

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Organization Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order by District Secretary Ellen Kennedy at 7:05p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Nomination for Chairman – Tim Powell. 1st motion by Dusty King, 2nd motion by Bill Sharick – none opposed.

Appointment of Vice Chairman – Bill Sharick. 1st motion by Tim Powell, 2nd motion by Dusty King – none opposed.

The following recommendations were made for 2025:

1. Monaco Cooper Lamme & Carr, PLLC and Hannigan Law Firm as legal representation.
2. The Mountain Eagle & Schoharie News as official newspaper, with The Walton Reporter as a secondary newspaper.
3. The Bank of Greene County as official bank for depository of funds.
4. Regular monthly meetings to be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. It was noted with the exception of the firefighter’s parade in August, and the budget workshop night (dates TBD).
5. Budget hearing to be held at 7:00p.m. on the third Tuesday in October.
6. Lucy Chichester appointed Treasurer with salary set at \$8,600.
7. Ellen Kennedy appointed Secretary with salary set at \$5,565.
8. Approval of membership in the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.
9. Mileage rate to be set at \$0.70 per mile (IRS rate)

Resolution with motion 1st by Dusty King, 2nd by Peter Pioppo – none opposed.

Oaths of Office administered to elected Commissioner, Treasurer and Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m. and to move right into the regular monthly meeting.

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Minutes

January 14, 2025

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	x	2 nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief George Curbelo	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Organization Meeting.

The Minutes from the December meeting were read and approved with one minor change to the bills – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Andrea – none opposed.

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AFDSNY	\$ 300.00
Airgas USA	\$ 83.10
Airgas USA	\$ 46.04
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 291.47
Dusty King	\$ 199.99
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 238.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.94
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 141.07
Mark Powell	\$ 1,500.00
MES	\$ 239.99
MES	\$ 80.48
NBT Insurance Agency	\$ 1,363.20
NYSEG	\$ 1,611.62
NYSIF	\$ 1,742.22
Ricoh USA	\$ 10.36
The Mountain Eagle	\$ 78.59
USPS	\$ 73.00
Village of Stamford	\$ 128.19
Waste Recovery Enterprises	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 457.14
	<u>\$ 8,998.78</u>

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

Treasurer’s Report - Bank account balances as of 1/1/2025:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	950.53
General Fund Savings	\$	124,054.33
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	166,976.93
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	25,687.56
PPE Reserve	\$	0

- Lucy noted that the tax checks should arrive within the next two weeks.
- Discussion that Blaise Bojo was scheduled to attend this meeting to review/update our policies and SOGs + discussion about the maintenance. He would be the point person to get policies and SOGs up to date. His proposal is \$2110 for what he has reviewed thus far – approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Andrea – none opposed. He will attend a future meeting to discuss in person.

Privilege of the Floor

None at this time.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief Van Etten –
 - Noted 2024 was the department's busiest ever with 211 calls.
 - Waiting on V-grant information so can move forward with turnout gear order. Prices are scheduled to increase 8% effective 2/1/2025 which would mean \$16K added to the cost of what needs to be ordered and has been on hold. Also awaiting funds from Assemblyman Chris Tague.
 - Shared an email on behalf of George about EMS equipment and supplies in the firehouse and on the fly car.
 - Shared on behalf of George that at the last department meeting, Access Compliance was approved to do the department physicals this year. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Old Business

Continuing issues with the bay doors – especially the fly car door due to high volume of calls. Discussion to reach out to Oneonta Garage Doors to get a quote (approx. \$2500 per door) and have all doors done next year.

New Business

None.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty – nothing to report.
- Peter –
 - Discussion about Chevy seatbelt inspection notification – will look into.
 - All trucks seem to be in good shape.
 - 2713 has a marker light out – it was suggested to make sure it's not a multiplex issue first.
 - 2712 scene light is out – discussion to replace with LED lights – approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Bill –
 - Regarding a recent call and the need for CO monitor – he had it at home as there was an issue with it, but it now works and is back on the truck.
 - Cancer insurance listing – discussion about eligibilities and trainings required.
 - Discussion about keeping the call numbers up to date on the website. Since Bill knows how to do and is re-counting what Don reports at the department meetings, the information will be shared to Bill so he can post on the website.
 - Noted he went to the Town of Gilboa board meeting and he said they appreciate SFD. There was discussion about Schoharie County ambulance responses, no longer consistent, and about Headwaters EMS answering calls in the Town of Gilboa.
 - Need SCBA face pieces ordered – awaiting the grant funds.
- Andrea –
 - Noted has a lot of grant applications submitted – 13 – hopes to hear back on them. Discussion that not all grant agencies send a reply if you will receive funds or not.
 - Will look for grants for building repairs.
- Tim –
 - 2761 purchase status
 - one department came to view the truck – very interested, but no longer and noted that the truck was too big.
 - Discussion about a dealer/broker down South – would need to lower the current asking price – we are not interested at this time.
 - Discussion if should lower the current price of \$205K – will continue to hold at price.
 - Discussion about Fire Tech and Blaise Bojo listings for the truck. We need to get the word out and will try posting on social media too.

Other Business

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary