

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

June 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were:

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

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$ 2.20
Airgas USA, LLC	\$ 130.02
Amanda Gardepe	\$ 31.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bobbi Jo Hughes	\$ 31.00
Bound Tree Medical LLC	\$ 334.77
Don VanEtten	\$ 489.57
Elizabeth Fallo	\$ 31.00
Fleury Risk Management	\$ 2,831.52
Gavin VanEtten	\$ 40.00
Josh Weitzner	\$ 31.00
Level Up Tech Support LLC	\$ 329.99
Liam Seeley	\$ 40.00
M&M Motore & More	\$ 779.04
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.85
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NYSIF Workers Compensation	\$ 265.39
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Ricoh USA, Inc	\$ 29.98
Shae Michael Enterprises, LLC	\$ 50.00
Todd Funk	\$ 40.00
Waste Recovery Enterprises	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 469.46
	<u><u>\$ 7,875.59</u></u>

Approval of bills as presented, with exception of Access Compliance (\$7,090.00) until gets further clarification – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Discussion about fit tests and being charged for the minimum – need to clarify. Karen will follow up with the vendor.

Bill noted about need to test members and the records that are required to be kept. Noted the records need to be kept up to date.

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 6/1/2025:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	3,076.96
General Fund Savings	\$	315,755.93
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	238,763.16
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	33,947.39
PPE Reserve	\$	5,027.04

Lucy noted interest received to date on all accounts = \$3,501.06

Lucy noted the second payment of the \$75,000 for Robinson-Broadhurst grant is included in the General Fund Savings.

Privilege of the Floor

None at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - Reported 4 new EMTs – Bobbi Jo Hughes, Josh Weitzner, Liz Fallo and Amanda Gardepe. Seeking reimbursement for testing - \$31 each – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Two new members approved at the last department meeting:
 - Blake Turner – emergency
 - Tierney Turner – junior member
 - Approved both, pending arson background clear – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - Reimbursement to three members who enrolled in BEFO class – Gavin VanEtten, Liam Seeley and Todd Funk - \$40 each. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Discussion about Josh Weitzner enrollment in original EMT class – seeking reimbursement of \$1053.82. Discussion that reimbursement is maximum \$950 from the state which would reimburse SJFD. Discussion to reimburse Josh when the state reimburses SJFD. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none approved.
 - Seeking personal reimbursement for trip to Harrisburg for Chief Show – mileage and expenses. \$489.51 which also includes power steering fluid needed for 2711. Approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - Discussion about The Foundation funded the drone and washer & dryer purchase. The department was seeking to purchase a few other items discussed at recent SFD Board of Directors meeting. At this time would like approval to purchase one of the three items – gear wall rack - \$2049.25. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - Discussion that the \$50K grant we are expecting cannot purchase tools – has to go toward purchase of new rescue truck.
 - Discussion about door issues – by the shed and by the ramp. Spoke with Tom Ehrhard and will make arrangements to look at when Tom is available.
 - Overview of recent meeting at the Town of Gilboa regarding EMS coverage. In attendance were Dusty, Joe, Chief VanEtten, Bill, AJ, Liz Page and Eileen King (Headwaters) as well as members of other towns and other providers. Chief VanEtten and Bill gave an overview of how the meeting went.
- Karen –
 - Noted there will be three BEFO physicals taken on Thursday by Gavin VanEtten, Liam Seeley and Todd Funk.

Old Business

- Dusty noted he has not serviced the generator yet.

- Tim –
 - Noted the new rescue truck's body work is scheduled to start next month. Discussion about where the a/c unit was suggested to be placed on the truck and where it will be placed after discussions.
 - Noted the new bumper for 2761 will be here in about three weeks. The claim is in the hands of insurance and Har-Rob. About 4-6 weeks to complete.
 - Sale of 2761 – listed in North Carolina – Bramley Mountain Fire Tech. Another department from NC has reached out with interest – Bakers VFD (suburb of Charlotte).
 - Discussion about resolution for moving funds for apparatus for new truck – he will work on.

New Business

- Dusty –
 - Discussion about a one hour class being offered by Utica National on 6/12 regarding state training requirements. Discussion to see if Paul Vamosy is available and could join the virtual seminar.
 - Discussion about purchase of portable pond for 2751 since it's leaking badly. Cost is \$3300 – through Har-Rob would be \$2100 + \$500 S/H. Also need new rope for pond. Discussion to bring to the SFD BOD meeting next month.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - Need to do inspection on 2711 waterway pitting issue.
 - Need to do fuel tank on 2711 – check engine light is a new issue.
 - 2712 has been repaired.
 - American Test – need to schedule ladder and hose inspections + ground ladders.
 - Noted a makeshift wooden bumper was made for 2761.
- Peter – did not attend meeting
- Bill –
 - Noted for communications we are low on pagers again. Discussion to purchase more of the Bofang's (12) – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Discussion about CO call the other day at the firehouse. There was issue with the CO monitors – Bill worked on them and are OK now. Discussion to tie in CO alarms into our current alarm system + need to replace the filters.
 - Vests – need more + duty shirts from Catskills Outpost. Purchase 12 vests and 24 assorted shirt sizes (12-L, 12-XL). Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Noted the PESH and OSHA committee has met three times. Had to do quite a bit of modifying to the original document. It's close to being done – need to add about electric vehicles. Needs to be typed up with all the corrections/updates.
- Andrea – did not attend meeting
- Tim –
 - Noted in touch with Chris Tague's office regarding the \$50K grant. Emails got lost in the system from last fall – have been located and we can still get the funds. Tim forwarded the information to Andrea and does not have a further update.
 - Noted he briefly reviewed the reimbursement paperwork for Josh Weitzner (noted above) – need more documents. Karen, Mark Fallon and Josh need to work on further to get information to submit.
 - Discussion about extended service contract for generator from Generac. Discussion no need to do.

Other Business

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary