

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

October 21, 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	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester	x	Dusty King	x 1 st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	2 nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	x
		Bill Sharick	x Stamford EMS Chief Karen Cole	x

The Stamford Joint Fire District 2026 Budget Hearing was opened.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A Cut Above Landscaping	\$ 120.00
Airgas USA LLC	\$ 133.95
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Country Home Security Services	\$ 1,570.63
Delco Creative LLC	\$ 431.00
Fire-End & Croker Corp	\$ 210.75
Fyr-Fyter	\$ 426.00
Gall's LLC	\$ 331.05
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 4,291.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 150.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,290.00
Level Up	\$ 444.98
Lexipol	\$ 798.00
M&M Motors & More	\$ 650.27
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 99.12
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.95
NYSEG	\$ 491.33
NYSIF Workers Compensation	\$ 1,759.07
O'Connor Hospital Pharmacy	\$ 63.65
Railroad Avenue Supply (Ace)	\$ 67.28
Reporter (Decker Advertising)	\$ 34.19
Ricoh USA Inc	\$ 23.70
Stamford Fire Department	\$ 43.71
Stryker Sales LLC	\$ 2,108.80
Village of Stamford	\$ 119.60
Waste Recovery Enterprises LLC	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 410.86
	<u>\$ 16,525.27</u>

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 10/20/2025:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	545.11
General Fund Savings	\$	273,317.57
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	240,376.83
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	34,176.83
PPE Reserve	\$	5,061.02

The Commissioners also reviewed the SJFD check book entries.

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - Five new members –
 - Donna Louch
 - Robert Nelsen
 - Justina Daempfle
 - Angel Ortiz
 - Finlee McGrath
 - All were approved by SFD at recent monthly meeting. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Joe – nothing to report.
- Karen -
 - Discussion about upcoming Vital Signs conference 11/11/25-11/15/25. Two department members were interested, then one could no longer attend. Further discussion about the conference and it was decided by the Commissioners to not fund attendance for this conference – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Old Business

- Joe –
 - Discussion about setting up gear racks on truck room floor and relocating the ice machine from truck room floor to closet in the kitchen/meeting room area.
 - Discussion about installation of flooring upstairs + new washer and dryer.
 - Noted that he spoke to a rep from Sherman Air and that they have a portable trailer that can do hydrotesting – there might be some interest in looking into this option.
- Dusty –
 - Noted that the air handlers need new air filters and should tie into the CO alarms. Tim has been following up on this.
 - Hose testing – need to get done, AJ was supposed to be working on. Will also need to do ground ladder testing.
 - Noted 2712 did not pass the pump inspection due to the current throttle condition.
- Bill – re: the SOP/SOG document that has been in process for several months. This needs to be finalized. Bill with check with Peter regarding the status.
- Tim – discussion about fire hose purchase/needs. Will need 2 ½" hose in different colors – 10 lengths needed. Discussion get 5 colors – 2 of each color – total 10 lengths @ \$399/length from Har-Rob – approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Tim – Bank of Greene County municipal leasing program flyer that was received. Lucy will reach out to them for further information.
- Tim – discussion about the email he sent to the Village regarding the sidewalk/apron outside the firehouse that will need repairs. The Village has a meeting tonight to review.

New Business

- Elections –
 - Bill's term is up this year, and he intends to seek re-election.

- Approval to pay \$50 to each elector – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty – his report was noted above.
- Peter – did not attend meeting – Tim on his behalf -
 - Tim has been speaking with Jim and John at Har-Rob re: 2711 waterway issue. Legal issues are holding up progress.
 - 2713 – need to fix gauge now – it cannot wait.
 - 2712 – throttle issues – looking at other options
- Bill –
 - Communications – has four G3 pagers that need to be repaired. Discussion to have them fixed through KJBL – approved.
 - Equipment – currently inventory is on an Excel spreadsheet – needs to be upgraded. Plans to work with Josh Weitzner and Adam Gallagher to revamp the inventory listing – to include what we have and what is no longer here. Discussion to also include Paul Vamosy in this work group.
- Andrea – did not attend meeting.
- Tim –
 - V Fire Grant – needed to obtain three quotes. Discussion about using a White Plains based company whose bid is lower vs the current vendor. Had heard back from Har-Rob that they are not an authorized vendor. Vendor MES is a higher amount. Discussion to further look into AAA Emergency Supply Co located in White Plains, NY – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed. Will look into AAA further regarding purchase of five (5) airpaks and speak to them further about repairs on our current equipment that they claim they have parts for. Need to also discuss if they come to this area to perform services.
 - Noted need to speak with Andrea about the status of the \$50K grant from Chris Tague.

Other Business

Approval by the SJFD Commissioners to override the tax cap by \$1149.00 – approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

The Stamford Joint Fire District 2026 Budget Hearing was closed – there were no others in attendance, other than noted at beginning of meeting. The 2026 Budget is approved and adopted – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary