

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

April 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 6:55p.m. by Chairman Deidra Hill.

Present were:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Presentation of Bills

Vendor	Amount
Ace Hardware	\$ 252.05
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 352.71
Country Home Security	\$ 101.04
Donny Stone	\$ 390.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 84.00
KJBL Electronics	\$ 4,465.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 96.12
Mark Powell	\$ 500.00
NAPA (Gillie's)	\$ 18.69
Paraco Gas Corp	\$ 948.45
SFD	\$ 1,210.00
SFD	\$ 12.92
SFD	\$ 109.95
SFD	\$ 54.16
USPS	\$ 84.00
Village of Stamford	\$ 63.75
Village of Stamford	\$ 70.00
WEX Bank	\$ 547.68
Young, Fenton, Kelsey & Brown	\$ 228.00
	<u>\$ 9,817.90</u>

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

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of April 1, 2022

Checking Account	\$	5,289.73
General Fund Savings	\$	177,731.87
Total General Fund Balance (This balance includes \$6,051.14 remaining from Robinson-Broadhurst Grant)	\$	183,021.60
Apparatus Reserve	\$	80,131.47
Repair Reserve	\$	15,785.39

Tax monies received from Town of Harpersfield = \$92,951.09

Tax monies received from Town of Jefferson = \$21,895.34

Dividends totaling \$8,487.09 received from NYSIF

Privilege of the Floor

No comments at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

Chief VanEtten – nothing to report at this time.

Ryan –

- Discussion about SFD annual physicals, letter received from Bassett and phone conversations. Bassett will not come to SFD to conduct physicals. Members will need to do at Grand Gorge FD on June 21st.
- Discussion to see if option to have primary physician conduct exam at their office and it being certified as a firefighter physical.
- Discussion to pursue for future – do our own physicals or the physician option.

Old Business

- Clean out and renovation of upstairs office and firehouse – still a work in progress.
- Automatic door closer for upstairs office – needs to be installed.
- KJBL siren project updates – Dusty to look at and he noted that his truck damage still needs to be repaired. Ryan noted that KJBL would be at the station all day Thursday working on his truck install.
- SJFD boundaries, calls and coverage - Bill is still working on – discussion regarding:
 - Charcoal Road and Bailey Road are in the Town of Roxbury and under Grand Gorge FD – but it's been our coverage area for years with no formal agreement in place and SFD dispatched.
 - There are 21 parcels that need to be reviewed further.
 - Per our lawyer, would need to officially change the District line or have a box alarm. Right now it's a gentlemen's agreement. More information to be provided in future regarding two roads noted above + Bruce Porn Road coverage.
- Mandatory training for SFD – should be good this year – doing best we can.
- Commissioner training – Deidra noted that she plans to do online due to work commitments.

New Business

Discussion about Robinson-Broadhurst final report letter:

- There is \$6,051.14 remaining.
- Discussion to perhaps use the balance toward the landing zone at the DEC building on State Route 10.
- Could be used for the purchase of the asphalt which runs approximately \$8,000 in total.
- Commissioners agreed this would be a good thing – Tim to work on the proposal for this project. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- This project would support the SFD, SFD First Responders, the newly formed Headwaters Emergency Medicals Services, Inc. and any other providers who need access.
- Discussion about winter plowing/maintenance of the landing zone, and the need for a lighted wind sock for pilot landing guidance.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Deidra –
 - It was noted that numbers and minutes are updated and that the minutes need to be prepared sooner.
- Dusty –
 - Discussion about firehouse fire alarm system – received two proposals:
 - Country Home Security - \$1,491
 - ABM - \$4,900 + \$550 + monthly fees
 - Discussion to move forward with Country Home Security. Approved – 1st motion by Tim, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - Discussion about a firehouse sprinkler system through ABM – proposal quote submitted is for \$86,000. Way too high – table for now – the fire alarm system is more important.
 - Tim noted that Generac is offering a five year enhanced extended warranty for online monitoring of the firehouse generator. Discussion that it is not necessary to purchase for what we use generator for.
- Peter –
 - Noted all trucks are OK with exception of air compression on 2712
 - Plans to do compartment cleanings with new members and review of compartments.
 - Plans to go over old hoses that did not pass inspection and toss them.
- Bill –
 - Noted that six G3 pagers were ordered and have been distributed to four members, with two in reserve. Noted that eventually all members should have G3's.
 - Continuing to replace batteries for pagers as they go dead. There is already a 'blanket approval' in place to continue ordering batteries when needed.
 - Old equipment is still upstairs – will need help to get it downstairs. Once it's downstairs, perhaps get it all loaded on a vehicle to get it to the transfer station.
 - Regarding 911 signs – Bill drove around and noted who has signs already in the Town of Jefferson. It was noted that Tractor Supply does not offer the style of post needed for the 911 signs, so will keep purchasing from Lowe's.
 - It was noted that a credit application is in the works for two local businesses – Stamford Farmer's Co-op and Tractor Supply.
- Tim –
 - Noted that the transfer of the firehouse from the Village is still held up – resolution not done yet, but is on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - Noted that he still needs to reach out to Lowe's regarding purchase issues.
 - Roof repairs were done very quickly after recent storm damage – done in three days. Working on RFP and will need an architect for full roof replacement and handling of required paperwork. Not official, but cost could be in the area of \$125,000 – but is necessary.

Other Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary