STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes
September 8, 2026

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Matt Gombosi	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester	x	Dusty King	x	1st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	x	2nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Karen Cole	x

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

Presentation of Bills

Vendor	**Amount**
A Cut Above Landscaping	$ 390.00
Airgas	$ 162.32
AT&T Mobility	$ 232.38
Colden Enterprises Inc	$ 331.51
Extrication Concepts	$ 6,396.24
Family Pest Solutions	$ 95.00
Gillee's (NAPA)	$ 71.97
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	$ 370.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	$ 20,000.00
Margaretville Telephone	$ 98.92
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NYSEG	$ 491.64
NYSIF Workers' Compensation	$ 1,262.30
Ricoh USA Inc	$ 6.51
The Reporter	$ 16.39
Tractor Supply	$ 169.99
Waste Recovery Enterprises LLC	$ 28.75
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	$ 58.00
WEX Bank	$ 475.24
	$ 30,798.11

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 9/1/2026:

Bank of Greene County Accounts	
Checking Account	$ 4,215.97
General Fund Savings	$ 61,868.91
Apparatus Reserve Savings	$ 18,739.38
Repair Reserve Savings	$ 32,973.07
PPE Reserve	$ 25,282.94
Grants/Loans General Savings	$ 83,161.11

Privilege of the Floor
None.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs
- Chief VanEtten –
  - New member approved at last department meeting – Chase Birdsall – Junior
  - Noted the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation members will be coming to the firehouse on September 10th at 1:00pm. Photo opportunity and conversation with department officers and members about department and building needs.
- Karen –
  - Bound Tree order - $137.01 for MCI kit and suction tubing supplies needed. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
  - Noted that the new battery for the suction unit did not help – the lights are still not turning on but the other unit still works.

Old Business
- Various jobs around the firehouse – always something to do
- Tabled items – Ready Rack table, hose drying rack and Ready Rack hose cart purchases. Table again – awaiting information from AJ.
- 2027 SJFD Budget Workshop discussion –
  - Approval to hire a cleaning person and in the budget – September 2026 to start.
  - Discussion about need for pagers, a line item for CPR classes, 2713 needs back tires, 2712 needs tires, another suction unit for EMS, a separate budget line for EMS supplies.
  - Discussion about suction machine – we have one that works and have one without lights – keep as is.
  - Motion to adopt 2027 SJFD Budget as presented – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
  - Discussion about anticipated dividends.

New Business
- The October meeting date will be on Tuesday, October 20th to coincide with the budget hearing.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion
- Dusty –
  - Discussion about electric bill – look into purchasing own meter reader
  - 2711 will have ladder inspections on 9/10 with 8am start
  - Work on overhead door – date TBD. Noted it looks like the weather stripping was replaced by someone.
- Peter – nothing to report.
- Bill –
  - Re: pagers – none have been given out in the last month. Discussion should purchase more – 12 Bofangs. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
  - Fire extinguisher vendor coming to firehouse on 9/14 – is a new vendor in Binghamton who took over who we use. Will send out an IAR message to members to bring in their extinguishers.
  - SCBA training – will work on – one year point is coming up soon.
  - Mayham's Pond dry hydrant project – no updates to report. Being that it's closing in on year end, don't expect any activity at this point.
- Matt –
  - Noted the drug tests he received did not have the THC insert. The delivery was corrected and he just got them today.

  Tim –
  - Discussion about SFD personnel issues and status.
  - 2711 Kussmaul compressor is burned up. Approximately $1200 to replace. Tim to look for a contractor or in-house to do the job to plumb the firehouse with a commercial grade air compressor.

- Noted we need to have an audit done. Lucy will do an RFP and work with Tim on it. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Association of Fire Districts annual fall conference is coming up – 10/8 - 10/10 in Saratoga – if anyone wants to go.
- Discussion about resolutions for trucks – 2711 and 2713.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE
FROM THE REPAIR RESERVE FUND
FOR UNEXPECTED MECHANICAL AND BRAKE REPAIRS
TO APPARATUS 2711

WHEREAS, the Stamford Joint Fire District ("SJFD") maintains a Repair Reserve Fund duly established pursuant to Section 6-d of the New York State General Municipal Law for the purpose of funding non-recurring repairs to capital improvements and equipment;

and WHEREAS, the Fire District's front line ladder truck 2711 has unexpectedly suffered severe brake and mechanical failures that render the vehicle unsafe for operations and completely unavailable for emergency response;

and WHEREAS, a ladder truck is a mission-critical piece of life saving apparatus, and its prolonged absence from service presents an immediate, direct threat to the safety, health and welfare of the residents and properties within the Fire District;

and WHEREAS, Section 6-d(2) of the General Municipal Law permits the Board of Fire Commissioners to authorize expenditures from a Repair Reserve Fund without holding a public hearing in cases of emergency, provided that such expenditure is approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the entire governing board.;

and WHEREAS, the total estimated cost to complete these urgent, non-recurring mechanical and brake repairs is $35,000, which is determined to be necessary and proper emergency expenditure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the SJFD, by at least a two-thirds majority vote of its total membership, as follows:

Declaration of Emergency: The Board hereby determines and declares that the sudden mechanical and brake failure of 2711 constitutes an emergency affecting public safety and the District's operational capacity, requiring immediate repair work that cannot await the delays inherent in standard public notice and hearing procedures.

Authorization of Expenditure: The Board hereby authorizes an emergency expenditure not to exceed $25,000 from the Fire District's Repair Reserve Fund to pay for the necessary non-recurring repairs to restore 2711 to active service.

Statutory Repayment Mandate: In strict compliance with Section 6-d(2) of the General Municipal Law, the Board recognizes its mandatory obligation to repay the Repair Reserve Fund. The District Treasurer is hereby directed to ensure that not less than one-half (50%) of the total amount expended pursuant to this resolution is repaid to the Repair Reserve Fund in the next fiscal year (2027); and the total amount expended pursuant to this resolution is fully repaid to the Repair Reserve Fund no later than the last day of the second fiscal year following this expenditure (2028).

Immediate Effect: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

RECORD OF COMMISSIONER VOTE:

Bill Sharick – aye
Dusty King – aye
Peter Pioppo – aye
Matt Gombosi – aye
Tim Powell – aye

Total Ayes: 5 Total Nays: 0

Certification by District Secretary, Ellen Kennedy, of the SJFD, does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners at a meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, and that the roll call vote recorded above is true and accurate.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE FROM THE REPAIR RESERVE FUND FOR UNEXPECTED MECHANICAL AND BRAKE REPAIRS TO APPARATUS 2713

WHEREAS, the Stamford Joint Fire District ("SJFD") maintains a Repair Reserve Fund duly established pursuant to Section 6-d of the New York State General Municipal Law for the purpose of funding non-recurring repairs to capital improvements and equipment;

and WHEREAS, the Fire District's front line engine 2713 has unexpectedly suffered severe brake and mechanical failures that render the vehicle unsafe for operations and completely unavailable for emergency response;

and WHEREAS, an engine is a mission-critical piece of life saving apparatus, and its prolonged absence from service presents an immediate, direct threat to the safety, health and welfare of the residents and properties within the Fire District;

and WHEREAS, Section 6-d(2) of the General Municipal Law permits the Board of Fire Commissioners to authorize expenditures from a Repair Reserve Fund without holding a public hearing in cases of emergency, provided that such expenditure is approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the entire governing board.;

and WHEREAS, the total estimated cost to complete these urgent, non-recurring mechanical and brake repairs is $20,000, which is determined to be necessary and proper emergency expenditure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the SJFD, by at least a two-thirds majority vote of its total membership, as follows:

Declaration of Emergency: The Board hereby determines and declares that the sudden mechanical and brake failure of 2713 constitutes an emergency affecting public safety and the District's operational capacity, requiring immediate repair work that cannot await the delays inherent in standard public notice and hearing procedures.

Authorization of Expenditure: The Board hereby authorizes an emergency expenditure not to exceed $20,000 from the Fire District's Repair Reserve Fund to pay for the necessary non-recurring repairs to restore 2713 to active service.

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Other Business
None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary