

**APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 8, 2015**

President Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Members present were: G. Wilcox, D. Coppinger, G. Gidding, D. Fagone, J. Solury, P. Pabich. Also attending were Chief J. Baldis, K. Kowalski. Excused: D. Hayes, C. O'Connor.

1. It was moved; seconded; and carried that the minutes of the May 2015, meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of the report is on file.
2. Public Audience: None
3. Fire Marshal Report - K. Kowalski: The report for the month of May 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
4. Fire Chief Report - J. Baldis: The report for the month of May 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: The report for the month of May was presented. It was moved and seconded and carried that the financial report and invoices paid through June 8, 2015 be approved. A copy of the report is on file.

Peter discussed and presented our reserve balance

6. District Commissioners Report – G. Gidding: No report
7. District Maintenance Division Report - J. Baldis: The report for the month of May 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.

J. Baldis stated that engine 1 has left for Enfield.

8. District Chief of Administration Report - K. Kowalski: The report for the month of May 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.

The dry hydrants at Stonepost and Cricket lane are not operational. Ponds are low and with the current dry conditions is an optimum time to work on them. Work will start with the Stonepost hydrant by checking the pipe and not touching the pond. Wet lands will have to be contacted prior to any work in connection with the pond. Caldwell will start work and charge time and materials. Work will stop if it is determined the pipe is not the problem.

The Cricket lane dry hydrant may need to have the pond dredged, Wet lands will have to be contacted prior to the start of any work.

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Two legislative issues were discussed:

The State budget that passed could affect the auto tax whereby we could lose the 1.19 mil tax rate.

The Regional Dispatch bill never came up.

9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: District letters went out to all employees concerning the salary increase.

V.P. Coppinger and Commissioners will be meeting to review a personnel matter.

10. Civil Preparedness - K. Kowalski: None

11. Correspondence – G Wilcox: None

12. Old Business: ISO insurance rating still in progress.

Radio station on going. Jeff Hugabonne has been given access to Main and Firetown stations. Committee needs to be established for programming and rules for operation. SCTV very excited and wants to get involved. It was brought up that funds could be generated through advertising and used to fund the station.

UHF (simulcast) system PO has been signed for installation. New system is 6 to 8 weeks out.

Engine 1 ownership still being investigated. K. Kowalski and J. Baldis still reading documents. Currently looking for the chiefs reports from 1944 to review. Insurance approach being reviewed and investigated for possible path.

Department of Correction matter was discussed. J. Baldis received a contract stating that we would have to supply supervision and transportation. We were not prepared to supply either. The chief of Suffield was contacted and no problems were encountered when used. Discussion still ongoing.

The hydrant ordinance was discussed. Awaiting response from attorney who is currently reviewing. Elderly will be provided assistance. K. Kowalski and J. Baldis will testify when required.

13. New Business: Letter received from Dave Fagone stating he will not seek another term. President Wilcox thanked him for his 12+ years of service. Replacement of a commissioner is the president's appointment. President Wilcox requested suggestions

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on a replacement from all. President Wilcox with agreement from Dave Fagone re-appointed him until a replacement can be found.

The commissioner's chairman needed to be re-elected as required by the by-laws. Dan Hayes the current chairman was re-elected to the position.

Suggestion made to review the By-Laws to stagger the Executive Board positions term as does the commissioners. A Special meeting could be called sometime this fall to discuss a By-Law change.

A sole source contract was requested by J, Baldis Facilities Manager, for Caldwell construction to perform dry hydrant repairs. Whereby if Caldwell construction is unavailable to perform said task, any other contractor at same cost may be called upon to perform same task. Motion made, seconded and passed to repair Stonepost dry hydrant.

Bids went out for repair to the corbels not under cover in front area at Tariffville station, replacement of a door and to repaint all. Three contractors responded: CS Margison, Cheney construction and Mell construction. Mell construction was low bidder. Motion made, seconded and passed to use Mell construction for the project.

Ready Racks to be completed in remaining stations.

Update concerning Engine 3's front end (four wheel drive) was questioned. Apparently a repair is forthcoming.

Chief Baldis invited all District members to the Officers meeting June 16th, 6pm at the clubhouse.

14. Executive Session: Regular meeting was suspended at 8:09pm to go into to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Regular meeting reconvened at 9:14pm
15. Adjournment: The regular meeting adjourned at 9:14pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next regular meeting: Monday July 13, 2015