

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

February 9, 2021

Due to on-going COVID-19, the meeting was held in person for Commissioners and Department Chiefs, virtual for those who could not attend in person, and listen only for any members of the public.

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 Deidra Hill (in Chairman Tim Powell's absence as he arrived to the meeting late).

Present were:

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

X = attend in person, V = attend via virtual (none)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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>
Ace Hardware	\$ 2.76
AFDSNY	\$ 300.00
American Test Center	\$ 1,055.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 191.15
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 68.01
Donny Stone	\$ 450.00
ESO Solutions	\$ 3,645.17
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 172.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,233.64
Interstate Signs	\$ 1,847.05
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.53
Mark Powell	\$ 500.00
Mark Powell	\$ 360.00
McKesson Medical Surgical	\$ 100.71
MIBH/Healthworks	\$ 4,355.10
Office Depot	\$ 34.28
Paraco Gas Corp	\$ 760.74
Sherman Air Services LLC	\$ 1,186.00
The Mountain Eagle	\$ 26.68
WEX Bank	\$ 269.21
World Point	\$ 167.00
	<u>\$ 16,823.03</u>

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

Treasurer's Report

After February payments

Checking Account	\$ 3,930.82
General Fund Account	\$ 14,177.09
Apparatus Reserve	\$ 58,095.08
Repair Reserve	\$ 30,773.37

- To date, tax money has been received from the Town of Stamford.
- A transfer of \$20,000 was made to the apparatus reserve savings and \$8,000 to the repair reserve savings.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

Don –

- Alex Roberts was approved at the department meeting to become a member. Seeking approval from SJFD – approved pending arson background clearance. 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Would like to purchase 15 pairs of Lion gloves – assorted sizes - \$75.65 per = \$1,134.75. Approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Ryan –

- EPCR usage is going well.
- The upgraded modem will be arriving on Friday, February 12th.
- Would like to order various EMS supplies to replace items due to expire - \$275.22. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Discussion about expired items and that some (ie pads) are used during EMS trainings so can work with an actual product to learn about it and how to best use.

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.
- First Responder powerpoint presentation to the town boards – still scheduled to meet with Town of Harpersfield in April. Will be updating the information in the presentation as well.
- Tim noted that the flashing lights for 2712 parking have been repaired and he still needs to order filters for the air scrubbers.
- Security system for the firehouse – still need to tidy up the wiring and add a shelf for the unit to sit on. ST1, ST4 and Tim have access to the system + ST2 and ST3 now have access. Discussion that at this time, there is no need to upgrade the current storage for the system.
- Discussion about the Raspberry added to IAR so can turn the program + your cell phone into a pager. There are two options – one through Amazon and the other through New Egg. Discussion about purchasing the current version, shipping time, sales tax, etc. Best option will be to do through New Egg which will be current version, no sales tax and will take longer to receive which will be fine (approximately 2-3 months).

New Business

- The generator has been serviced and is operating at 100% right now. Discussion that will be doing RFPs soon so can have back in late spring to start process of new generator purchase.
- New siren – part of the proposal. Tim will work with Ryan and Dusty.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted that fire numbers need to be updated on the website.
 - Noted that the 'In Memory' page has been added to the website.
 - Discussion about adding links for other resourceful sites to the website (ie Central and FASNY sites). Don will get that information to Deidra.
 - Discussion about shirts and logo to use – a work in progress.
- Dusty –
 - Door kickplates – are here and just need to be installed.
 - Lighting and electric outlets – lights to be done – need switch plates. Also added was need outlet for security area and an outlet in the cage.
 - Shore line for 2771 – materials are here and just need to be installed.
- Peter –
 - Noted that Har-Rob will be coming back next week.
 - Discussion about watching the drains in the trucks during the winter.
 - 2761 Onspot chains are done.
 - 2761 – need to think about different electric set up for the bank charger.
 - Logo for the Commissioner shirts – a work in progress.
 - Truck battery cleaning, replacement, clean out truck compartments – need to be done.
- Bill –
 - Old electronics – nothing done yet. Wait until after new radios are installed and old radios are pulled. Has a postcard that came in the mail from a company who will buy all old and used equipment. Discussion that this will probably be the best way to get rid of what has been collected.
 - Reported there are still problems with members' pagers. Batteries are on order again as batteries are cycling out at a very fast rate.
 - 911 signs – will keep extra signs on hand for Town of Gilboa locations due to damage from plows, etc that may need to be replaced and/or relocated.
- Tim –
 - Nothing to report on building wish list.
 - No updates on transfer of firehouse from the Village.

Other Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary