

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

December 8, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Vice Chairman Bill Sharick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Deidra Hill	x	Stamford Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	x
Lucy Chichester	x	Dusty King	x	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	x	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	x
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal	x

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

### **Presentation of Bills**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Ace Hardware	\$55.19
AT&T Mobility	\$191.15
Babcock Municipal Supply	\$232.00
Country Home Security Services	\$1,225.00
Diane Shafer	\$50.00
Donny Stone	\$120.00
Fire End & Croker	\$163.17
Fyr Fyter	\$57.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$389.50
John's Body Shop & ARGO Sales	\$801.90
Margaretville Telephone	\$97.41
Marylee Hill	\$50.00
McKesson	\$100.71
NAPA	\$36.66
NYSEG	\$632.72
NYSIF Workers Comp	\$2,120.39
Office Depot	\$129.98
On Star	\$25.00
Paraco	\$622.43
Sandy Ferris	\$50.00
The Daily Star	\$56.17
The Mountain Eagle	\$21.17
USPS	\$55.00
WEX Bank	\$380.55
Young, Fenton, Kelsey & Brown	\$256.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$7,919.60</u></b>

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

After December payments

Checking Account	\$	118.87
General Fund Account	\$	46,574.40
Apparatus Reserve	\$	26,092.42
Repair Reserve	\$	22,771.50

Utica National reimbursed \$250 for deductible on recent claim.

Encumbrances (\$22,233)

Remaining grant funds = \$3,052

Provident Insurance = \$2,681

Radios, fire alarm, shore line = \$13,500

Physicals = \$3,000

Final year end balances are as follows:

Checking Account	\$	596.23
General Fund Account	\$	18,176.23
Apparatus Reserve	\$	38,093.55
Repair Reserve	\$	22,772.47

### **Privilege of the Floor**

No comments at this time.

### **Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs**

Chief Vamosy –

- Discussion that John's has ARGO for maintenance and should SFD or SJFD pay for. Discussion and makes sense for SJFD to cover the expenses. Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Deidra, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Discussion about radios in trucks, radios installed + programmed. Cost is approximately \$8500. Should do so can continue with internal communications. Discussion to encumber the monies if cannot get the work done before year end. Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Discussion about needing service on some of the chiefs' Vertex radios.

Ryan –

- Discussion to purchase face masks/shields + mega movers. Noted expense is lower than what was discussed at SFD meeting. Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Deidra, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.

### **Old Business**

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Compliance with policies and forms – Tim, Bill, Deidra and Peter will start to work on.
  - Purchasing
  - Code of ethics
  - Social media
  - Membership approval resolution
  - Records retention policy
  - Policy on public comments at meetings
  - Information technology use policy
  - Credit card use policy
  - Workplace violence prevention policy
- Automatic door closer for upstairs office. Joe looking into. Reminder that we also need to get stoppers mounted on certain doors (swing up/down vs. using a wood wedge). All still work in progress.
- Provident Insurance coverage – Ellen awaiting ZOOM date info from Kevin Hull.
- First Responder powerpoint presentation to the town boards – scheduled to meet with Town of Harpersfield on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Tim noted that all lights and air handlers work except by 2712 – which will be done by year end.

- Security system for the firehouse – the cameras have been installed – still tweaking the system. Discussion about \$4500 interior intrusion and fire monitor system – still looking into and there are a few issues to review. Discussion about possibility of only installing fire monitor system.

### **New Business**

- Discussion that we should focus on building up the apparatus reserve with approximately \$15-20K. \$12,000 will be transferred to the apparatus reserve account.
- Discussion about errors noted on the department physicals invoice.

### **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra –
  - For the website – minutes are posted.
  - Noted that fire numbers are posted, and EMS numbers are not posted.
  - Commissioner polo shirts are in the works.
- Dusty –
  - Door kickplates – still in progress. Joe spoke with Steel Sales.
  - Lighting and electric outlets – lights to be done – need switch plates.
  - Shore line for 2771 – Tim to work on.
- Peter –
  - 2713 onspot chains have been repaired.
  - 2761 needs work on chains too.
  - 2713 valves were leaking at last drill and there is no siren control – makes a ‘gagging’ sound.
  - Lights have been getting fixed.
  - Truck battery cleaning, replacement, clean out truck compartments – need to be done.
- Bill –
  - Discussion about pagers and radios and running low on batteries – but should be here tomorrow.
  - Peter noted that he will need an antenna. Ryan said that the county has some coming. Discussion if the county maintains the radios and pagers or do we? Chief Vamosy checked – batteries are maintained by departments, any warranty issues are covered by the county until the warranty runs out.
  - Noted that hi bands are in and the 2761 bank charger is here and needs to be installed.
  - Discussion about older hi bands – to hold on to them + old bank charger. Keep all on 2761 for now – they work, but are starting to peter out.
  - Bill is still getting old equipment turned in – more stuff to come. Hold off on auction for now.
  - Bill noted that the 911 signs in our district will be his legacy. All roads in the Town of Gilboa are done. There are some left over materials that the TOG paid for – will be doing locations outside our district. Bill noted that he needs to purchase number ones for the 911 signs – cost should be under \$100.
  - Noted that for the Town of Harpersfield, will probably not need to use all of the \$3,000 allotted for 911 signs.
- Tim –
  - Building wish list – a few more things to get done.
  - Update on transfer of firehouse from Village to District – should be completed by end of this month.

### **Other Business**

- Solar panels – nothing to report. **TABLED**
- Reminder for December 2021 – interior list to Kevin + annual claims report to OFPC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary