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APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 11th, 2019

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

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

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the January 2019 meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of the report is on file.
2. Public Audience: Lt. Mark Zenick discussed the 75th anniversary activities that the Fire Company was planning and was requesting that a challenge coin be designed that both the District and Company could agree with. He also stated that the Fire Company will be collaborating with the Rotary's road race.
3. Fire Marshall Report – K. Kowalski: The Report for the month of January 2019, 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 January 2019, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – G. Wilcox: Reports as presented during the February 2019 meeting were approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file.
6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: No Report
7. District Maintenance Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of January 2019, 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 January 2019, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: No Report
10. Civil Preparedness – K. Kowalski: No Report

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11. Correspondence: None

12. Unfinished Business: Hallway photos for the 80's will be hung on Friday.

A meeting at the town was attended by Chief of Administration Kevin Kowalski concerning the abatement changes needed. A working group has been established and will review the changes needed. These activities will commence by the end of March, beginning of April and will take approximately six weeks.

A recess was taken at 7:19 and the meeting was resumed at 7:34.

Career Employment Pension was tabled until next month.

There was no new information concerning the Verizon cell tower contract. No response to the comments sent has been received.

Nothing new concerning the VSIF/Losap discussed.

A draft 2019/2020 budget was presented by Chief of Administration Kevin Kowalski for consideration. Further discussions will take place next month.

13. New Business: A contract has been received from AT&T. A few comments were sent back, and we are awaiting response. A motion was made to authorize moving forward with the contract in our possession as amended.

The motion on the floor as made was seconded and approved.

The Fire Company By-Law changes submitted to the District for acceptance were discussed. There were four separate changes needing review and acceptance.

- 1) Active Membership: Not Accepted.
- 2) Junior Firefighter: Accepted with a technical change required.
- 3) Eligibility for Membership: Not Accepted.
- 4) Voting Eligibility: Accepted.

A response will be written by President Gary Wilcox explaining reasons for rejection and any technical changes required for full acceptance.

The 75th anniversary committee appointed by President Wilcox discussed the 75th Anniversary recognition gifts. Commissioner John Smith discussed a challenge coin from Ogden Utah. Several other items were discussed. A meeting will be held on February 20th at 6:30 at the main house to further discuss this subject. A fire company meeting is scheduled for 7pm at the

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main fire house to discuss this same subject. The District committee is planning to attend and listen to their plans.

A discussion took place led by Vice President D. Coppinger concerning a request received from the State Fire Marshalls office to appoint firefighter Chris Wilcox as an inspector within the Simsbury Fire Marshals office. This request was made to aid Firefighter Wilcox in his employment. There is no financial responsibility associated with this appointment.

Motion was made to move on with this appointment, seconded and approved. Vice President D. Coppinger will send a letter confirming the appointment.

A reminder was passed on concerning the Veterans breakfast, Saturday February 23rd at 9am at the main firehouse. The Ladies Auxiliary will lead this activity and any additional help will be appreciated.

President Gary Wilcox commented on the awards dinner and thanked Chief of Administration Kevin Kowalski for a prefect night.

14. Executive Session: None

15. Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: March 11th, 2019