

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

February 10, 2026

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:

Tim Powell	x	Matt Gombosi	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 Chief Karen Cole	

Chris Slonaker, our insurance representative from NBT Insurance Agency attended this month's meeting to review the SJFD policies.

- Chris noted to keep him in the loop about any potential upcoming major renovations. Tim noted in the next 1-2 years plan to replace windows, retaining wall, flooring, heat pump and install air conditioning in the building. Tim also noted to Chris that a new roof was installed approximately two years ago. Discussion about engineer options – Chris will look for prospects and share with the Commissioners.
- Discussion to increase insurance for the entire firehouse - \$1400 premium currently – at least double it. Matt said he knows an appraiser he can recommend if there is interest. Cost is approximately \$150 + appraiser should take pictures of all areas and items in the firehouse.
- Discussion to up the rate 2.5% tonight and have Matt reach out to the appraiser. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Discussion about trucks – approximately 4% increase each year
 - LaFrance – increase to \$25K
 - 2712 – increase to \$1MM
 - \$2761 – remove for now since it's sold. Back on insurance end of April/mid-May 2026 when we receive new rescue truck.
 - 2713 - \$1.5K
 - Argo - \$75K
 - Chris will send updated invoices with better descriptions.
 - Approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Oath of Office was administered to new Commissioner Matt Gombosi.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AAA Supply Co	\$ 60,192.00
Ace Hardware	\$ 72.62
Airgas USA LLC	\$ 151.99
AT&T Mobility	\$ 232.38
ESO	\$ 4,225.76
Extrication Concepts	\$ 54,368.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 416.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,579.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,399.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,322.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 175.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 298.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 10,773.80
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 99.21
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.95
Mark Powell	\$ 1,750.00
Monaco, Cooper, Lamme & Carr	\$ 114.00
Mountain Eagle	\$ 39.15
NAPA (Gillee's)	\$ 67.75
NBT Insurance	\$ 1,834.00
NBT Insurance	\$ 15,774.48
NBT Insurance	\$ 4,091.00
NBT Insurance	\$ 2,274.00
NBT Insurance	\$ 3,804.00
NYSEG	\$ 951.93
NYSIF Workers Compensation	\$ 1,685.93
Ray's Pager Sales	\$ 85.80
Ricoh USA	\$ 6.55
Sherman Air Services	\$ 1,199.00
Stamford Fire Department	\$ 328.72
Sunrise Heating Fuels Inc	\$ 990.88
Waste Recovery Enterprises LLC	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 456.30
	<u>\$ 172,985.20</u>

Approval of bills as presented – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed. The KJBL quote from last month was voided, rebilled and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 2/1/2026:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	31,810.00	
General Fund Savings	\$	161,111.33	
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	513,001.13	(a)
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	42,356.13	(b)
PPE Reserve	\$	25,087.57	(c)
Grants/Loans General Savings	\$	2,394.00	
NYS Funds General Savings	\$	0	

(a) Includes \$70,000 allocation from 2026 budget

(b) Includes \$8,000 allocation from 2026 budget

(c) Includes \$20,000 allocation from 2026 budget

Tax monies received:

- Town of Gilboa - \$52,737.77
- Town of Stamford - \$71,612.62

Additional - \$2,394 received from NYS DEC Grant

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - Three new members this month that were approved at the department meeting:
 - Mark Fallo – emergency
 - Francis Thomas – emergency
 - Michelle Grant – non-emergency
 - Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed
 - Approved at department meeting to change Tara Nordbrock from non-emergency to emergency.
 - 2712 went to Syracuse to Har-Rob – throttle fixed – there will be further review on the other issues.
 - Purchase of G3 chargers at \$19 each. Bill had requested purchase at the department meeting.
 - Tim noted hose pricing goes up at the end of the month – if any purchases need to be made. Discussion to purchase five lengths of 2 1/2" hose – keep it at Har-Rob and can be picked up when 2711 goes for service. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - FDIC Convention – SFD was invited to go since the new rescue truck will be there on display. Chief and Dusty will be attending 4/23-4/25 to represent the department and our new truck. Approved for hotel, meals, travel, necessary expenses – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Bill – noted he attended the Town of Gilboa meeting. Supervisor Alicia Terry received a letter from Oorah regarding their interest to develop their own ambulance service for both Oorah locations. No action needed by SJFD or SFD as we were not directly contacted.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - Nothing to report on entry mats or thermostats.
 - Tim noted that he did look at mat options and there was discussion about possibly using a linens service for periodic replacement of mats vs having to purchase. Joe will check with the Village as they do something like this.
 - Noted that the ice machine has been moved from the truck room floor to the kitchen closet area.
- Peter –
 - Nothing to report. Waiting for 2712 to come back and will need to fix it's light tower.
- Bill –
 - Discussion about his laptop needing replacement. He went to see CJ at Level Up who will try to get another laptop for him. Preapproved budget of up to \$1800 approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Discussion about Josh Choquette/Bovina FD looking to upgrade their airpicks. Discussion that we have new airpicks coming and can we sell the airpicks to their department. Yes – sell at \$1.00 each – make sure to remove all SFD identifiers on the packs.
 - Discussion about administrative position job description. There will be a meeting with the Commissioners and SFD Board of Directors on Thursday, 2/26 to review as a group.

- Matt –
 - Nothing to report at this time. TBD what he would cover as a Commissioner.
- Tim –
 - Request from the pest control company. A thorough cleaning needs to be done of the entire firehouse so they can monitor the current active areas. Kitchen, EMS and fire forts, hot water heater area and offices are key targets. Joe will talk to Deb Hornbeck to coordinate. The company to perform the service is Family Pest Control - \$95/month.
 - Correspondence from Deidra Hill/Delco Creative about our website that she manages and ADA compliance. Tim spoke with attorney and it was noted that we do not need any changes and will decline the service. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary