

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

October 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:05p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell.

Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Deidra Hill	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	x	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	x
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Ryan Hejnal	

The 2022 Budget Hearing was opened to the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Allied Electric Supply	\$ 5,984.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Delco Creative	\$ 266.00
Extrication Concepts	\$ 253.50
Extrication Concepts	\$ 850.00
Fire End & Croker	\$ 299.53
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 682.14
KJBL Electronics	\$ 135.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 97.30
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 129.54
NAPA	\$ 11.66
NYSIF Workers Comp	\$ 1,898.02
SFD	\$ 2,500.00
Sherman Air Services	\$ 250.00
The Daily Star	\$ 70.75
Village of Stamford	\$ 42.50
Village of Stamford	\$ 70.00
WEX Bank	\$ 323.10
	<b><u>\$ 14,092.42</u></b>

Approval of bills as presented – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Deidra – none opposed.  
It was noted that the MES bill will not be paid at this time.

### **Treasurer's Report**

After October payments

Checking Account	\$	1,235.00
General Fund Account	\$	95,714.05
General Fund (actual available)	\$	68,698.05

<i>Robinson-Broadhurst Grant</i>	\$	<i>33,000.00</i>
<i>Paid to Allied Electric</i>	\$	<i>5,984.00</i>
<i>Balance of Grant</i>	\$	<i>27,016.00</i>

Apparatus Reserve	\$	58,114.24
Repair Reserve	\$	15,781.45

Total transfers made from General Fund to Checking Account to cover payments in October - \$16,000

Dividends totaling \$2,165.40 have been received from Utica National Insurance.

The Tax Cap form has been completed with the Comptroller's Office. After submitting the information for 2022, it indicated an allowable levy growth factor of 1.0200

### **Privilege of the Floor**

No comments at this time.

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

Chief VanEtten –

- Discussion about turnout gear for member Brianna Cross who is currently a junior member. Discussion due to issues with turnaround for orders and she will be a full time member most likely sooner than the gear arrives, should order adult gear for her. During the discussion, Tim spoke with John Harris at Har-Rob about gear availability and what type. The Chiefs will decide what the best vendor and pricing is – the gear is approved. Also, need to check on status of current order with another vendor and next steps regarding that (if any). Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.

Joe – nothing to report

### **Old Business**

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Automatic door closer for upstairs office – Tim was able to get a door closer on clearance at Lowe's + a few door stoppers – all need to be installed.
- Security system for the firehouse – all seems to be working well – no issues to report.
- Generator and siren project updates – the generator is here. King's will have it installed before winter. KJBL is coming on Thursday to check out the placement for new siren, etc + discussion about getting the old siren removed (which was not specified in the contract).
- There were a few cracks in the blacktop on the apron that needed to be fixed. Jim Thorington came today and made repairs with Crack Stix at no charge. Discussion need to replace striping paint that was borrowed/used from the Village + should restripe the parking lots again. Joe said he can do.

### **New Business**

- Discussion about boundaries of the SJFD, call coverage and the 911 CAD system. Mapping has been changed within the SJFD district without approval. Will need to talk in more detail about this. Bill has information to share regarding this. Once areas in question are reviewed, Attorney Bill Young would draft up a letter to move forward with change discussions, if necessary. Discussion to possibly do a workshop – noted that it would need to be publicized once a date is established.
- Tim attended the Town of Gilboa meeting regarding ambulance service and the recent Mountain Eagle article. Discussion about the dispatch process, and he noted that TOG Supervisor Alicia Terry is very interested in how to help make the process better. An example would be to document any EMS calls and how they are dispatched/handled.
- Mandatory training for SFD members – will be doing shortly – needs to be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra –
  - Noted that numbers are up to date; need to check on the minutes.
  - Noted will have statistics to share regarding the website at the November meeting.
- Dusty –
  - 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. All work in progress.
  - Shore line for 2773 – has been installed.
  - Noted a roof leak which can be repaired when the siren is being installed.
  - Created an 'electrics dream list' of the various jobs that need to be completed in the firehouse.
- Peter –
  - Noted bad valve passenger side LDH on 2712
  - Noted pump tests complete. Discussion about how different trucks performed.
  - The jet siphons are installed on 2711 and 2713.
  - Discussion about the light bar on 2712 and might need to upgrade.
- Bill –
  - Noted portable radios are in for 2773 – in the process of inventorying.
  - Noted batteries seem to always be needed for member pagers.
  - Status of old equipment – still same as months ago.
  - 911 signs – will be doing next year. Still need to do Town of Harpersfield, Route 10 and 23.
- Tim –
  - Discussion about dry hydrant issue on Todd Road. Could be a few hundred dollars to repair it – worth to fix? Will need to look into further.
  - No updates on building wish list.
  - No updates on building transfer status.
  - IAR over cell phones continues to work well.

## **Other Business**

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

The Stamford Joint Fire District 2022 Budget Hearing was closed. The SJFD Commissioners moved to adopt the budget as presented. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary

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