

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes May 11, 2021

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:

Tim Powell	x	Deidra Hill	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	
Lucy Chichester	x	Dusty King	x	1 st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	x
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	x	2 nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	x
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal	x

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

To note: A meeting was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 to review some of the SJFD policies that are in place and update where necessary. This was to prepare for the meeting in June with SJFD attorney Bill Young. The meeting was held from 7:45p.m. to 9:20p.m. Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Deidra Hill	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	
Lucy Chichester		Dusty King	x	1 st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	x	2 nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	x
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal	x

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$ 14.63
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bill Sharick	\$ 97.44
Bound Tree	\$ 258.19
Dan Fallo	\$ 33.60
Deluxe Checks	\$ 196.40
Donny Stone	\$ 60.00
Har Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,717.00
Har Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,040.00
Har Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 5,432.50
John Stark	\$ 241.92
KJBL Electronics	\$ 650.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 960.02
KJBL Electronics	\$ 7,637.96
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.37
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 129.54
MIBH Healthworks	\$ 100.00
NAPA	\$ 63.98
NYSEG	\$ 805.07
The Daily Star	\$ 106.27
WEX Bank	\$ 392.27
	<u>\$ 22,264.54</u>

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

Treasurer's Report

After May payments

Checking Account	\$	1,336.02
General Fund Account	\$	122,189.48
Apparatus Reserve	\$	58,102.05
Repair Reserve	\$	30,777.09

Total transfers made from General Fund Savings to Checking Account to cover payments in May was \$24,000.00

Discussion about truck repairs, price increases, grants that have been submitted, work to be done on 2761, 2712 and 2713, and the siren and generator projects.

Discussion need to prioritize how to cover expenses and would be through the SFD Board of Directors.

Discussion about resolution to pull up to \$15,000 from the repair reserve account – approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed. The resolution will be posted in the newspapers and on the website to read as follows:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District located in the Towns of Harpersfield, Stamford, and Kortright, Delaware County, and the Towns of Jefferson and Gilboa, Schoharie County, State of New York did pass a resolution to expend not more than \$15,000.00 from the repair reserve account to perform required annual truck and pump service through Har-Rob Fire Apparatus, including any repairs deemed necessary.

The Stamford Joint Fire District's repair reserve account currently is in excess of \$30,000.00 which can be appropriated for said repairs. Any amount over the \$15,000.00 is proposed to be paid from the current 2021 operating budget.

Said resolution was adopted by unanimous vote by the Board of Fire Commissioners in attendance at its regularly scheduled meeting held on May 11, 2021, subject to NYS General Municipal Law.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

Joe –

- No new members.
- Discussion about jet siphons for portable pond transfers. Discussion about what to order and how many for 2711 and 2712. Order two – approximately \$300 per which would include S/H. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd by Dusty – none opposed.

Ryan –

- Need to order medical supplies including large gloves, D-10 and epi from Bound Tree for \$344.37. Approved – 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Travel expenses for SFD members who used personal vehicles to attending training:
 - Dan Fallo - \$33.60 and John Stark - \$241.92
 - Approved – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed
- Discussion about a letter/request received from Downsville Fire District to support a CON for them. Approved to send support letter – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed. Ellen will send letter (they provided a template letter).

Old Business

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Compliance with policies and forms – in progress/met last night to review. Any updates to policies as result of meeting will be taken care of by Ryan. Draft copies will be provided to attorney to review prior to our June meeting.

- Automatic door closer for upstairs office – still need to do. Discussion that Lowe’s carries them for \$100-200 for commercial/large heavy doors. Bill will be going to Lowe’s soon and will pick up – he has the paperwork and card issued to SJFD by Lowe’s. Approved – 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- First Responder powerpoint presentation to the town boards – met with Town of Harpersfield and it went very well. Bill, Margaret Schoonmaker and Paige VanEtten attended. Equipment was taken out of 2772 to show ToH members that it is well equipped like an ambulance – just cannot transport and does not take as much time of our volunteers. Bill will set up meetings with other towns in our District.
- Security system for the firehouse – continues to work well with no issues. They were recently at the firehouse to service the equipment.
- Generator and siren project update. Dusty will speak with Ken King about submitting proposal for work. Tim let the Commissioners know that he heard from Don VanEtten that Robinson-Broadhurst will be fully funding the grant which will be available in several weeks. It was also noted that there could be up to an eight month lead time to procure the generator.
- Bill Young has been confirmed to attend a meeting with SJFD on Thursday, June 10th.
- It was noted that the siren on 2713 continues to function without issue.

New Business

- Bill noted that a Public Information Officer should be designated for the District. The Chairman of the Stamford Joint Fire District is designated – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted that minutes have been added and fire numbers are up to date.
- Dusty –
 - Lighting and electric outlets – lights to be done – need switch plates. Also added was need outlet for security area and an outlet in the cage. All work in progress.
 - Shore line for 2773 – need to do.
 - 2713 dump valve has been taken care of.
- Peter –
 - Truck battery cleaning, clean truck compartments – still needs to be done.
 - Noted ground light on 2713 needs repair.
- Bill –
 - Still organizing old equipment and radios.
 - Fire extinguishers were checked – invoice has not been received yet. We have some spares and not all extinguishers were brought in by members to be checked.
 - Discussion to send out letters to members who were dropped from rolls in April 2021 – we need gear returned!
 - 911 signs – some in the Town of Gilboa were the cheaper/light weight stakes and got plowed over or damaged during the winter. Focus will be to get Town of Harpersfield posted and then go back around in ToG to replace where needed. Bill noted that 300 ToH signs are ready to go.
- Tim –
 - No updates on transfer of firehouse from the Village can discuss at June meeting with attorney.
 - Raspberry device order – all parts are in – will work on soon.

Other Business

- Solar panels – nothing to report. **TABLED**
- Reminder for December 2021 – interior list to Kevin + annual claims report to OFPC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary