

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

April 9, 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	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 Captain George Curbelo	x

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Access Compliance	\$ 5,580.00
Ace Hardware	\$ 131.71
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 57.44
Country Home Security	\$ 268.44
Eklund Family Farm Machinery	\$ 480.00
Ellen Kennedy	\$ 9.92
Fire End & Croker	\$ 358.75
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Garrison Fire & Rescue	\$ 990.00
Joe Hornbeck	\$ 167.90
Karl W. Reynard Inc.	\$ 2,267.00
Lowe's	\$ 40.15
O'Connor Pharmacy	\$ 76.62
Peter Pioppo	\$ 29.98
Ricoh USA	\$ 46.22
Sherman Air Services LLC	\$ 275.00
Superior Plus Propane	\$ 458.55
USPS	\$ 102.00
Village of Stamford	\$ 125.69
Waste Recovery Enterprises	\$ 28.00
WEX Bank	\$ 1,005.20
Young, Kelsey, Brown & Strippoli	\$ 922.75
	<u>\$ 13,977.18</u>

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 May meeting. Chief VanEtten and AJ had met with Galls representative last month – waiting to see if all is straightened out.

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

Treasurer’s Report - Bank account balances as of 4/1/2024:

Wayne Bank Accounts

Checking Account	\$	66.00
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	1,203.54
Apparatus Reserve CD	\$	118,200.58

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	3,378.70
General fund Savings	\$	300,186.23
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	31,754.85
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	17,219.22

Privilege of the Floor

None at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - New membership applications – Ben Bullard – Junior member. Approved, pending clear arson background check. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Andrea – none opposed.
 - Electric car/battery safety class – four members would like to attend - \$125pp. Check made payable to the Village of Hancock. Approved – 1st motion by Andrea, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- George –
 - Noted the pulse ox meter is still not working correctly. The service contract has expired and there is no contract for the LUKAS. Noted received proposal today – LUKAS will be discontinued next year due to lack of parts.
 - Discussion that Lifepak is a priority over LUKAS due to use of hands at scene. Lifepak annual service + parts = \$2204. New LUKAS = \$27,000/5 years if purchase, and \$2500 for trade in.
 - Discussion/recommend take a chance on the LUKAS without a contract – can always use hands on scene if LUKAS not working. Let it go without contract for 4 years.
 - Purchase Lifepak contract (\$2204) as that is a necessity/priority. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - Easy IO needles for cardiac arrest patients – need for pediatric and adult needles - \$941.88. BoundTree has SAMS IO drill for \$169.00 and needles at \$82/per.
 - Discussion about priority and preferences – BoundTree pediatric combo pack for AED – need supplies - \$41.89 x 2 + S/H. Approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Andrea – none opposed, as well as purchase of the Easy IO needles. Will not purchase drill at this time.

Old Business

- Various jobs around the firehouse to complete – in progress. Thank you to Joe for his continued work around the firehouse.

New Business

- Ellen will be out of service for several weeks – discussion if should move the May SJFD meeting to the following week. Discussion keep as is and/or Lucy would be able to cover.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - Generator service – need to get scheduled.
 - Lights need to get done on the building.

- Peter – did not attend meeting
 - 2712 batteries have been replaced.
 - Will need to get trucks to Jamie’s Truck shop for servicing.
 - Dusty noted will be wetting the pumps soon.
 - 2711 outside speaker had a broken wire that needs to be fixed, and the siren speaker is still out.
- Bill –
 - Noted no communications or equipment issues to report.
 - 911 signs will start to work on again.
- Andrea –
 - Nothing to report – but will be working on IT matters.
- Tim –
 - Lowe’s line of credit – noted looking at invoicing issues.
 - Discussion about District boundaries map, new CAD system and updating District maps. Bill reviewed the official tax maps. Discussion to go with our legal taxing boundaries and that the mapping needs to be updated with the County. Discussion SFD will set up box alarms so the coverages work. Mark up the map with how it should be for the County and Bill plans to meet with DCES/Mark Rossley. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Chief VanEtten noted that the Hancock FD Chief has expressed interest in 2761. He was provided with information and photos. It was noted that the Board of Commissioners to list and sell 2761 if do not get a purchaser so can move forward on purchase of the new chassis.
 - Door access system – Country Home or Safeco. Safeco is looking for license code so they can access the system. \$2800 upgrade + \$25/month. Country Home is \$6800 to service and maintain – a one time fee. Approved to go with Country Home – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Andrea – none opposed. Joe will check with the Village to see if they have any paperwork for Safeco since the Village owned the firehouse at the time of Safeco installation.
 - ByLaws amendments were approved by the fire department. The EMS Chief position was modified, points system modified. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - NYS infrastructure grant – trying to work with Dale Downin or work with a department member to get completed by 4/25. Turnout gear and airpacks are on the list. Discussion to do the grant application and see if we are awarded – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Andrea – none opposed.
 - Discussion about PPE reserve fund – will need a public referendum. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
 - Discussion on purchase orders and invoices – Tim will be looking into the process further and how to update. Discussion that SFD Board of Directors approves at their meeting and puts approval in the SJFD box for Lucy.
 - Discussion on lawn mowing contract or reach out to any interested parties.
 - Work on list of purchasing agents allowed to buy from vendors.

Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary