

**SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 14, 2014**

President North called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the introduction of Sarrena Lombard as the newly hired 2nd Shift Dispatcher/Company Clerk.

Members present were: K. North; W. Ketchabaw; P. Pabich; D. Hayes; D. Fagone; and G. Wilcox. Regrets: J. Solury. Also attending were Fire Marshal K. Kowalski and Chief J. Baldis.

1. It was moved; seconded; and carried that the minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email.
2. Public Audience: There was no Public Audience.
3. Fire Marshal Report- K. Kowalski: The report for the month of March 2014 as distributed earlier by email was accepted. A copy of the report is on file. Following discussion led by Kevin Kowalski, it was agreed that he would proceed with the introduction of a new identification program in Simsbury for light weight construction that will help to identify buildings with a collapse hazard during an interior firefight.
4. Fire Chief Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of March 2014, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: It was moved, seconded and carried that the financial report for invoices paid through April 14, 2014 be approved.
6. District Commissioners Report – D. Hayes: Nothing to report.
7. District Maintenance Division Report - J. Baldis: The report for the month of March 2014, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
8. District Chief of Administration Report – K. Kowalski: The report for the month of March 2014, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy is on file. Kevin highlighted that all employees have received an overview of the latest healthcare program that the Town is offering to provide. It was agreed that Kevin will proceed to investigate the Town's offering of a High Deductible Plan with an Health Savings Account. He will communicate his findings via email to the Executive Committee before the next meeting.
9. Personnel Committee – J. Solury: Nothing to report.

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10. Civil Preparedness - K. Kowalski: The Simsbury Fire District has received a Low Power FM (103.5) construction permit from the FCC. Quotes have been received for the equipment needed to build. Discussion has been held with Verizon for the type of antenna we would like for the tower at Firetown Station. Research is now underway for the location of the studio at the Main Station.
11. Correspondence – K. North: Correspondence was received from Mickey Lecours-Beck and Kathleen Marshall, as well as Joyce and Peter Kalika, complimenting the Simsbury Fire District and the Ladies Auxiliary for hosting the recent senior breakfast at the Main Station.
12. Old Business:

It was moved; seconded; and carried that the proposed District By-law change, as amended April 14th 2014, is ratified for presentation at the May 12th Annual Meeting for approval. Additionally the ratified By-laws will be posted immediately to the District website.

It was moved; seconded; and carried that the proposed 2014/2015 Budget be advanced to the May 12th Annual Meeting for consideration and approval by the Town of Simsbury ratepayers. A copy of the consolidated proposed 2014/2015 Budget will immediately be posted to the District website. If the proposed budget is approved a mill rate of 1.19 (versus the current rate of 1.22) will be established.

13. New Business:

2014 represents the 70th anniversary of the SVFC and the SFD. Kevin Kowalski is investigating some form of commemorative recognition. G. Wilcox commented that a 75th anniversary committee has commenced planning for that celebration, with consideration to various forms of recognition underway.

14. Executive Session: There was no need for Executive Session.

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Ketchabaw
Clerk

Next meeting: May 12, 2014, followed by the Annual Meeting at 8:00 pm

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