

STAMFORD JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Minutes

April 14, 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	1 st Assistant Fire Chief AJ Vamosy	
Ellen Kennedy	x	Peter Pioppo	x	2 nd Assistant Fire Chief Joe Hornbeck	x
		Bill Sharick	x	Stamford EMS Chief Karen Cole	x

NBT Bank's Sean Land and Lisa Jester were on the agenda for tonight's meeting and were not able to attend.

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

Presentation of Bills

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware	\$ 41.37
Airgas USA LLC	\$ 151.99
American Heart Association	\$ 473.34
AT&T Mobility	\$ 232.38
Bank of Greene County	\$ 39,609.85
Bound Tree Medical LLC	\$ 156.32
Country Home Security Services	\$ 268.44
Delaware County Emergency Services	\$ 50.00
Don VanEtten	\$ 35.00
Family Pest Solutions	\$ 95.00
Fire-End Croker	\$ 773.43
Gillie's (NAPA)	\$ 34.00
Har-Rob Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,085.00
IamResponding	\$ 910.70
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 98.85
Margaretville Telephone	\$ 140.95
Mark Powell	\$ 1,500.00
NYSEG	\$ 487.36
NYSIF Workers' Compensation	\$ 1,683.78
Ricoh USA Inc	\$ 25.37
Sherman Air Services LLC	\$ 287.00
Tim Powell	\$ 77.31
USPS	\$ 106.00
Village of Stamford	\$ 114.40
Waste Recovery Enterprises LLC	\$ 28.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial	\$ 58.00
WEX Bank	\$ 772.04
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	\$ 49,295.88

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

Treasurer's Report - Bank account balances as of 4/1/2026:

Bank of Greene County Accounts

Checking Account	\$	8,237.67
General Fund Savings	\$	201,161.07
Apparatus Reserve Savings	\$	514,109.91
Repair Reserve Savings	\$	42,448.98
PPE Reserve	\$	25,137.90
Grants/Loans General Savings	\$.01
NYS Funds General Savings \$	\$	275,011.45

Tax monies received: Town of Harpersfield - \$158,777.98

NYSIF dividend check - \$8,762.97

Utica National – additional claim - \$741.49

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Reports / Requests from Fire Department Chiefs

- Chief VanEtten –
 - New members – Jacob Coy (emergency), Ethan Goodchild (Junior)
 - Discussion about the new membership process/wait period until the SJFD meeting and approval. SJFD approval is not required as the SFD membership committee does their due diligence when reviewing new member applications – wait period no longer required – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Peter – none opposed. New members will continue to be noted at the SJFD meetings and documented in the minutes.
 - Purchase of 10 reflective jackets – 10 x \$59.98. Approved – 1st motion by Dusty, 2nd motion by Bill – none opposed.
 - Discussion that the SFD new member application removal from the website was confirmed – the District's attorney to review.
 - Discussion to purchase ID scanner – Linstar quote – they offer an introduction and training seminar. Cost is up to \$4500 and is pending verification of available SJFD budget funds – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Matt – none opposed. Tim will check with Country Home Security to ensure new cards will work with our current system.
 - Travel reimbursement to him - \$35 – approved. 1st motion by Bill, 2nd motion by Matt – none opposed. Reimburse to Tim - \$77.31 – approved. 1st motion by Peter, 2nd motion by Matt – none opposed,
- Karen – nothing to report this month.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- None.

Commissioner Reports / Discussion

- Dusty –
 - Need to work on the loose steps on the staircase.
 - For Peter – 2713's engine oil is high on dipstick. Discussion to perform an oil analysis test – take to Allegiance Trucks in Oneonta. Should also check other areas to rule out issues, have fully serviced next week + DOT inspection.
- Peter –
 - Nothing to report.

- Bill –
 - Noted the insurance certificates are in the trucks. The second copy of each certificate should be filed in truck folders in the radio room.
 - Discussion about upcoming physicals and those that signed up for SCBA testing. It should only be for those who are qualified interior personnel.
 - Noted AJ's former county radio is now in 2772. Discussion about the lost radio from 2772 – can an insurance claim be filed? Karen will contact Mark Rossley on how to proceed if it was a county radio, can it be replaced?
 - Noted as per department By Laws, SCBA training needs to happen/needs to be done and there continue to be members who have not done their annual trainings.
 - Noted that the new SOP guidelines need to be completed. Discussion that perhaps Peter's sister Michelle can do the re-typing. Bill requested all the documents be returned to him by Peter – Bill would need to meet with Michelle to review the changes.
- Matt –
 - Discussion that he reached out to Steve Hood – the county uses Emerson Testing. Emerson is available 24/7. \$70 for initial testing, if disputed would be an additional \$70. Contact information: Derek Parks (607) 441-3071.
 - The probation department uses a place out of Texas – urine samples only, which would not work.
 - Discussion that oral swabs appear to be the best testing method. Will continue to get pricing for swabs.
 - Discussion that all members are initially tested and then random testings going forward.
- Tim –
 - Reminder the SFD new elected officers for this year needs to be completed.
 - Resolution regarding the upcoming delivery and payment of the new rescue. Notification to be put in papers and notify the town clerks.

**Stamford Joint Fire District
Resolution to Expand up to \$510,000.00
From the
Apparatus Reserve Account**

WHEREAS, the Stamford Joint Fire District deems it necessary to replace its existing heavy rescue truck due to aging out and costly repairs and,

WHEREAS, downsizing to a smaller and more efficient apparatus will better serve the District and surrounding communities and,

WHEREAS, there is an excess of approximately \$513,500.00 in the Apparatus Reserve Savings Account and,

WHEREAS, there is an additional \$75,000.00 allocation due in May 2026 from a grant source, for a total of \$583,500.00 available and,

WHEREAS, the District has secured a loan from the NYS OFPC Revolving Loan Plan in the amount of \$275,000.00 to cover any short-term shortfall in funding and,

WHEREAS, the District has entered into a purchase contract with EVI Inc to provide a new apparatus according to associated specifications in the amount of \$686,428.00 and,

WHEREAS, the District has paid \$114,780.00 upon delivery of the chassis to EVI Inc, leaving a balance due on delivery of the completed apparatus to the firehouse located at 111 Main Street Stamford, NY 12167 in the amount of \$571,648.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stamford Joint Fire District approves the expenditure of funds from the Apparatus Reserve Savings Account not to exceed more than \$510,000.00, pursuant to a

permissive referendum, subject to a public hearing to be held during the regular May 12, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Motion to adopt the Resolution made by Commissioner Bill Sharick seconded by Commissioner Dusty King.

Commissioner Tim Powell	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Commissioner Bill Sharick	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Commissioner Dusty King	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Commissioner Peter Pioppo	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Commissioner Matt Gombosi	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay

Said resolution was adopted by unanimous vote by the Board of Fire Commissioners in attendance at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully,

Ellen Kennedy
District Secretary

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