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APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 14th, 2019

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 December 2018 meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of the report is on file.
2. Public Audience: None
3. Fire Marshall Report – K. Kowalski: The Report for the month of December 2018, 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 December 2018, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Reports as presented during the January 2019 meeting were approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file.

Questions concerning the decrease in cell tower receipts were discussed as to will we need to adjust the upcoming budget to reflect same. There is a possibility that with the addition of AT&T to the Bushy Hill and Firetown cell sites the issue could be resolved.

6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: Both Old Engine 8 and Old Rescue 15 have been sold to Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan who formally purchased the vehicles for the Hartford County Regional Fire School located at the Connecticut Fire Academy.
7. District Maintenance Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of December 2018, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.

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8. District Chief of Administration Report – K. Kowalski: The report for the month of December 2018, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.

Tax abatements changes were discussed. They are currently to be reviewed by the town. Once all parties complete their reviews changes will be addressed.

9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: No Report
10. Civil Preparedness – K Kowalski: No Report
11. Correspondence: None
12. Unfinished Business: The 1980 photo wall layout has been prepared. The PO is being readied to go to printer.
13. New Business: Career employment pensions were discussed. An issue was identified as to the methodology used to determine the value of the actual pension. The time period when the current plan was developed and the changes that have taken place with types of compensations that currently exist have caused confusion as to the salary number to be used in calculating the actual pension value. This issue could also affect the most recent completed audit. The plan coordinator has been contacted and is reviewing the same. Upon resolution, further information will be issued.

A revised proposal was received from Verizon Wireless for their cell tower contract. The monthly amount identified was rejected and a notice sent stating same. We are waiting for their reply.

The recent Fire Company By-Law changes require a review by the Simsbury Fire District. The changes are to be sent to the Simsbury Fire District Clerk via certified letter return receipt requested. As of this meeting no such letter has been received. The Fire District is required to respond within 45 days of receipt of said letter with and acceptance or rejection of said changes.

A District Community Award will be presented to Rosedale Farms for their generous assistance with a 75-anniversary fund raiser. They prepared and bottled a wine specifically for that purpose and sold it at their facility. The bottle had a Simsbury Fire Department label with a photo of Old Engine 1. The Award will be presented to Rosedale Farms at the Fire District Annual Awards Dinner February 8th at the Riverview Banquet facility.

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A new Fire District Roster was circulated at the meeting for review and any corrections required.

A committee was established to determine appropriate recognition items to be presented for the 75th Anniversary from the Fire District. The Fire District will work together with the Fire Company with their plans for recognition items. The committee consists of Commissioner's Tim Zeilman, John Smith, Chief James Baldis and District Clerk John Solury.

14. Executive Session: Regular meeting was suspended at 8:28 and resumed at 8:49.

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 11th, 2019
(Note this is a Monday)