

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT - May 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:15p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell. Present were: Bill Sharick, Joe Keyser, Skip Chichester and Jack Moran.

The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved on a motion by Bill, seconded by Jack.

Presentation of Bills:

\$ 178.97 1lnk.com	\$ 124.10 Village of Stamford
63.00 Mountain Eagle	225.82 Verizon
80.00 River Valley Radio	341.90 Airgas
176.47 Mirabito	261.45 Verizon
225.00 Sherman Air Services	600.00 KJBL Electronics
107.67 Ace Hardware	141.50 Carrot Top Industries
301.52 WEX	244.94 Home Depot

Jack made a motion, seconded by Skip to pay bills in usual manner.

The treasurer's report was given as follows: there is a balance of \$5,527.39 in the checking account, \$296,573.31 in the general fund savings account, \$146,042.41 apparatus reserve savings, \$32,476.36 repair reserve savings. The minutes are to reflect that January through April records were reviewed and approved by the Board. This report is to be acknowledged as part of the minutes.

There was considerable discussion regarding fire department member applications. For future applications, the Board of Directors must follow the procedure that the by-laws state. If not, the Board of Commissioners will not consider future applications. The applications for David Scully, Dale Darran and Ed Voorhees will be approved at this time. A letter is to be sent to the Board of Directors regarding this issue. It was suggested to the Board that a 6 month probation period be in place for previous members and that they meet the same requirements as well as new members.

There was considerable discussion regarding the EMS issue. It was decided to draft a letter to all town boards in the fire district and also request to be on their next agenda to give them information on the current situation. In the Board of Commissioner's discussion, they would like to try a first responder program before totally eliminating EMS service. Emergency Service Agencies as well as local fire departments will also receive a copy of the correspondence to the towns.

Tim reported that it will be approximately 60 to 90 days before the ladder truck rehab is completed.

Another DEC grant will be submitted. The department was considering vest tanks and hose. Jack made a motion, seconded by Joe to approach them and see if they would consider 3 radios instead.

May 30th has been set as the date to sign papers with The Bank of Greene County for the bond funds. The legal paperwork is being prepared by Bill Young's office.

The SFD Board of Directors approved the lighting for Assistant Chief Van Etten's new truck. Bill made a motion, seconded by Jack to approve \$1,457 instead of \$2,856.50 to install the radio also.

There was discussion about reimbursing the department for the installation dinner expense. Joe made a motion, seconded by Jack to reimburse \$2,000.

Miscellaneous Business - Bill made a request to purchase a new flag and stand, which will be ordered from Carrot Top Industries. The dry hydrant needs to be fixed. Ladder testing should be done annually. Bill reported that 17 SCBA cylinders will have to be replaced by 2020. There should be 24 of the cylinders on hand. Jack made a motion, seconded by Bill to purchase a string trimmer to take care of the lawn by the fire department building.

Meeting adjourned 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucille Chichester
District Secretary