

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

July 8, 2025

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

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A Cut Above Landscaping	\$ 50.00
Access Compliance	\$ 780.00
Ace Hardware	\$ 61.05
Airgas USA, LLC	\$ 133.95
AT&T Mobility	\$ 229.38
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 87.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 14,549.00
Josh Weitzner	\$ 1,136.20
KJBL Electronics	\$ 750.24
KJBL Electronics	\$ 140.00
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.61
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.95
NYSEG	\$ 1,302.70
NYSIF Workers Compensation	\$ 1,369.25
Ricoh USA, Inc	\$ 21.05
USPS	\$ 15.89
Village of Stamford	\$ 104.00
Waste Recovery Enterprises	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 573.76
	<u><u>\$ 21,629.03</u></u>

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 7/1/2025:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$ 16,591.61
General Fund Savings	\$ 316,289.70
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$ 239,161.73
Repair Reserve Savings	\$ 34,004.06
PPE Reserve	\$ 5,035.43

Checking account includes \$14,595.35 check from Utica National Insurance.

Privilege of the Floor

Josh Weitzner – seek reimbursement for EMS class. It was noted we have not received check from the state yet. Reimbursement for mileage and EMS class being submitted with this month's bills. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Dusty – none opposed.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - No new members this month.
 - Discussion about purchase of portable pond as discussed at the SFD Board of Directors meeting. 2100 gallon is approximately \$2399. Also would like to purchase 2 1/2" nozzle - \$1046. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed. Also discussion about rope and webbing that was purchased on his debit card for BEFO class members - \$50 at Tractor Supply.
 - Noted met with Tom Ehrhart – both doors that had issues – by ramp and by shed have been repaired and we were not charged for it. The hinges were bent from wedges being used and the doors being opened beyond where they should be. Discussion to see if we receive a bill – then SFD would pay a reasonable amount of the bill, with SJFD reimbursing SFD so there is a paper trail. Approved – 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed.
 - Discussion about fundraiser mailing – items we need to purchase (should not do since many items are covered by SJFD budget). Focus should be on our community free events with Peter providing picture(s) for the mailing.
- AJ – nothing to report.
- Joe – nothing to report.
- Karen – nothing to report other than noted we are no longer Paramedic level – now AEMT (Advanced EMT).

Old Business

- Bill – re: PESH/OSHA document. The committee has met 3 times – needed to rewrite guidelines, and now needs to be typed. Pete will work on the document and then the Chiefs will review.

New Business

- Dusty –
 - Wall replacement and steps – noted an engineer will need to do. Need to get estimates and go through Robinson-Broadhurst, with the paperwork submitted to them by 11/30/25. Tim noted he'll reach out to Dave Altman who did the roofing project to see if he could oversee or could recommend someone. The project would not start until after May 2026, pending if receive grant funding.
- Bill –
 - Regarding South Gilboa fire and possibility of a dry hydrant being installed at Mayhem's Pond. Dyke replacement and dry hydrant job might be able to do at the same time. Bill will be meeting with the Pine Island Board on 7/19/25, plus to discuss deeding to SJFD + easement. Discussion about SJFD to supply the materials. Discussion that Chiefs should go and look at the area to assess best access area.
- Discussion about new landscape maintenance provider for the grounds, and hiring Alex Roberts (A Cut Above Landscaping). Approved and pending insurance documents which he provided at this meeting – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
- SJFD 2026 Budget workshop – discussion and scheduled for Friday, September 5th at 6pm at Mama Maria's.
- Tim – noted the repair on 2761 bumper was very little labor – approximate billing \$13K-\$14K. Preapproval to pay bill when received – approved. 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - Noted waiting on a date from American Testing for ladder and hose inspections + ground ladders.

- Peter – Dusty on his behalf:
 - 2712 – valve replace on coolant
 - 2711 – waterway inspection
 - 2713 – oil leak on transmission
- Bill –
 - Noted during SCBA checks – 1 airpack is OOS due to a valve issue
- Andrea – did not attend meeting
- Tim –
 - Noted a petroleum chemical company located in Bayonne, NJ is interested in 2761.
 - Noted we are going to be short with sale of 2761 – will need to file a resolution for a loan application. Please see below for resolution.
 - Discussion about Utica National offerings for trainings. Tim sent contact information to Dusty to reach out to them to coordinate.

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT RESOLUTION

PROCUREMENT OF A LOAN

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District believes that it is in the best interests of the Fire District to obtain a loan from the NYS DHSES Revolving Loan Program to help purchase a 2025 Heavy Rescue Vehicle,

AND WHEREAS, the total money available through reserve accounts, grants, and sale of existing apparatus is insufficient to cover the cost of the new apparatus,

AND WHEREAS, a purchase agreement has been signed obligating the Stamford Joint Fire District to purchase said apparatus according to the terms and specifications of a contract executed by the Stamford Joint Fire District and Emergency Vehicles Incorporated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to 97-PP of the NYS Financial Law, the Stamford Joint Fire District does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board to file a loan application through the NYS DHSES Emergency Services Revolving Loan Fund in an amount to not exceed a sum of \$275,000.00, to be repaid over a period of not more than 20 years in accordance with the terms established by the NYS DHSES,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer is hereby directed to account for these funds with proper tracking and documentation to assure no money from this loan are not expended other than for the stated purpose of the resolution,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the money in such fund shall be deposited and secured in the manner provided by General Municipal Law. The Board of Fire Commissioners, or the Treasurer of the Fire District, if the Board shall delegate such duty to him or her, may invest the moneys in such fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law. Any interest earned or capital gain realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of such fund, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no expenditure shall be made from this fund, except upon authorization of this Board pursuant to General Municipal Law. Any such resolution of the Board to appropriate monies from the Loan Fund shall be by vote of the Board of Fire Commissioners at a regular or special meeting constituting a quorum.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to vote, and on roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Tim Powell	AYE
Commissioner Dusty King	AYE
Commissioner Peter Pioppo	AYE
Commissioner Bill Sharick	AYE

Commissioner Andrea Donaghy - absent

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Stamford, New York
Dated: July 8, 2025

Attest: Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary

Other Business

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary