

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

August 12, 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	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	x 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	
		Bill Sharick	x Stamford EMS Chief Karen Cole	x

The Minutes from the July meeting were read and approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 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
American Test Center	\$ 1,100.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bound Tree	\$ 164.58
Galls'	\$ 29.59
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 2,483.50
M&M Motors and More	\$ 779.04
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.61
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.95
NAPA (Gillie's)	\$ 51.99
NYSEG	\$ 490.37
NYSIF Workers Compensation	\$ 1,369.25
O'Connor Pharmacy	\$ 143.86
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Ricoh USA, Inc	\$ 5.85
Sherman Air Services	\$ 275.00
Stamford Fire Department	\$ 3,500.00
Stamford Fire Department	\$ 49.96
Waste Recovery Enterprises	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 456.62
William Sharick	\$ 44.80
	<b><u>\$ 11,876.32</u></b>

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

**Treasurer's Report** - Bank account balances as of 8/1/2025:

**Bank of Greene County Accounts**

Checking Account	\$	4,679.75
General Fund Savings	\$	296,831.39
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	239,574.27
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	34,062.72
PPE Reserve	\$	5,044.12

\$950 reimbursement received from NYS for Josh Weitzner EMS class.

**Privilege of the Floor**

None.

**Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs**

- Chief VanEtten –
  - One new member – Bailey Van Etten – Junior member – approved by SFD. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
  - Discussion about M&M Motors and More invoice – they are looking for payment. Was approved last month – will look into.
  - Discussion about wrong nozzle received – needed 2 ½", sent 1 ½" inch. We cannot keep it, vendor cannot wait to invoice us in the new fiscal year – will return to them.
  - Discussion about more cameras added to the front of the firehouse. Will need further information and quote – will bring back.
  - Training at Worcester FD in September - \$35pp. Seeking approval for District to pay for interested members. Approved for up to 10 department members to attend – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
- Karen –
  - Discussion about batteries needed for AEDs and all battery expiration dates have been reviewed. Discussion and recommendation to purchase through Stryker – guesstimate is \$600 each – need 10 total. Buy 4 now, 3 next year, 3 the following year. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed. Purchase through equipment repair.
  - Will need 5 pediatric and 5 adult pads through Bound Tree. \$26.49 per for pediatric, \$25.00 per for adult. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
  - Discussion that BVMs and Narcan have already been ordered – will add to this meeting's bills.
  - Discussion about reporting of EMS calls and since the majority of calls are for Robinson Terrace locations, break out the numbers further which will show response rate better/get better sense of call coverage since calls primarily handled by Headwaters.

**Old Business**

- Dusty did not attend the meeting so no update on exterior wall work.
- Reminder – 2026 Budget Workshop scheduled for Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Mama Maria's.

**New Business**

- Nothing to report.

**Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Dusty – did not attend meeting.
- Peter –
  - 2711 to be scheduled to go to Syracuse
  - 2713 is repaired
  - NYS safety and emissions to be scheduled
  - 2711 ladder testing is completed
  - Discussion about permissive referendum for repair reserve and vehicle maintenance.
- Bill –
  - 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.
  - Noted need safety vests.

- 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.
- Andrea – did not attend meeting.
  - Peter to follow up with her on grant statuses as nothing has been communicated – especially the DASNY grant status.
- Tim –
  - No update on sale of 2761 since the Bayonne, NJ company had shown interest.
  - Discussion about lowering the price further – to no less than an agreed upon amount amongst the Commissioners. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
  - Met with Josh Riley at the Hobart FD along with South Kortright FD. They discussed needing a new firehouse in South Kortright. Discussion about discretionary funds and combine the three departments, prioritize needs across all three. Discussed with Josh about fair access for small departments to get funding and discussed OSHA requirements need to be dissolved.

**Other Business**

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary