

Stanley Fire District Minutes

5-15-2024

Regular Meeting – Board of Commissioners

The May 15, 2024 rescheduled regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Stanley Fire District was called to order at 7:00 PM by Commissioner Brian Wickham.

Present were Commissioners Amanda Fleig, Brian Wickham, and John Turner; Treasurer Kate Silverstrim-Jensen, Chief Jerry Herman, 1st Assistant Robert Herman, and Sheila Nellis from Ladies Auxiliary. Commissioners Alan Fairbrother and Bob Lehman were necessarily absent.

We were led in the pledge of allegiance by Commissioner Brian Wickham.

Public Comment:

Sheila shared that the kitchen range hood is scheduled to be cleaned next weekend.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read by Kate Silverstrim-Jensen.

Treasurer’s report was presented by Kate Silverstrim-Jensen.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>			
Bank accounts have been reconciled through 4/30/2024			
<u>Banking Transfers:</u>	4/14/24	\$ 1,958.13	Savings #1 to Checking #1
<u>Cash Account Balances as of:</u>		4/30/24	
LNB General Checking		\$ 3,415.16	
LNB Savings #1		\$ 15,907.63	
NYCLASS - Investment		\$ 137,248.78	
NYCLASS - Reserve		\$ 88,428.45	
TOTAL CASH:		\$ 245,000.02	
<u>Prepaid bills:</u>	NYSEG	(Electric)	\$ 128.19
	NYSEG	(Natural Gas)	\$ 208.53
	Energy Cooperative		\$ 426.59
	Empire Natural Gas		\$ 83.00
TOTAL PREPAID:			\$ 846.31
<u>Bills presented at meeting:</u>			
Firematic Supply	#210813		\$ 431.06
Firematic Supply	#210956		\$ 430.00
Seneca Castle Auto			\$ 16.00
Doyle Security			\$ 142.00
Spectrum			\$ 171.98
Jerry Herman (Open House Expenses)			\$ 287.08
TOTAL BILLS:			\$ 1,478.12

Commissioner Turner made a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Fleig seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Old Business:

Kate reported that the documentation was submitted to Anderson VanHorne to remove the old Peterbuilt truck from our policy.

Commissioner Turner reported that the committee is finalizing the mailer and hope to send it out after the board's June meeting. They have estimated the cost to be approximately \$1,000 per department. He anticipates a draft will be emailed out to board members for review before it goes out. The message is focused on encouraging volunteers. They are also working on a video and website that will work off the town's current website. Commissioner Wickham will send an update to ISO once this program launches.

Regarding the by-laws, Commissioners feel that with proposed OSHA changes and other items in transition it will be best to wait to make this update. In the meantime, it's important to be documenting training and keeping track of those records.

Commissioner Fleig is continuing to work on the sign program roll out and will provide an update next month.

Commissioner Wickham asked about the open house weekend and two people showed up. They are also running an open house this month which includes a free lunch. The members sent out invitations to younger residents and families in the area.

Commissioner's Fleig and Turner reported on the AFDSNY training. It was worthwhile to attend and they were given information to take home. Commissioner Turner shared that one item they covered in detail was required policies and he suggested we take some time to review our current policies and compare.

New Business:

Commissioner Wickham shared information regarding proposed OSHA updates with the board earlier this week. These proposals are extensive and would be instantly detrimental to small fire department budgets. Commissioners would like to write a response to the proposal that can be submitted to AFDSNY. Commissioner Turner noted that the intent to protect firefighters is great, but the plan is geared toward paid large fire departments and does not consider small rural volunteer departments. Under the current proposal, departments would be responsible for extensive documentation just to be compliant. Each commissioner who would like to comment can submit individually through AFDSNY.

Commissioner Wickham was contacted by a representative from Tour de Cure. He also contacted Jerry and Sheila. They will open the firehouse for bathrooms and a place to sit down if needed.

The board received a booklet from Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan's office which details current grant opportunities. Commissioner Turner would also like to set up a meeting with State Senator Helming. He will speak with the retention committee about setting up a town-wide meeting with these representatives in the fall.

Chief's Report:

Jerry spoke with Dale at ISO about training. He suggested 12 hours per year or 3 hours per quarter, and a minimum of 4 members responding per call. Currently the members go beyond that training requirement. They recently trained with the state forest rangers on controlled burns, and attended another training in Hall. On June 22 there will be a confined space training at the County building.

Firematics will be out to inspect the air packs next week. Doyle security was out to look at the system because it was alerting Jerry at unusual times. They repaired wiring in the panel box and this has resolved the issue.

Jerry has put together a list of upcoming equipment needs. From the control burn training, he learned that it is good to have forest hose which they have only in limited quantity.

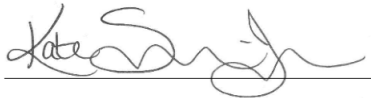
The F-350 was inspected and Castle Auto has listed several items that are beginning to be a problem including shocks and leaking transmission.

Lastly, the compressed air installation is complete in the truck bay. Leon worked hard to get this install completed and commissioners expressed their appreciation for his time.

Minutes were read aloud. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Fleig seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm on motion of Commissioner Wickham, seconded by Commissioner Fleig. All approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Silverstrim-Jensen", written over a horizontal line.

Kate Silverstrim-Jensen