again in the Spring. Towns of Stamford and Kortright will get new signs next year. Should have enough supplies. Plan to re-do Town of Gilboa. The Village of Stamford work date TBD.
 - Communications – noted with the new members, has handed out a lot of pagers. The G1 pagers are not reliable or worth getting repaired. Discussion to maybe add pagers to the order list under the equipment grant.
 - Noted that all equipment needs review for planning purposes and for what needs to be ordered: turnout gear, boots, gear bags, CO monitor (better to toss than repair), reflective jackets, vests, helmets, duty shirts, gloves, hoods and airpacks.
 - Discussion that Bill will review priority interior firefighter needs.
- Andrea –
 - Nothing to report, but did note that if there are any turnout gear or items of like, to please give to her as she would like to do sewing projects/fundraiser for the department.
- Tim –
 - Lowe's line of credit – no updates.
 - Ace Hardware – will need to update the purchaser list for the District and Department. Ellen will go to Ace to review/update list with them.
 - Discussion about the past member issue and someone trying to obtain gear under the Department, and that there should be approved purchasers and point people for this.
 - Noted key fobs have been ordered. Tim and Joe will meet to set up new members in the system.
 - Discussion about who has approved access to the EMS supply closet.
 - Noted to Bill that ONC BOCES Visual Arts class has ability to make apparel for the Department (ie duty shirts). Ellen will speak with the teacher at BOCES and get her in touch with Bill for what is needed and placing an order.
 - Discussion about Galls uniform order and that next month is the time limit for them to provide remainder of uniforms and accessories or remainder of invoice would not be paid.

Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary

