

**SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT**  
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**APPROVED**  
**SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

President Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members present were: G. Wilcox, D. Coppinger, P. Pabich, J. Solury, G Giddings, J. Smith, and T. Zeilman. Also attending was Chief J. Baldis and Fire Marshal K. Kowalski.

1. It was moved; seconded; and carried that the minutes of the November 2016 meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of the report is on file.
2. Public Audience: Firefighter Rich Driscoll attended the meeting. He asked the following questions:
  - 1) What was the budget for the radio station for the current year?
  - 2) Who is in charge of this money?
  - 3) With only one bid being received for S16, was the cost extreme?
  - 4) Why only one supplier considered for the new turnout gear?President Wilcox explained that these items are not discussed under public audience but will be discussed under the appropriate section of the meeting.
3. Fire Marshal Report – K .Kowalski: The report for the month of November 2016 as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file. A hats off was stated by President Gary Wilcox for achieving a 85/90% completion of inspections for the year.
4. Fire Chief Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of November 2016, as distributed earlier by email was accepted after two corrections. A copy of the corrected report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report for the month of November 2016, was presented and ratified into the record. A copy of the report is on file. The reserve balance will be e:mailed.

The District audit was completed week of 11/28/2016 with no issues identified. A complement will be given to Kim for the excellent book keeping job.

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6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: Meeting was held with 4GUYs representative to discuss Engine 16. A reduction of 30,000 dollars was achieved during these discussions. Commissioner Giddings complemented the Truck committee for a job well done.

Two bids were actually received for Engine 16. One of the bids had to be disqualified due to it arriving after the bid opening time. The disqualified bid was utilized to determine the range of cost to ensure the bid approved was a fair bid.

Truck S15 bid is ready for commissioner Giddings to review. This bid will be sent out to 10 bidders and is expected to be issued by end of year.

7. District Maintenance Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of November 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 November 2016, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: Discussed safety issues within his own police department whereby lack of critiques (Hot Washes) and feedback from personnel were causing repeat issues affecting safety of all personnel. He complemented our department and stated that due to our program consisting of safety committees and critiques, we have a much safer department with repeat occurrences less likely to be seen.
10. Civil Preparedness – K. Kowalski: There is no line item in the budget for the radio station. Some of the monies for emergency management are used when needed.  
Steve Hess has resigned from the position of production manager for the radio station.  
Remote equipment has been purchased. Funds for this purchase were acquired from sale of used equipment and emergency management.
11. Correspondence – G. Wilcox: None
12. Unfinished Business: The hallway photos project is progressing. We are waiting for the main station to proceed.

The MOU for the Tariffville Water Company has been completed and accepted by both parties.

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Plaques on the engines identifying engineers and committee members was brought up again. No decision was made.

The Playscape was discussed and a decision was made during the last company meeting to purchase the device now due to a price increase next year. The funding for the base material is still the holdup but discussions with businesses for help are progressing.

The following dry hydrants were discussed.

Notch road and wildwood is completed. Testing is currently in process.

Bids received for Bacons pond work came in higher than expected. In addition, we are having problems finding a contractor to dig out the pond.

Stone post has been repaired and should be on line shortly.

Cricket Lane will need to be funded in next year's budget.

- 13 New Business: The Waiver Performance Bond for the purchase of Engine 16 was discussed. Questions were raised concerning our risk if supplier was to default. Considering we pay and receive title for the chassis upon receipt by supplier and the remainder is not paid until the truck is received in Simsbury and accepted it was determined that our risk was minimal.

The following motion was made and approved.

Motion to waive the performance bond for the purchase of Engine 16.

The following motion was made and approved.

Motion to allow Commissioner Giddings to execute the agreement to purchase Engine 16.

14. Executive Session: Regular meeting was suspended at 8:30 to go into Executive Session with Regular meeting being reconvened at 9:46.

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John J Solury Sr.

Clerk

**Next Regular Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**