

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

November 8, 2022

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 Deidra Hill.

Present were:

Deidra Hill	x	Dusty King	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester		Peter Pioppo	x	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Tim Powell	x	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 October meeting were reviewed and approved with one modification to include detailed bond resolution – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.

### Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 184.83
Gerster Triple E Towing	\$ 2,454.98
Gillee's (NAPA)	\$ 95.99
Grand Gorge Tire	\$ 3,214.00
Greenwood Auto	\$ 128.58
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.42
Mark Powell	\$ 500.00
MES	\$ 1,160.23
NYSEG	\$ 949.74
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,829.42
Peckham Industries	\$ 10,000.00 *
Stanley Steemer	\$ 420.00
Stryker Sales, LLC	\$ 3,256.60
Tractor Supply	\$ 61.99
WEX Bank	\$ 418.56
	<b>\$ 25,002.72</b>

\*Peckham Industries - \$6,051.14 (Robinson-Broadhurst Grant), \$3,948.86 (SJFD)

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

- Noted that the slips for purchases at NAPA need to stay at the store – not be brought back to the firehouse.
- It was also noted that snow removal invoice needs to be submitted to Lucy.
- Discussion that may need to carry over apparel to the new year due to all the issues with the order.
- Checkbook was reviewed/approved by the Commissioners.
- Commissioners will need to discuss what has been encumbered and not paid for yet.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Account Balances as of November 8, 2022

Checking Account	\$	966.85
General Fund Savings	\$	96,776.23
Total General Fund Balance	\$	97,743.08
Apparatus Reserve	\$	80,154.94
Repair Reserve	\$	15,790.02

- Balance of Robinson-Broadhurst grant was used toward \$10,000 bill to Peckham Industries for helipad.
- Dividends totaling \$2,243.70 have been received from Utica National
- Budget account balances were reviewed. \$59,170.58 remaining in 2022 budget.

## **Privilege of the Floor**

No comments at this time.

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

- Ryan –
  - Purchase additional Stryker monitor cable - \$304.92.
  - Mileage reimbursement for Leeman Markee for October - \$225
  - All approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed
- Chief VanEtten –
  - No new members this month.
  - New personal truck – seeking approval for install of lights, sirens and radios. AJ Vamosy will also need installation done on his vehicle. Ryan is working on obtaining quote from KJBL. Pre-approval at this meeting with approximate cost being \$1200-\$1500 per vehicle. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed. It was also noted that Ryan needs to contact KJBL to get here ASAP to finish ongoing project that should have been wrapped up.
  - Discussion about fire department issued items, including gear, pagers and apparel needs to be returned when someone leaves the department. Issue with gear falling into the hands of the public and Chief recovering items via payment out of own pocket to be reimbursed either by the department or District. Bill noted that he can work on a document to be signed by members when issued gear – for current and future members.

## **Old Business**

- Various jobs around the firehouse still need to be taken care of.
- Landing zone at DEC building updates – job is almost completed. Needs excavating, landscaping and striping. Tim called Dennis Houlihan regarding the striping - \$750 cost. Discussion that it should be done by a professional, and with non-reflective paint. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Stamford Farmer's Co-op credit application – Deidra noted that she needs to take care of.
- Roof project updates – nothing to note as all those involved in discussions are up to date.

## **New Business**

- Peter – re: holiday decorating committee for the Village. Discussion that it was done a few years ago through the department and SJFD could not sponsor. This would be a department meeting topic.
- Discussion about VFA matching grant application – would like to purchase ten (10) radios - \$3,270.40. Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Dusty, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.
- SFD Christmas dinner/party – Saturday, 12/10 – 6pm hors d's, 7pm dinner. Bring a dish to share.

## **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Deidra –
  - Noted needs to post the minutes on the website and asked if fire and EMS numbers are up to date.
- Dusty –
  - Nothing to report at this time.

- Peter –
  - Noted one airpack has been taken out of service.
  - Nothing to report on recruitment.
  - Truck 2761 has been serviced and inspected; 2771 has been serviced.
- Bill –
  - 911 signs – no updates/working on
  - Pagers/radios/batteries – no updates, but did have an issue with personal pager. Fixed issue with Ryan's assistance, and will report back next month on it.
  - SJFD boundaries and coverage updates – no updates
  - Plans to visit the Schoharie County 911 center
- Tim –
  - Lowe's line of credit increase update – needs to be done.
  - Transfer of firehouse to the District status – has been in contact with the Village. The title company is still requiring an affidavit. Currently in limbo – the lawyers are working on – and all noted it is especially important with the upcoming roof project. The Village noted that they did not have to do for other transfers. Discussion that we might need to summon all attorneys to the table to get this finalized soon.
  - Has been working on miscellaneous fire station projects now that has time/retired.
  - Discussion about concrete step issue again and repairs needed. For the time being, the area has been taped off.

**Other Business**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary