

Stanley Fire District Minutes

6-13-2023

Regular Meeting – Board of Commissioners

The June 13, 2023 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, Alan Fairbrother, Brian Wickham, and Bob Lehman; Treasurer Kate Silverstrim-Jensen, Chief Jerry Herman, 1st Assistant Robert Herman, and resident Larry Townley. Commissioner Rick Jantzen 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.

Treasurer's Report

Bank accounts have been reconciled through 5/31/2023

<u>Banking Transfers:</u>	5/21/23	\$	1,483.71	Savings #1 to Checking #1
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<u>Cash Account Balances as of:</u>	5/31/23
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LNB General Checking	\$	2,375.00
LNB Savings #1	\$	30,449.98
LNB Savings #2	\$	2,000.75
NYCLASS - Investment	\$	151,504.11
NYCLASS - Reserve	\$	50,605.87

TOTAL CASH:	\$	236,935.71
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<u>Pre-paid bills:</u>	Jim Earl	\$	270.00
		Total Prepays:	\$ 270.00

Bills presented at meeting:

Empire Natural Gas	\$	85.66
Churchville Fire Equipment	\$	457.11
Spectrum	\$	167.96
Jerry Herman	\$	22.58
Jim Earl	\$	360.00
TOTAL BILLS:	\$	1,093.31

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

Old Business:

Commissioner Wickham has reached out to the other town districts regarding the house number signs. Some concerns brought up were the size of the sign and installation of the post. They will speak with their respective boards at coming meetings. Commissioner Lehman shared that he ordered one through Hopewell Fire Department and hopes it will arrive soon so that we can see the size in person. It's vertical mount. Regarding the size, commissioners felt in order to have 4 numbers on the sign that are readable it will have to be about the size we've quoted. Kate shared that a Town of Seneca business is interested in providing a sponsorship or fundraising for the town fire departments and she thought this program might be the perfect opportunity.

Kate has communicated with Municipal Solutions regarding the bond paydown. We could pay part or the full balance of the bond at any time after March 15, 2024. They offered to help us with recalculating the new interest payments due if we were to make a partial payment. Commissioners discussed current interest rates at NYCLASS and long-term debt interest rates.

Privilege of the Floor:

Resident Larry Townley shared that he saw a news story last evening about two Syracuse area fire departments (Fayetteville & Manlius) that have merged. We may be able to use a similar model to what they are using if it works for us. They have a plan for equipment, training, and cooperating which has saved taxpayers quite a lot of money. This could be an option to help Stanley lower the tax base. He also shared concerns about membership in the department. He's aware that Stanley is not alone in the difficulty and encouraged the board to work on exploring solutions, including reaching out to these local fire departments.

New Business:

Commissioner Wickham received communication regarding the electricity bid from BOCES for this upcoming year and presented the following resolution:

Resolution #15 of 2023: Authorization to Participate in a Cooperative Bid Coordinated by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties for Cooperative Electricity Bid WFL 2024-12

Whereas, the Stanley Fire District 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 on behalf 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 Lehman asked if we receive any comparison information that shows how much savings we earn each year. Commissioner Wickham recalled seeing something the first year that we participated but has not received anything recently. He will reach out to our contact there.

Commissioner Lehman made a motion to adopt Resolution #15 of 2023. Commissioner Wickham seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

The county Road 4 and 20 intersection will be closed for installation of a traffic circle. Orange and black detour signs will be posted.

Flashlights will be installed on the truck in the coming weeks.

Churchville did not charge for the inspection of the air packs because it was covered under the purchase. The company have been purchased by Firematics out of New England. They'll now be the largest Pierce dealer in the area.

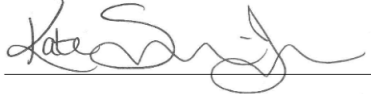
Robbie would like to participate in the MW Graduation ceremony on Friday, June 23 with one of the fire trucks. They were also happy to participate in the Memorial Day parade.

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

Commissioner Lehman will be out of town and unable to attend next month's meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm on motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner Fairbrother. 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