

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

December 13, 2022

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 Deidra Hill.

Note the Stamford Joint Fire District 2022 Annual Elections polls were opened at 6:00p.m.

Present were:

Deidra Hill	x	Dusty King	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester	x	Peter Pioppo	x	1 st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Tim Powell	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 November regular meeting were reviewed and approved, and it was noted to add additional expenses that were paid – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

The Minutes from the November special meeting for the roofing project were reviewed and approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Ace Hardware	\$ 278.35	
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38	
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Bound Tree Medical	\$ 381.19	*
Country Club Motors	\$ 88.95	*
Diane Shafer	\$ 50.00	
Gillee's (NAPA)	\$ 115.38	
Grand Gorge Tire	\$ 4,907.60	
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,490.00	
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,788.00	
James Publishing	\$ 170.00	*
Karl W. Reynard	\$ 2,716.00	
Karl W. Reynard	\$ 1,450.00	
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.42	
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 138.77	
Mark Powell	\$ 500.00	
Mark Powell	\$ 500.00	*
Marylee Hill	\$ 50.00	
MES	\$ 40.00	
MIBH/Healthworks	\$ 93.50	
Norton Utilities	\$ 183.58	*
NYSEG	\$ 685.28	*
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,829.42	
Oneonta Garage Door	\$ 618.00	
Paraco Gas	\$ 681.95	*
Royal Ford Motors	\$ 50.43	
Sandy Ferris	\$ 50.00	
Sherman Air Services	\$ 275.00	
The Daily Star	\$ 174.54	

TOPS Supermarket	\$	125.17	*
TOPS Supermarket	\$	155.97	*
Tractor Supply	\$	81.95	*
WEX Bank	\$	1,003.28	
William Sharick	\$	163.13	*
Young, Fenton, Kelsey, & Brown PC	\$	500.50	
		<u>\$ 21,893.12</u>	

* Additional expenses paid after meeting

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

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of December 13, 2022

Checking Account	\$	1,163.55
General Fund Savings	\$	76,780.23
Total General Fund Balance	\$	77,943.78
Apparatus Reserve	\$	80,158.23
Repair Reserve	\$	15,790.67

- Budget account balances were reviewed. \$36,654.68 remaining in 2022 budget.
- It was noted to encumber \$8,619 for Galls for the remainder of the uniform order which still has issues.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - Two new members this month – Jerry Austin and Kelly Austin. Both non-emergency at this time. The department accepted both applications, and pending background check is clear for Jerry; Kelly's was returned clear. Approved – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Ryan –
 - Purchase medical supplies from Bound Tree - \$381.19
 - Purchase two lifepack batteries and Lucas battery - \$1,396.82
 - Both approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Tim – none opposed.
 - Noted that the new medical director is in the process of retiring
 - Noted that the monitor and Lucas device need to be serviced and are on a list which is backlogged due to COVID.

Old Business

- Various jobs around the firehouse still need to be taken care of. Tim noted that he has been taking care of some of the tasks.
- Landing zone at DEC building updates – still needs to be painted when the weather allows. Tim noted that he will also need to speak with Stamford Central School Board of Education about LZ lighted windsock request.
- Stamford Farmer's Co-op credit application – Deidra noted that she needs to take care of.
- Roof project updates –
 - Letter of intent was sent out.
 - It will cost \$87,000 to install rigid insulation per the contractor. Discussion among Commissioners that if insulation is needed in the future, we will do it ourselves from the inside of the building vs paying the \$87,000.
 - Special lighting outside the firehouse request to contractor – S&L roofing contacted three contractors and there was no bid/not interested. Discussion that if we wanted to do, we could reach out to Kenny King.

New Business

- New Commissioner training needed for Peter, which he will do on-line. The District to cover this expense – approved. 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Deidra distributed drafts of Treasurer and Secretary contracts. Discussion to table for the January meeting which coincides with the organizational meeting.
- Discussion about attorney fees with Hodgson Russ, and that there are not many other options for law firms dealing with fire districts, plus they are already in the middle of representing the District.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted minutes are updated, EMS numbers are posted, fire is needed.
- Dusty –
 - Nothing to report at this time – no major building issues.
- Peter –
 - Noted that 2713 siren is not operating – Tim will take look at it.
 - NY Test Inspection on 2711 will occur in January
 - Noted four pit holes on 2711. Har-Rob is aware and has reached out to Smeal. This should be under warranty.
- Bill –
 - SJFD boundaries and coverage updates – no updates
 - Pagers/radios/batteries – no updates, but did have an issue with personal pager (let it run dead and then could not charge). Ryan will try to work with it.
 - Noted need more G3 batteries. Discussion to order additional:
 - G3 batteries are \$27, Clips are \$14, Cords are \$15-\$20
 - G1 batteries - \$24 for sleeve (get two); 10 batteries and 10 clips – approved. 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Ryan noted that KJBL is the only Unication dealer in the area.
 - Discussion about 911 signs for the Village, needing to coordinate how to number within the Village and be consistent. Discussion that maybe the Village Trustees could work on an ordinance. Bill and Chief VanEtten can arrange to meet with Village officials to start process.
 - 911 signage in the Towns – done for this year.
- Tim –
 - Lowe's line of credit increase update – needs to be done.
 - Transfer of firehouse to the District status – affidavits have been sent in, the lawyers have been in touch, it's in the Village attorney's hands now.

Other Business

Motion for Lucy to adjust the 2022 account balances that are showing deficit – approved. 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

- Encumber approximately \$34,000 for apparel, building repairs, new equipment and PPE
- Carry over \$10,000 in the general fund to start 2023 and encumber the remainder for roofing project or apparatus reserve – pending if the roof proposition does not pass this evening during the vote. Approved – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

It was noted that Deidra left early and Tim would stay to certify the elections.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Note the Stamford Joint Fire District 2022 Annual Elections polls were closed at 9:00p.m.
Proposition #1 for the roofing project passed unanimously.
Peter was elected as Commissioner for a term of five years.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary