

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

September 10, 2024

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.

Present were:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

It was also noted the July minutes needed correction in the General Fund Savings - amount was typed incorrectly.

### **Presentation of Bills**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Access Compliance LLC	\$ 50.00
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American Test Center	\$ 570.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Gillee's (NAPA)	\$ 539.90
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,081.00
Level Up Tech Support	\$ 42.50
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 100.89
Megan Avery	\$ 122.00
NYSEG	\$ 1,091.79
NYSIF Workers Comp	\$ 1,742.22
Ricoh USA	\$ 24.68
Shae Michael Enterprises	\$ 200.00
Stanley Steamer	\$ 420.00
Waste Recovery Enterprises	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services	\$ 60.90
WEX Bank	\$ 441.40
	<b>\$ 7,794.66</b>

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

### **Treasurer's Report** - Bank account balances as of 9/1/2024:

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

Checking Account	\$ 685.05
General Fund Savings	\$ 197,704.97
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$ 205,247.60
Repair Reserve Savings	\$ 25,477.34
PPE Reserve	\$ 0

**Privilege of the Floor**

None at this time.

**Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs**

- Joe –
  - New member Liz Fallo – emergency. Approved by the department at the last meeting. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Andrea – none opposed, pending clear background check.
  - Request approval to purchase lights for POV. Grill lights (\$279), warning lights on POV truck cap (\$289.99) – approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
- George –
  - Discussion about Well Now vs Access Compliance rates and what is offered.
  - Discussion Access Compliance is cheaper all the way around – and also does blood work.
  - Discussion about distance to travel (Well Now is closer – Oneonta) and meeting minimum requirements for appointments.
  - Discussion come back with more information – work with the Chiefs and Board of Directors. Come up with a plan for SJFD to review/approve.

**Old Business**

- Nothing to report regarding jobs around the firehouse to complete. Need to get the building done – lights installed and compressor working.
- Budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The preliminary budgets have been sent to the Towns – no one has commented on what was provided.

**New Business**

- The Commissioners discussed resolution regarding the new rescue truck as follows:

A public hearing will be held at the October 15, 2024 meeting regarding the transfer of funds out of the Apparatus Reserve Savings Account in the amount of \$116,000.00 to help finance the cost of replacing the Stamford Fire Department’s rescue truck.

The Stamford Joint Fire District deems it necessary to replace the rescue truck due to aging out and costly repairs to keep it maintained. Downsizing to a smaller and more efficient piece of apparatus will better serve the District and the communities it responds to and,

There is an excess of \$200,000.00 in the Apparatus Reserve Savings Account and,

The chassis for the new rescue is approximately \$116,000.00, with the District having approximately \$75,000.00 in cash assets for the purchase of the chassis.

The Stamford Joint Fire District approves the transfer of funds and plans to expend not more than \$45,000.00 pursuant to permissive referendum, subject to a public hearing to be held during the regular October Meeting.

Said resolution was approved by unanimous vote by the Board of Fire Commissioners in attendance on September 10, 2024.

Chairman Tim Powell	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Bill Sharick	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Andrea Donaghy	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Dusty King	Absent
Commissioner Pete Pioppo	Absent

### **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Dusty – did not attend meeting.
- Peter – did not attend meeting.
  - It was noted a few minor issues on 2711 found during testing.
- Bill –
  - Have 10 radios inventoried and programmed by Tim. Two are spoken for and the Chiefs will determine who receives the remaining radios.
  - Motorola radios have been ordered – coming soon – will need to program.
  - Inventory on pagers is OK.
  - Equipment – Bill would like to order reflective jackets – approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
  - Noted SCBA checks will be done in November.
- Andrea –
  - Noted a \$50K grant has been submitted through Assemblyman Chris Tague’s office.
  - Has three letters of intent to send out for truck and gear. Gary Sinise Foundation (truck) and gear (\$15,000 and \$10,000) grants. Noted also looking at a few other smaller amount grants.
  - Discussion and suggestion to also check with O’Connor Foundation.
- Tim –
  - Noted the snowplowing contract will be changed to now cover December through May.
  - Discussion about turnout gear / Har-Rob presentation:
    - \$3798 interior coat and bunker only vs \$4225 through Fire End Croker
    - \$2816 exterior firefighter vs \$2674 through Fire End Croker
    - Discussion stay with current vendor
    - Quote information was given to Chief VanEtten to start getting orders placed for interior firefighters who need gear.
    - Order \$30K on turnout gear – start process now – approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
  - Stanley Steamer coming on September 18<sup>th</sup> to clean the rugs – all of the upstairs office, meeting room and staircases. Should be here between 8am-12pm. Will need to move furniture ahead of time.

### **Other Business**

- Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary

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