

## **STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT**

### **Organization Meeting - January 13, 2026**

Meeting called to order by District Secretary Ellen Kennedy at 7:00p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nomination for Chairman – Tim Powell. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.  
Appointment of Vice Chairman – Bill Sharick. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.

The following recommendations were made for 2026:

1. Monaco Cooper Lamme & Carr, PLLC and Hannigan Law Firm as legal representation.
2. The Mountain Eagle & Schoharie News as official newspaper, with The Reporter as a secondary newspaper
3. The Bank of Greene County as official bank 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 \$8,800.
7. Ellen Kennedy appointed Secretary with salary set at \$5,750.
8. Approval of membership in the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.
9. Mileage rate to be set at \$0.725 per mile (IRS rate)

Resolution with motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter – none opposed.

Oaths of Office administered to elected Commissioner, Treasurer and Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 7:02p.m.

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### **Minutes**

January 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:02p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell.

Present were:

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

The Public Hearing was opened.

The Minutes from the December meeting were read and approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.

## Presentation of Bills

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Airgas USA LLC	\$ 151.99
Association of Fire Districts	\$ 300.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Greenwood Auto	\$ 104.19
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 416.00
John's Argo Sales	\$ 866.00
KJBL Electronics Inc	\$ 175.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 99.12
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.95
Mark Powell	\$ 1,500.00
NYSEG	\$ 922.65
NYSIF Workers' Compensation	\$ 1,687.02
Ricoh USA Inc	\$ 9.69
Waste Recovery Services LLC	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 681.31
	<b><u>\$ 7,369.30</u></b>

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

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

### **Bank of Greene County Accounts**

Checking Account	\$ 1,942.41
General Fund Savings	\$ 174,411.71
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$ 442,478.35
Repair Reserve Savings	\$ 34,315.59
PPE Reserve	\$ 5,081.57

The following were designated to be carried over from the 2025 remaining funds:

- \$35,795 bond payment
- \$45,000 tools
- \$73,761 V-Fire (this amount represents balance of 2025 budget)

## Privilege of the Floor

None.

## Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
  - Cole Seeley – approved at department meeting as a Junior member. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
  - Logan Vamosy – approved at department meeting to move from Junior member to full time member. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter.
  - Chief VanEtten had a conversation with Doug Murphy regarding the New Year's Day fire and water sources – including that he is friends with the people who have a home at Mayhem's Pond. Discussion about Lake in the Sky (Todd Road) dry hydrant is OOS. Blackberry Street dry hydrant is working great/no issues. Discussion about perhaps a dry hydrant installed on State Route 10 at Blazer Pond. Discussion with Commissioners will need to investigate depth, accesses, drafting options and issues.
  - Would like to consolidate the two radios he carries into one dual band portable radio. KJBL - \$3,098.28 per. Further discussion to purchase for the 3 fire chiefs – approved for 3 radios. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed. Discussion about straps for the radios and that one is not included. Approval given for up to \$300 for 3 straps or holsters for the new radios – approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.

- Discussion about recent SFD BoD meeting regarding EMS calls and response rates which is getting better. Discussion and review of proposed letter to be sent to Delaware County Emergency Services with proposal on how to tone for Robinson Terrace and Buntline calls. Approval to send letter.
- Review of ECHO call on Friday, 1/9 and how AED and CPR helped revive person.
- Discussion about needing more detail for dispatches – there is not enough. Chief VanEtten will discuss with county.
- Discussion about administrative job description and should meet to discuss further. Set for Thursday, 2/26 at 7:00p.m. John and Jim (Har-Rob) will be asked if they know of any departments with a similar position and how it works.
- Liam Seeley – approved at department meeting to move from Junior member to full time member. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter.
- Torches invoice will be coming to the District - \$300 each. The SFD Treasurer will need to process first and then send to Lucy.
- Entry mats for the floors – need to be replaced/larger needed especially for snow and rain days. Tim will research.
- Reimbursement to Peter for purchase of batteries for light tower. Receipt was put in SFD box – SFD Treasurer will need to process and then send to Lucy.
- Karen – nothing to report.

#### **Old Business**

- Only item is the building thermostats are still being assessed.

#### **New Business**

- None

#### **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Dusty –
  - Nothing to report – new entry mats being researched and thermostat wiring looking into
- Peter –
  - 2713 – no damage to the valves and the tank water gauge was fixed
  - 2712 – throttle still needs to be fixed
  - 2751 – valve has been replaced
  - 2711 – missing 2 1/2" nozzle from Main Street fire
- Bill –
  - Gloves are needed. \$124.07 for small to XL sizes, \$127.40 for 2x/3x sizes. Discussion to purchase Majestic Gloves from Fire End & Croker – 6 small/XL and 4 2x/3x sizes. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
  - Noted G3 pagers were repaired and returned – no invoice yet.
  - Discussion about knit cap order – approval to order 12. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Tim –
  - Discussion about foam - \$150 per 5 gallon pail. Discussion if should seek reimbursement through a homeowner's insurance or SJFD pay the price. Discussion that SJFD will pay for and not seek the reimbursement.
  - Working on grants – air packs should have been ordered. Awaiting OK to order the turnout gear. Discussion about miscellaneous items needed, but not on contract – will need to discuss further: hoods, EMS gear, certain boots, helmets.
  - Discussion about filling the vacant Commissioner seat. A few candidate names were reviewed and considered. Motion to appoint Matt Gombosi to fill the vacant seat to end of the term which is December 31, 2026. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed. The Oath of Office will be given at the February 2026 regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **Other Business**

None.

The Public Hearing was closed and a motion was passed to approve the resolution. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.

Discussion that the insurance premiums will need to be discussed at the February meeting. Ellen will reach out to the NBT representative to extend invite.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary

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