

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

September 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:

|                 |   |                |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|----------------|---|---|---|
| Tim Powell      | x | Andrea Donaghy | x | Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten                  | x |
| Lucy Chichester | x | Dusty King     | x | 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 Chief Karen Cole                     | x |

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

### **Presentation of Bills**

| <b><u>Vendor</u></b>             | <b><u>Amount</u></b>      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A Cut Above Landscaping          | \$ 150.00                 |
| Airgas USA LLC                   | \$ 136.49                 |
| AT&T Mobility                    | \$ 229.38                 |
| Bound Tree Medical LLC           | \$ 164.58                 |
| Country Home & Security Services | \$ 1,570.50               |
| Fire End & Croker Corp           | \$ 2,522.85               |
| Gall's                           | \$ 239.86                 |
| Gavin VanEtten                   | \$ 336.00                 |
| M&M Motors & More                | \$ 128.23                 |
| Mama Maria's                     | \$ 633.70                 |
| Margaretville Telephone          | \$ 98.61                  |
| Margaretville Telephone          | \$ 140.95                 |
| NYSEG                            | \$ 408.99                 |
| NYSIF Workers' Compensation      | \$ 1,369.25               |
| Reporter                         | \$ 22.96                  |
| Ricoh USA Inc                    | \$ 17.51                  |
| Todd Funk                        | \$ 252.00                 |
| Tractor Supply Co                | \$ 6.68                   |
| Waste Recovery Enterprises LLC   | \$ 28.00                  |
| Wells Fargo Vendor Financial     | \$ 58.00                  |
| WEX Bank                         | \$ 391.70                 |
|                                  | <b><u>\$ 8,906.24</u></b> |

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

**Treasurer's Report** - Bank account balances as of 9/1/2025:

**Bank of Greene County Accounts**

|                           |    |                |
|---------------------------|----|----------------|
| Checking Account          | \$ | 1,657.59       |
| General Fund Savings      | \$ | 297,345.00 (A) |
| Apparatus Reserve Savings | \$ | 239,987.52     |
| Repair Reserve Savings    | \$ | 34,121.48      |
| PPE Reserve               | \$ | 5,052.82       |

(A) Includes \$75,000 from Robinson-Broadhurst and \$35,793.83 balance from bond and grant

Additional income:

- . \$8,536.32 dividends
- . \$600.00 Howlett Fire Department
- . \$950.00 reimbursement from NYS for Josh Weitzner's EMT class

**Privilege of the Floor**

None.

**Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs**

- Chief VanEtten –
  - One new member – Dakota Smith – reapplication to department as emergency member – approved by SFD. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
  - CO monitors – one monitor no longer in use, have three on hand. Dusty provided a few sample monitors for the department to try out.
    - GMI – only detects CO – approximately \$200 from Har-Rob
    - GMI – 4 gas detector – sample from Har-Rob – approximately \$1400-\$1500.
    - Discussion about 5 gas detector – approximately \$2,000. Discussion to check pricing for 5 gas model and how it can be customized – will come back with further information.
    - Further discussion to purchase one 5 gas detector at value up to \$2500 and calibrate it to what sensors are needed. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Andrea – none opposed.
    - Purchase two original 1 gas detectors at \$200 – approved. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Andrea – none opposed.
  - Safety vests – need 15. Discussion to purchase and have them assigned to trucks. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Andrea – none opposed.
  - Mileage reimbursement to members who attended training and used POVs. Gavin VanEtten (480 miles total for 8 trips = \$336.00); Todd Funk (360 miles total for 6 trips = \$252.00). Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Joe – nothing to report.
- Karen –
  - Discussion about a recent EMS training the CO2 cable monitor x 2 was not working on the Lifepak. Cables cost approximately \$300 each – need for adult and pediatric. Discussion to see if still under contract/warranty, check into finger readers also and their cost.
  - Discussion about emergency purchase needed for EPI vials that had expired and were replaced through O'Connor Hospital.

**Old Business**

- Discussion about budget workshop, need to get 2026 proposed budget information to the Towns and do legal notice for Budget Hearing for the papers.

**New Business**

- Nothing to report.

**Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Dusty –
  - Noted he spoke with Bill Boyle regarding the outside steps and retaining wall project. Bill spoke with an engineer who wants to know what needs to be done – will need to meet with him and review all areas. Discussion will submit grant application to

Robinson-Broadhurst – which is due 11/30/2025. Will need engineer pricing by the end of October so can write the grant and submit. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Andrea – none opposed.

- On behalf of Peter –
  - 2711 is done – paperwork from American Test Center will be back when completed. Noted use with caution, need to do repairs + get waterway and fuel tank done.
  - 2713 discussion oil problems coming out of transmission – could be the 'O' ring. Get serviced this fall.
  - 2712 control board throttle issues
- Peter – did not attend meeting.
- Bill –
  - Noted same as last month.
  - Communications – nothing to report – have pagers and radios
  - Regarding PPE – not much to hand out to members – no turnout gear. Discussion still waiting for grant funds.
  - 911 signs – completed and now going through to update any locations.
  - Mayhem Pond project – the board in charge of project is eager to get started, but did not get the grant funding they applied for. Discussion about SJFD buy the hardware for dry hydrant installation to have on hand for when the excavation on the project is being done. Project to probably start next year. Nothing to update at this month's meeting.
- Andrea –
  - Noted truck grant almost done – will need assistance.
  - Has a few leads on some supply grants.
  - Lead on a big grant for truck through the Denis Leary foundation – noting it's post purchase funds.
- Tim –
  - Country Home Security – two more cameras and decision to put on building vs put on street side pole. \$3141 to replace two cameras + will need to update the hard drive as it will be maxed out with the new pixels. Approved to purchase – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Andrea, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
  - Purchase of 2761 – price was lowered last month and have not heard of any interest.
  - Add Allie Vamosy to the WEX gas card list + send driver list to Lucy.

### **Other Business**

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary