STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes
July 14, 2026

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 Tim Powell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present were:

Tim Powell	x	Matt Gombosi	x	Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten	x
Lucy Chichester	x	Dusty King	x	1st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	x	2nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Karen Cole	

The Minutes from the June meeting were read, corrected and approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed. One bill discussed – KJBL. Tim called John Harris during the meeting and will send bill to John to handle with EVI.

Presentation of Bills

Vendor	**Amount**
A Cut Above Landscaping	$270.00
Access Compliance LLC	$8,300.00
Ace Hardware	$93.38
Airgas USA LLC	$159.10
Allegiance Trucks	$450.00
Amazon	$432.21
AT&T Mobility	$232.38
Bound Tree Medical LLC	$250.76
Family Pest Solutions	$95.00
Freedom & Glory	$203.47
Gillee's (NAPA)	$15.49
Home Depot	$3,379.00
LINSTAR	$4,274.59
Margaretville Telephone	$98.92
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NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services	$277,655.82
NYSEG	$546.18
NYSIF Workers' Compensation	$1,262.30
Panel Drug Test	$298.50
Ricoh USA Inc	$42.79
Robert Nelsen	$498.80
Stamford Fire Department	$4,500.00
Stamford Fire Department	$170.84
Village of Stamford	$144.00
Waste Recovery Enterprises LLC	$28.75
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	$116.00
WEX Bank	$1,053.32
	$304,712.55

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 7/14/2026:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	$	337.00
General Fund Savings	$	101,687.61
Apparatus Reserve Savings	$	18,696.57
Repair Reserve Savings	$	32,897.74
PPE Reserve	$	25,225.18
Grants/Loans General Savings	$	.00
NYS Funds General Savings $	$	275,066.29

Discussion to pay back the loan for purchase of the new truck – was obtained in case the additional funds were needed. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Discussion about $6,655 credit at Har-Rob – we can get it back as a refund or put towards the repairs needed on 2711.

Privilege of the Floor
None.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs
- Chief VanEtten –
  - New Junior member accepted by department at last meeting – Derek Speenburgh.
  - Discussion about SFD BoD calling for mandatory EVOC training for all drivers and that the ByLaws need to be updated.
  - Reimbursement to SFD members for training class mileage:
    - Robert Nelsen to/from Downsville – 688 miles = $498.80
  - Discussion when we get the $950 reimbursement from the state – pay mileage up front and deduct from the total state reimbursement – Robert tests out in August 2026.
  - Duty shirts and vests – Bill will place order through SJFD – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
  - Discussion about Nomex hoods, gloves and other items that are needed. Apply through grant fundings and contract funds.
- Mark Fallon –
  - Lexipol yearly renewal - $837.90. Discussion to pay on the August warrant.
  - Bound Tree order for miscellaneous supplies - $65.47. Approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
  - Re: CPR certifications – the county does not pay for. It's $18 for non-emergency/layman for Mark's CPR class and $3 for emergency services members. Approval to purchase – cost approximately $400 – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Old Business
- Various jobs around the firehouse to complete – nothing to report.
- Discussion about various items on wish list (ready rack table, hose drying rack, ready rack hose cart, hooks) – get updated quotes and bring to the August meeting + do an inventory of what we have and need.

New Business
- SJFD Annual Budget Workshop – schedule for Thursday, 8/27 at 6pm at Mama Maria's. Invited are the Commissioners, four Chiefs and significant others.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion
- Dusty –
  - Noted need an engineer to perform a study for all outside work. (Joe needs to check with his contact for Clark Companies for a possible name.)

- Peter – nothing to report.
- Bill –
    - Ordered some new flags – American and POW
    - Airpack checks will occur in September/October. Discussion on if should use MES or AAA – decision to continue with MES.
    - Noted there are four pagers left – 2 Minitor 7s and 2 Bofangs
    - PESH and OSHA compliance document discussion and what belongs under which guideline.
    - Discussion about new member orientation training and the new document that has been drafted. Bill will review documents and simplify where he can and as appropriate.
    - Discussion that an EVOC class should occur every five years and every member should be drug tested, and every approved driver tested once a year randomly.
- Matt –
    - Overview of the drug test kits.
    - Spoke with New York State Police regarding policies and procedures.
    - Discussion start the drug testings approximately 10/1/2026.
    - Matt and Lucy will coordinate placing the order for the kits – need to order by 7/15 to receive $30 discount. Order 150 units or if increment needs to be 100, do 100. Have policy in place to start 10/1/2026 with intention that all members are tested by 10/31/2026 or will be dismissed. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
- Tim –
    - Printer needs toner – cost is approximately $400 – approved. 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.
    - Upcoming virtual presentation on barcodes scanner – anyone else want to attend with him?

Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary