

Stanley Fire District Minutes

6-11-2024

Regular Meeting – Board of Commissioners

The June 11, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Stanley Fire District was called to order at 7:03 PM by Commissioner Brian Wickham.

Present were Commissioners Alan Fairbrother, Bob Lehman, Brian Wickham, and John Turner; Treasurer Kate Silverstrim-Jensen, 1st Assistant Robert Herman, Sheila Nellis of the Ladies Auxiliary, and resident Bill Sargent. Commissioner Amanda Fleig was necessarily absent.

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

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>	5/21/24	\$ 2,974.43	Savings #1 to Checking #1
<u>Cash Account Balances as of:</u>		5/31/24	
LNB General Checking		\$ 2,171.98	
LNB Savings #1		\$ 12,933.83	
NYCLASS - Investment		\$ 137,856.24	
NYCLASS - Reserve		\$ 88,819.82	
TOTAL CASH:		\$ 241,781.87	
<u>Prepaid bills:</u>	NYSEG	(Electric)	\$ -
	NYSEG	(Natural Gas)	\$ 87.27
	Jim Earl		\$ 400.00
		TOTAL PREPAID:	\$ 487.27
<u>Bills presented at meeting:</u>			
Firematic Supply		\$	880.00
Empire Natural Gas		\$	36.69
Regional International		\$	576.55
Spectrum		\$	171.98
Jim Earl		\$	400.00
		TOTAL BILLS:	\$ 2,065.22

Commissioner Lehman made a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Fairbrother seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner Turner provided an update on the town-wide mailer. Commissioner Lehman has been working on a brochure, gathering information and photographs from each department. They have been working with a volunteer on designing the layout, with a draft passed around for review. Commissioner Turner noted the mailer may go out a little later than originally anticipated since the group is still developing it. Commissioner Wickham noted that the program is still on track with the timeline provided to ISO. In addition, he will begin discussion with the Whitman school district about implementing a program to recruit high school students as volunteers to keep that item on track.

Robby reported that the volunteers are continuing to document training sessions and he is very happy with the new layout and feels it is working well for all.

Commissioner Wickham shared that four people took applications at the last open house. Robbie added that they also provided information about the stipend. Commissioners encouraged them to follow up. Commissioner Lehman shared that departments can have “mutual aid members” for people who are members in other departments but work or live in our district. These people could respond to calls while they are in the area and would train with the department a few times a year. Both department’s chiefs would need to approve, but it is not uncommon for departments to have this policy.

AFDSNY is holding a live coffee with the commissioner’s this coming weekend. They will be discussing the OSHA proposal. Commissioner Wickham noted that the comment period has been extended and anyone who has not submitted a comment yet can still do so. Commissioners discussed the extensive documentation and procedural requirements proposed that would be extremely burdensome on small districts like ours.

Commissioner Wickham spoke with the Town Supervisor about holding a meeting for all of the districts and he was on board with holding it at the pavilion. All will connect to schedule something for the fall.

Regarding reviewing the district’s policies, Commissioner Turner recommended comparing our current policies to the list provided at the training and then identifying if there are gaps or need for update. Commissioner Turner and Kate will connect to review this information before the next meeting.

New Business:

Commissioner Wickham shared that Dick and Peg Newcomb from Dewey Ave stopped by with a thank you card and donuts. They are extremely appreciative of the district’s response to a fire while they were out of town for the winter.

Commissioner Wickham presented the following resolution:

Resolution #19-2024: Authorizing Participation in Cooperative Electricity Bid for 2025

Whereas, the Stanley Fire District of the Town of Seneca, of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase for supply of electricity; and

Whereas, the Stanley Fire District of New York State is desirous of participating with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and

Whereas, the Stanley Fire District of New York State has appointed the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Stanley Fire District of New York State and making recommendations thereon; and

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Stanley Fire District of New York State and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above; and

Be it further resolved, that the Stanley Fire District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services; and

Be it further resolved, that the Stanley Fire District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding; and

Now therefore be it finally resolved, that the Stanley Fire District, of the Town of Seneca, of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties for supply of electricity and if requested to furnish the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

Commissioner Fairbrother made a motion to adopt Resolution #19 of 2024. Commissioner Turner seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wickham shared that his term will end on December 31, 2024 and he will not be seeking reelection. He offered his support for the next commissioner who is chosen as chairman, and alerted everyone to be on the lookout for potential candidates in advance.

Chief's Report:

Robbie shared that Jerry is home sick tonight, everyone wished him well.

Hall and Stanley will do auto-extrication at Red's next weekend. The June 22 training is still on schedule as well. They're also working on reserving the burn building to do interior fire attack and search and rescue training, as well as natural gas fire training.

They attended the Memorial Day parade and will be in Shortsville this Friday. They've also been invited to do the senior bash at the high school again this year. Robbie will put together a list for the commissioners.

Lastly, he shared that they have an application pending approval by the department.

Public Comment:

Sheila reported that the hood has been cleaned and the service is paid in full.

They had 463 bicyclists come through for Tour de Cure. They also had runners so many, many people came through and all were appreciative of the facilities. Sheila will work with the coordinating team to get it on the calendar again next year.

Sheila wondered if we plan to seal the driveway this year. Commissioner Wickham recalled that we did not seal last year because the striping had just been done. He said we will likely schedule it for the fall and will coordinate with Shuttleworth on whether it can be done in one day or two.

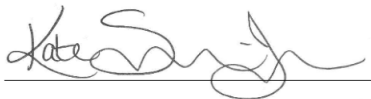
Minutes were read aloud. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Fairbrother seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

Commissioner Wickham made a motion to enter executive session at 7:49pm to discuss a volunteer's history of service. Commissioner Lehman seconded. All approved.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to leave executive session at 8:15pm. Commissioner Lehman seconded. All approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm on motion of Commissioner Wickham, seconded by Commissioner Lehman. All approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Kate Silverstrim-Jensen