

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

February 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 6:55p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell.

Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Andrea Donaghy	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester	x	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 Captain George Curbelo	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kevin Hull of Karl W. Reynard, Inc. insurance spoke with the Commissioners about our current insurance coverages.

- Kevin noted that there was no dividend this year and it's been at least 30 years since that has happened. There are many factors including the economy and what's happening around the world.
- Noted a 9% increase for renewal and recommends a \$1,000 deductible.
- Discussion about specific apparatus and changes to Kevin's proposed policy are as follows:
 - 1988 International Tanker – lower to \$275K
 - 2005 HME/EVI rescue – raise to \$975K
 - 2009 International Crimson Pumper/Tanker – raise to \$950K
 - Approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Discussion to pay the insurance bill as presented, needs to be adjusted and a credit will be issued.

The Minutes from the January meeting were read and approved with the corrections noted by Ellen – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$ 36.10
Bound Tree	\$ 175.54
Critical Tool	\$ 808.68
Emergency Services Marketing / IAR	\$ 660.00
ESO Solutions	\$ 3,983.19
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 443.44
Karl W. Reynard	\$ 24,386.09
Mama Maria's	\$ 182.55
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.62
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 144.42
Mark Powell	\$ 1,500.00
NAPA (Gillee's)	\$ 644.48
NAPA (Gillee's)	\$ 9.49
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,953.86

O'Connor Hospital	\$	110.55
Race Printing	\$	37.44
Ricoh USA	\$	15.98
Sherman Air Services	\$	1,248.00
Stamford Fire Department	\$	123.11
Superior Plus Propane	\$	1,261.49
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	\$	58.00
WEX Bank	\$	445.32
	\$	38,326.35

Several months ago the Commissioners discussed holding back payment to Gall's until February 2024 due to issues with uniform order. Discussion that items continue to arrive, some are correct, other items are not. Decision to hold payment one more month (\$4,170.98).

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 2/1/2024:

Wayne Bank Accounts

Checking Account	\$	767.17
General Fund Savings	\$	0.00
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	1,196.87
Apparatus Reserve CD	\$	118,200.58
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	0.00

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	4,276.80
General fund Savings	\$	164,389.39
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	31,601.35
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	17,135.98

Tax monies received from:

Town of Stamford	\$53,977.36
Town of Gilboa	\$40,862.34
Town of Kortright	\$12,620.98

Dividend checks from NYSIF: \$7,871.61 and \$98.57

Lucy noted that she has been closing accounts at Wayne Bank, but there are still some funds. The monies have been moved to Bank of Greene County.

Discussion about Fleury Risk Management Workers' Comp – deposit to the GENERAL fund for now – will move to apparatus in the future.

Lucy noted that the gas sheet paperwork needs to be completed properly.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - New membership applications – three approved at the last department meeting – all approved pending arson background.
 - Liam Seeley – Junior member
 - Nicole Weichert – emergency
 - Cresandra Weishar - emergency
 - All approved and pending background check - 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Equipment needs of the department discussed at last Board of Directors meeting:
 - 3 CO monitors at \$330 per for 2761, 2713 and the radio room
 - 2 black helmets at \$352.06 per
 - 6 hoods at \$53.95 per
 - 6 gear bags at \$40.95 per
 - 2 pair boots at \$358.75 per. Discussion on needs and might be able to get another brand for Fred Vasta and Luke VanCleaf
 - 10 reflective jackets at \$67.39 per
 - Approximately \$4,000 in gear for members approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Bill noted he took home a few pagers and worked on them – should be good on pagers for now.
 - Discussion about turnout pants and yellow helmets for Junior members.
 - Chief VanEtten noted that he is actively applying to be a Deputy Coordinator for Delaware County.
 - Noted that the siren speaker on 2771 is blown – needs to be replaced.
- Joe –
 - Would like approval to purchase pine boards and ceiling tiles to finish the foyer and radio room project. Should be under \$100. Approved – 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed. Either will use Lowe’s LAR account or reimburse Joe.

Old Business

- Various jobs around the firehouse to complete – in progress. Thank you to Joe for his work on the foyer and radio room – looks great. Thank you to Ellen for starting to clean the office upstairs.
- Roof updates – final payment will be made. Any additional fixes, including downspouts, will be taken care of in-house.
- Department physicals discussion – Bassett vs Access Compliance.
 - Tim reviewed with the Commissioners the two plans. Bassett is a \$6,440 two year commitment with a minimum of 40 physicals. Access is \$3,605 with a minimum of 15 physicals. The cost for testing is a little higher for Access, but there is more flexibility. Discussion to use Access Compliance – approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Discussion about when do BEFO department members need to have physicals done. Will speak with George to get members enrolled with Access ASAP.
- Building security –
 - SAFECO wants to install a new system - \$2,800 + \$25 per month access fee.
 - Country Home is coming on January 26th to check the system and see what can do. Discussion will need to get a quote from them and then can determine which vendor to use.
- Discussion about correspondence from attorney’s regarding the Main Street fire and adopting a FOIL policy. Policy was reviewed and approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Discussion about Lexipol – a policy review company who can maintain, update and keep up to date on policies. Discussion to look into further and find out costs to determine if would use their services.

New Business

- Word and Adobe programs – office suite is limited right now and renews on March 7th. Peter will look into Adobe Pro options. Will need to have access to these programs.
- Garbage pickup at the firehouse – discussion that Bloomville Disposal is now Waste Recovery and we may no longer have the free weekly pickups. The garbage needs to be removed weekly. Dusty will speak with Town of Harpersfield clerk to get a sticker so we can bring garbage to transfer station. Discussion need to check other options to see if there is another vendor to service the firehouse.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - Noted still need to complete the lights – Kenny is currently away.
 - Air compressor work still needs to be done.
 - Discussed with Lucy will need to review one year detail of the electric bill to see if we can figure out why not seeing lower bills.
 - Noted need to service the generator in the spring.
- Peter –
 - 2772 needs oil change and to be serviced.
 - Gerster is ready for trucks to come down for inspections
 - 2761 part is in – need to do that first
 - The new battery tester is here – need to review all batteries
 - Discussion need to do in-depth training on how to use fill station.
- Bill –
 - Call logs on the website – need to add 2024. Andrea will speak with Deidra to add to the website.
 - Communications –
 - Worked on six G1 pagers and they are ready for distribution.
 - Four new hi-band portables are here.
 - Noted that all members need to bring in radios that they have so can be inventoried, and it should be Board of Directors policy.
 - Equipment needs – especially for new members was covered above by Chief VanEtten.
 - 911 signs – will need to purchase more numbers – approximately \$80.
- Andrea –
 - No updates on IT yet.
- Tim –
 - Lowe's line of credit – no updates. Tim and Bill will go to store and figure out any issues.
 - FEMA grant – seminar on February 21st if anyone wants to sit through it. Further discussion that the AFG grant will not benefit us as a small rural district, so probably don't need to do seminar.
 - AFDSNY elections letter – Ellen will submit ballot prior to March 1st per instructions received.

Other Business

Commissioner training – Andrea needs to do as a new Commissioner and Dusty will need to do as per his recent election to five year position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary