

# STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

## Minutes

March 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:10p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell.

Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Andrea Donaghy		Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester	x	Dusty King		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 Captain George Curbelo	x

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved – 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.

### **Presentation of Bills**

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Access Compliance, LLC	\$ 200.00
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Access Compliance, LLC	\$ 250.00
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Ace Hardware	\$ 20.22
Adobe	\$ 932.73
Alex Roberts	\$ 180.03
Amazon	\$ 1,747.02
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bank of Greene County	\$ 39,609.65
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 446.55
CIC	\$ 420.00
ESO	\$ 920.84
Fire End and Croker	\$ 704.12
Fire End and Croker	\$ 345.15
Fire End and Croker	\$ 292.66
Gillee's (NAPA)	\$ 655.57
Interstate Sign Products	\$ 103.85
Level Up Tech Support	\$ 1,534.97
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.62
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.13
Mark Powell	\$ 1,500.00
Microsoft	\$ 107.99
Nikki McGrath	\$ 60.00
NYS Dept of Health	\$ 200.00
NYSEG	\$ 936.97
NYSIF Workers' Comp	\$ 1,953.83
On Star	\$ 20.00
Race Printing	\$ 41.18
Ricoh USA	\$ 36.19
Sherman Air Services LLC	\$ 1,248.00

Waste Recovery Enterprises	\$	28.00
Wells Fargo Financial	\$	58.00
WEX Bank	\$	615.94
ZS Security	\$	640.50
		\$ 56,728.09

Several months ago the Commissioners discussed holding back payment to Gall's until February 2024 due to issues with uniform order. Discussion that items continue to arrive, some are correct, other items are not. Decision to hold payment an additional month (\$4,170.98) – discuss again at the April meeting.

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

**Treasurer's Report** - Bank account balances as of 3/1/2024:

**Wayne Bank Accounts**

Checking Account	\$	66.00
General Fund Savings	\$	0.00
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	1,200.20
Apparatus Reserve CD	\$	118,200.58
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	0.00

**Bank of Greene County Accounts**

Checking Account	\$	7,163.82
General fund Savings	\$	339,873.87
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	31,675.45
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	17,176.16

Tax monies have been received from all of the Towns.

**Privilege of the Floor**

- Stamford Fire Department member Nikki McGrath –
  - Seeking reimbursement of \$60 for a CPR class taken at the East Meredith station. She was enrolled in George's class but had to leave and wanted to complete the course.
  - Discussion about Hancock's EMT course and that it is covered by a federal grant – no monies or reimbursement through the SFD. Chief VanEtten spoke with Nikki about training approval procedures. He and AJ give their approval/support to attend this training. Class starts on March 21<sup>st</sup>, runs through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Nikki noted she is prepared and committed to do this. It was also noted that she is applying to be a driver for Headwaters EMS.
- Stamford Fire Department member Alex Roberts –
  - Seeking mileage reimbursement for using personal vehicle to attend training – approved.
  - Discussion about his employer in Delhi and if they are on NYS contract and could be used as a potential vendor. He will check and report back.

**Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs**

- Chief VanEtten –
  - New membership applications – two approved at the last department meeting:
    - Sarah Rosenfield – emergency
    - Logan Wood - emergency
    - Both approved and pending background check - 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
- George –
  - Noted the ALS recert is almost done for the agency.
  - CIC (Clinical Instructor Card) June online classes are being booked due to it being a national course. George noted that once he becomes a CIC, he will be able to do approvals. Would

like to have him + one additional person TBD. \$420 pp + \$95 annual membership fee.  
Discussion and recommendation to approve 1-2 members at \$420 pp. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Peter – none opposed.

### **Old Business**

- Various jobs around the firehouse to complete – in progress. Thank you to Joe for his work on the foyer and radio room – looks great and the odd jobs he has done around the firehouse over the last two months. It was also noted that members need to clean up around the firehouse.
- Discussion about truck batteries – need to look at and replace if necessary.

### **New Business**

None

### **Commissioner Reports / Discussion**

- Dusty – did not attend meeting
- Peter –
  - As previously noted above about the batteries
  - Need to get 2761 into Gerster's for repairs. Anyone can make an appointment to get truck down there + inspection needed for 2761. Will need to get others serviced as well.
- Bill –
  - Noted has 4 brand new hi-band radios to give out.
  - Discussion need to have a training on how to use radios and communications.
  - Pagers – good with them – will need to purchase more batteries soon.
  - Noted equipment is needed for new members.
  - Noted that ONC BOCES is working on the reflective jacket lettering and duty shirts.
  - 911 signs – will need to purchase more numbers – cost approximately \$110.
- Andrea – did not attend meeting
- Tim –
  - Lowe's line of credit – spoke with them last week – waiting to hear back.
  - Discussion about Word and Adobe programs needed and what the options are. Adobe Pro is approximately \$240, Adobe Basic is approximately \$155. Discussion of what we need/what the programs are used for. Purchase the Adobe Basic program for Lucy and the upstairs office. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Bill – none opposed.
  - Discussion about Tim's computers – laptop and desktop at home and they need to be replaced. Bill and Peter agree that he should have the tools he needs. Tim will get a quote and bring it to the April meeting.

It was noted that Chief VanEtten left the meeting at 8:30p.m. due to conflict of interest.

### **Other Business**

The Board of Commissioners discussed the December 2023 Main Street fire FOIL request and agreed to provide the following documents by March 19, 2024:

- NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Fire Prevention and Control Report
- Delaware County Emergency Services Report

Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy  
District Secretary