

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

December 9, 2025

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were:

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| Tim Powell | x | Andrea Donaghy | Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten | x |
| Lucy Chichester | x | Dusty King | 1 st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy | |
| Ellen Kennedy | x | Peter Pioppo | 2 nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck | |
| | | Bill Sharick | Stamford EMS Chief Karen Cole | x |

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

Presentation of Bills

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ace Hardware | \$ 316.89 |
| Airgas USA LLC | \$ 148.95 |
| AT&T Mobility | \$ 229.38 |
| Delaware County Emergency Services | \$ 10.00 |
| Diane Shafer | \$ 50.00 |
| Family Pest Solutions | \$ 517.50 |
| Firetec Used Apparatus Sales | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Gillee's (NAPA) | \$ 10.49 |
| Har-Rob Fire Apparatus | \$ 4,788.00 |
| Har-Rob Fire Apparatus | \$ 416.00 |
| King Electric | \$ 1,176.39 |
| Margaretville Telephone | \$ 99.12 |
| Margaretville Telephone | \$ 140.95 |
| Mark Powell | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Marylee Hill | \$ 50.00 |
| MES | \$ 401.22 |
| MES | \$ 796.74 |
| NBT Insurance | \$ 1,160.00 |
| NYSEG | \$ 758.96 |
| NYSIF Workers' Comp | \$ 4,302.26 |
| Office Depot | \$ 67.88 |
| Ricoh USA Inc | \$ 14.78 |
| Sunrise Heating Fuels | \$ 1,405.08 |
| USPS | \$ 11.90 |
| Walton Reporter | \$ 29.69 |
| Waste Recovery Enterprises LLC | \$ 28.00 |
| Wells Fargo Vendor Financial | \$ 58.00 |
| WEX Bank | \$ 400.39 |
| | \$ 32,888.57 |

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 12/9/2025:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Checking Account | \$ 2,658.03 |
| General Fund Savings | \$ 267,096.40 |
| Apparatus Reserve Savings | \$ 367,052.35 |
| Repair Reserve Savings | \$ 34,272.87 |
| PPE Reserve | \$ 5,075.24 |

Virden Fire Department for sale of Rescue Truck 2761 - \$140,000.00

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - Gavin VanEtten – approved at last department meeting to be moved to full time member. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Discussion to hire an administrative level person to prepare fire reports, etc. Tim will speak with the attorneys – will need specifics/job description on what would be needed. Chief and administrative fire department members to discuss further.
- Karen – nothing to report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- Discussion about \$3,500 DEC match grant – closes 12/31/25 – purchase dual band radios.
- Discussion about carryover of \$79,773.42 in general fund after all is paid for rescue tools and funding of VFire as equipment comes in. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Organizational meeting scheduled for January 1, 2026.
- Approval for Lucy to review all accounts and move reds to blacks before the end of the year to balance the budget. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Discussion and review of the apparatus reserve:

**Stamford Joint Fire District
to expend up to \$445,000.00
from the
Apparatus Reserve Savings Account**

WHEREAS, 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,

WHEREAS, there is an excess of approximately \$445,000.00 in the Apparatus Reserve Savings Account and,

WHEREAS, the rescue truck is \$686,428.00, with the District having previously paid \$114,780.00 for the purchase of the chassis, leaving a balance due on delivery of \$571,648.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Stamford Joint Fire District has appropriated an additional \$70,000.00 to be added to the apparatus reserve fund in 2026 and,

WHEREAS, the Stamford Joint Fire District applied for a low interest revolving loan from the OFPC Emergency Revolving Loan plan to offset any shortfall of funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stamford Joint Fire District approves the transfer of funds from the Apparatus Reserve Savings Account and plans to expend not more than \$445,000.00 from

such account, pursuant to permissive referendum, subject to a public hearing to be held during the regular January 13, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

Motion to adopt the Resolution made by Commissioner Bill Sharick seconded by Commissioner Peter Pioppo.

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| Commissioner Tim Powell | <u>x</u> Aye | <u> </u> Nay |
| Commissioner Bill Sharick | <u>x</u> Aye | <u> </u> Nay |
| Commissioner Dusty King | <u>x</u> Aye | <u> </u> Nay |
| Commissioner Peter Pioppo | <u>x</u> Aye | <u> </u> Nay |

Said resolution was adopted by unanimous vote by the Board of Fire Commissioners in attendance at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - New washer and dryer has been hooked up, new faucet installed in the kitchen, ice machine is a work in progress to be relocated to kitchen area.
 - The ARGO needs to be serviced as soon as possible.
 - 2751 – there are issues starting – possibly the master switch has an issue or check for battery corrosion.
 - 2771 – needs to be serviced – discussion to go to Greenwood Auto.
- Peter –
 - 2713 valve heads need to be taken apart.
 - Pump service still needs to be done.
 - 2712 throttle still needs to be done.
 - 2711 waterway still needs to be done.
- Bill –
 - Noted he gave KJBL four G3 pagers a few weeks ago.. Waiting to hear back how expensive repairs will be.
 - Noted all SCBA units were checked and all 10 passed.
 - Noted the NBT insurance paperwork/list for cancer coverage has been updated and sent to Debra Smith.
- Andrea – did not attend meeting.
- Tim –
 - Noted for the VFire grant – airpack order (6) is in progress.
 - Discussion on PPE updates – are approved at \$275K through emergency services ten year loan.
 - Noted the paperwork for comp insurance – up to \$5,000 is due 2/1/26. Discussion about Scott simulators, electric cars/vehicles extrication, etc. Bill will take care of this.
 - Noted a Commissioner position needs to be filled – Andrea Donaghy has resigned.

Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary