STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes
August 11, 2026

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.

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	x
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Karen Cole	x

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

Presentation of Bills

Vendor	**Amount**
A Cut Above Landscaping	$ 340.00
Ace Hardware	$ 13.96
Airgas USA LLC	$ 162.32
Allegiance Trucks	$ 175.57
AT&T Mobility	$ 232.38
Bound Tree Medical LLC	$ 74.47
Brandywine Restaurant	$ 1,084.80
Delco Creative LLC	$ 846.00
Family Pest Solutions	$ 95.00
Gillee's (NAPA)	$ 57.48
Home Depot	$ 716.11
LEXIPOL	$ 837.90
Margaretville Telephone	$ 98.92
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Mountain Eagle	$ 25.52
NBT Insurance	$ 25.00
NBT Insurance	$ 1,028.00
NYSEG	$ 502.68
NYSIF Workers' Compensation	$ 1,262.30
Ricoh USA Inc	$ 12.62
Sherman Air Services LLC	$ 275.00
Waste Recovery Enterprises LLC	$ 28.75
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	$ 58.00
WEX Bank	$ 635.35
	$ 8,729.08

Approval of bills as presented, with the exception of the Har-Rob invoice ($38,913.50) – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Discussion about Reserve account and how much to withdraw to pay Har-Rob. Transfer $20,000 which will leave approximately $13,000 in the balance. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 8/11/2026:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	$	1,798.00
General Fund Savings	$	71,791.70
Apparatus Reserve Savings	$	18,718.05
Repair Reserve Savings	$	32,935.54
PPE Reserve	$	25,254.15
Grants/Loans General Savings	$	83,160.60
NYS Funds General Savings $	$	0

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
  - No new members to report.
  - Discussion about wish list items that have been tabled:
    - Work station for bottles - $1,248.00
    - Drying rack - $998.00
    - Hose cart - $2,396.00
    - Turnout gear rack - $234.00 + S/H
    - Approximately $5,000
    - Discussion to move forward with purchase of the turnout gear rack and table the rest for now. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Matt – none opposed.
  - Discussion about purchase of FDNY style pike poles – the wooden ones we have are shot and purchase of Halligan bar.
    - 10 foot pike = $171, 6 foot pike = $135, 4 foot pike = $113 – all plus S/H, noting that bigger hook will mean higher S/H.
    - Halligan = $299
    - Approved Chief VanEtten for purchase up to $2,000 on what is needed.
    - The difference of not approving all the tabled items at this time ($4600'ish) can go toward the Har-Rob bill ($20,000 transferred funds + $4600'ish) – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
- Karen – nothing to report.

Old Business

Reminder – SJFD Budget Workshop is Friday, 8/28 at 6pm.

New Business

- Tim – Tim and Cliff Mueller met with Principle Engineering regarding capital projects around the firehouse. Tim had guesstimated cost to be $300k-$400k which the vendor felt was a little high, but not far off. Pro bono consultation and will be putting together documents for designs and fees for grants to be submitted. Phase 1 = outside work, Phase 2 = inside the building, Phase 3 = glass bay doors and antique trucks display.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
  - Need new battery for generator.
  - 2713 overhead door issues as well as 2772. Discussion make an appointment for maintenance and moulding for one of the doors with Oneonta Garage Door.
  - Cable on trailer – need to get the tension corrected.
- Peter – nothing to report.
  - Tim noted water flow testing needs to be done on 2711 ASAP so Har-Rob can be notified of any issues.

- Bill –
  - PESH/OSHA documents – still needs to work on.
  - Communications – down one pager and gave a Minitor 7 to Peter Scott. Discuss more pagers needed at the budget workshop.
  - Equipment – keeping up on – awaiting helmets and boots.
  - 911 signs – been doing repairs here and there.
- Matt –
  - Issue with the drug kits delivery – were returned to the shipper – expected to come on Thursday.
  - Request for 2711 to be used on 9/26 for a special event.
- Tim –
  - Gave update on the lawsuit. Brian Burns out of Cobleskill has been chosen and there will be no objection to timeline extension for FOIL request.
  - Requested documents from Ellen for a department personnel matter so can be sent to SJFD attorney.
  - Discussion need to tighten up the ByLaws.
  - Discussion about putting the order for a new tool box on hold for 2761 for the miscellaneous hand tools. Suggest go to Harbor Freight or Tractor Supply for what is needed – approximate cost $300-$400. Approved for Tim to purchase tools as needed – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Matt – none opposed.
  - Discussion about drug testing policy.
  - Discussion about new members and doing drug testing and orientation during their first six months while on probation – then get signed off on. Pre-application drug testing – if positive, come back in three days for re-test. If still positive, not eligible for membership. Will need to set a policy, work on it and hand out.

Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary

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