

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

December 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:35p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell. Prior to start, a brief meeting was held with Hobart FD & EMS members.

Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Deidra Hill	x	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 Ryan Hejnal	x

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Ace Hardware	\$	31.26
AT&T Mobility	\$	229.38
Bound Tree	\$	638.84
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Diane Shafer	\$	50.00
Donny Stone	\$	90.00
Dusty's	\$	148.12
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$	712.00
James Publishing	\$	164.00
KJBL Electronics	\$	10,000.00
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Margaretville Telephone	\$	97.30
Mark Powell	\$	500.00
Marylee Hill	\$	50.00
MES		2496.50 (HOLD)
Muthig's Plumbing & Heating	\$	316.85
NAPA	\$	94.31
NYSIF Workers Comp	\$	1,898.02
Office Max	\$	30.72
Paraco Gas Corp	\$	730.14
Sandy Ferris	\$	50.00
The Daily Star	\$	56.17
WEX Bank	\$	570.56
William Sharick	\$	262.08
	<u>\$</u>	<u>19,546.25</u>

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

Treasurer's Report

After December payments

Checking Account	\$	1,312.41
General Fund Account	\$	65,222.05
Less Balance of Grant	\$	<u>(17,016.00)</u>
	\$	48,206.05

Less Encumbrances:

Apparel	\$	10,000.00
Turnout Gear	\$	3,500.00
MES (air tanks)	\$	2,500.00
Start up funds January 2022	\$	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Encumbrances	\$	26,000.00

Balance of General Fund Savings (after encumbrances) \$ 22,206.05

Actual Available Balance of General Fund Savings \$ 43,222.05

(beginning balance less \$22,000 transfer to Apparatus)

Checking Account Balance \$ 1,312.41

Total General Fund Accounts \$ 44,534.46

Apparatus Reserve \$ 58,119.10

Transfer from General Fund \$ 22,000.00

Total Apparatus Reserve Savings \$ 80,119.10

Repair Reserve \$ 15,782.77

Discussion about bottle damaged by FEDX and no one was told at MES. Discussion that we still only have one bottle. Continue to hold payment – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Deidra – none opposed.

Discussion that KJBL has delivered all siren components – how to proceed with paying invoice. At this time pay \$10,000 and hold rest until the job is completed. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

Chief VanEtten –

- The department had one applicant and approved him at the department meeting: Micah Curbelo as a Junior member. Approved – 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed. Arson and background check have been received as clear.

Ryan –

- Brief discussion about Bassett contract which should be coming soon for review. This is for the SFD annual physicals.
- Would like to purchase medical supplies from Boundtree for \$474.81 Approved – 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Discussion about year end expenses and purchases. Brianna Cross still needs turnout gear; need to review list for those who need full uniforms or parts to complete a uniform; SFD black jackets.

Approximately \$3,600 left in apparel budget line. Discussion to give SFD \$10,000 for apparel. Black jacket order can come out of the \$10,000 apparel allocation + 2022 apparel budget.

Discussion to encumber a total of \$26,000 which will include \$10,000 for start up funds until the town taxes are received; encumber \$2,400 for MES, move approximately \$25,000 to the apparatus reserve. Motion made and approved to transfer balance to apparatus reserve after bills are paid, encumbrances posted and start up money. 1st motion by Deidra, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Discussion about when to pay the cancer insurance for Reynard & Provident – now or next month. Pay in January.

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 – the ones Tim got at Lowe's all need to be installed.
- Generator and siren project updates – thank you to Dusty, the siren is installed and the generator is installed. The gutters are fixed too. It was noted that KJBL should be here next week to try to get all done before end of year so can complete the grant.
- Discussion about SJFD boundaries, calls and coverage. Bill has a book that is dated effective 2008. Discussion about the changes made and if it adds/deletes to the taxes being collected for the District. Discussion meet with attorney – but prior to that, the Commissioners should meet and prepare 'real examples' for the attorney. Bill will start to list the parcel discrepancies.
- SJFD Schoharie County EMS call coverage – Alicia Terry and the Board of Supervisors have an approved agreement. Not sure at this point if it has been signed and is in effect.
- Mandatory training for SFD – due end of December 2021.
- Update on dry hydrant repairs at Todd Road – thank you to Dusty, the repairs have been made and the dry hydrant is functioning.

New Business

- Reminder that the 2022 SJFD Organizational Meeting will be held next month – January 11th at 7:00pm
- Bill noted that he submitted the interior list to the insurance company for the cancer coverage. He noted that three SFD members did not do SFD fit test and/or qualify this year. This will need to be handled by SFD Board of Directors.
- Ryan noted that the agency renewal for the CON is up 3/30/2022 and needs to be submitted 30 days prior. He also noted that there may be fees associated with the application.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - Noted that numbers are up to date, minutes are updated and added upcoming events to the page.
- Dusty –
 - Noted that he repaired the gutters, worked on the siren and that there are some issues with the roof. Discussion that we will need a new roof which could be a future project grant through Robinson-Broadhurst in 2023.
 - The trucks are all dry – no major issues. Still a problem when trying to take off with 2711 that needs to be looked into. 2713 – fixed the Onspots and the right rear compartment needs to be adjusted again. 2772 – air leak in one tire which was fixed at Grand Gorge Tire without charge. Is due for an oil change soon – can do in January along with inspection.
- Peter – did not attend meeting.
- Bill –
 - Nothing to report on pagers and radios – have more batteries coming.
 - Old equipment update – will be going to the junkyard soon.
 - Noted he has five new hi-band radios up in the cage – where best to use? Leave up to the SFD Board of Directors.
 - Noted that he continues to work on the Town of Harpersfield 911 signs – has just two private roads to do. Next year Towns of Stamford and Kortright to be done.
- Tim –
 - Transfer of firehouse to the District update – the Village changed attorneys and no one knew. Still a work in progress – the title search was completed back in October.
 - Discussion that Paraco needs to come out regarding propane connection for generator. Also discussion about old generator storage area and next steps.
 - Looked into road flares – will have to come out of next year's budget and not sure when they are coming.

Other Business

- Solar panels – nothing to report. **TABLED**
- Reminder for December 2022 – interior list to Kevin + annual claims report to OFPC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary