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**APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 11TH, 2016**

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

Members present were: G. Wilcox, P. Pabich, G. Giddings, J. Solury, J. Smith. Also attending were Chief J. Baldis, K. Kowalski. Excused: C. O'Connor, D. Coppinger, Tim Zeilman.

1. It was moved; seconded; and carried that the minutes of the March 2016, 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 March 2016, 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 March 2016, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file
5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report for the month of April 2016 was presented and ratified into the record. A copy of the report is on file.

Peter reported Districts reserves will be about \$700,000.

6. District Commissioners Report – G. Giddings: No Report
7. District Maintenance Division Report - J. Baldis: The report for the month of March 2016, as distributed earlier 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 2016, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.

Legislative Packages, fire schools and cancer package were discussed.

A contingency plan is being developed for fill-ins during Kim's absence. Plan will be to start fill-ins a couple of weeks prior to leaving.

EMPG Grant was received.

Fox News will be at the main house on Wednesday 4/13 at 6:30pm to do an article on the Radio Station.

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9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: P have been completed.

New Maternity leave policy was discussed and approved by unanimous vote.

10. Civil Preparedness - K. Kowalski: The town wide drill to be conducted April 23rd at the Hartford complex was described. The drill will begin at 6 am and involve approximately 150 people.
11. Correspondence – G Wilcox: A letter was received from social services thanking us for the washer and dryer donated to a needy family that just moved to town.
12. Old Business: The 2016/2017 Budget was reviewed and approved to send to annual meeting subject to any last minute changes. This proposed budget reflects a 2.4% increase in spending and will result in a 1.7% increase in mill rate from 1.19 to 1.21 if approved

Proposed upgrade to firefighters and ambulance abatement program will go to public hearing and selectman's action at selectman's meeting April 25 at 6 pm.

Proposal for Fire District to fund in lieu of the town tax abatement up to \$1,000.00 each for eligible SVFC firefighters that reside in Granby who meet the requirements of the SVFC by laws and would be set to begin in FY 15/16 was discussed and approved

Motion made and seconded to increase the LOSAP program \$2.00 To \$16.00 dollars. Unanimous vote to approve.

Media policy was postponed until next month

13. New Business: The transfer of funds from reserves for the purchase of new portable radios was discussed and the motion made and approved is to add this request to the agenda to be voted on at the annual meeting.

CNG is proposing a new gas line from Bloomfield to Tarriffville center area. Looking for a commitment for Tarriffville school and firehouse hookup. Discussion still in progress.

Request for bid for drainage solution at Main Station rear parking lot to three contractors resulted in 2 bids each with varied proposals. Although it was not the lowest bid after discussion it was voted to accept the better concept/solution from Caldwell Excavating.

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Tarriffville Water Company requested permission to replace the antenna atop the firehouse. They are replacing their water tank and need a higher antenna in order to communicate. Commissioner Giddings approved the request.

President Wilcox suggested various ways to continue improved communications with company membership.

14. Executive Session: None

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: May 9th, 2016