

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT - April 25, 2017
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District was called to order at 7:15p.m. by Chairman Tim Powell. Present were: Bill Sharick, Joe Keyser, Jack Moran, Chief Vamosy, EMS Chief Hejnal, Liz Page, Joe Hornbeck, Deb Hornbeck, Doug Cole, Karen Cole, Mike Yorr, Mark Fallon and Ed Voorhees.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current EMS situation, special election and to conduct other pertinent business. Terry Hannigan was present from the Hannigan Law Firm to provide information on continuing with an ambulance service by the fire department.

At the present time, resources to continue with the ambulance service are limited and the department is not viable to provide such service. Terry suggested options: going the first responder route (which a lot of districts are doing), commercial provider or paid personnel. It seems the first responder would be the best and easiest way to convert to.

The issue needs to go before the towns and village boards and also information out to the public. The fire district cannot bill for services, but the towns can. He also said that it is not required for the district to provide ambulance service, but it is an obligation to provide fire protection.

After Mr. Hannigan's presentation, the Board continued with other business. The following motions were made and approved: (1) certification of fire department election of officers, (2) approval of department by-laws, (3) allow reimbursement for food at incident scenes, (4) to purchase another flag for meetings, (5) to proceed with creating a website at an approximate cost of \$1,000 to be done by Deidre Hill and Courtney Chambers

Joe made a motion, seconded by Bill to proceed with the Bank of Greene County to bond for the rehab of the ladder fire truck. The amount will be \$150,000 for a period of three years. This motion was made after the results of the special election for such bonding.

A resolution was made by Bill, seconded by Joe to expend an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from the repair reserve account to repair fire apparatus.

Meeting adjourned 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucille Chichester
District Secretary