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SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 13TH, 2017

President Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 February 2017 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 February 2017 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 February 2017, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted after a correction was made to GOWANS-KNIGHT bid. The report stated \$170,000 and should have read \$179,000. A copy of the corrected report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report for the month of February 2017, was presented. The report was ratified into the record. A copy of the report is on file. The reserve balance is approx. \$700,000.00. A discussion concerning LOSAP will be take place next month.
6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: Contract was signed with GOWANS-KNIGHT for replacement Rescue 15. The performance bond was dropped as with Engine 16. The chassis manufacturer will be paid \$55,036.00 upon delivery to GOWANS-KNIGHT at which time we will also take title for the chassis. The balance of \$124,524.00 will be paid to GOWANS-KNIGHT upon completion and delivery to Simsbury FD. The fabrication will take approximate 6 months.
7. District Maintenance Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of February 2017, as distributed earlier 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 February 2017, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.

As discussed in the report, the town has requested that we take over Maintenance of the two hydrants on the Town Garage property. This would help the town reduce cost on fire protection. If this comes to fruition they will become District hydrants.

The communication lines from the main house to the town hall will be changed. The T1 line will be dropped and the fiber line will be activated. A significant cost reduction will be seen and the cost for the fiber line will be added to our current ERS bill.

A Resolution will be added to the May Annual meeting to return the Car Tax money received from the state back to the town. This money will come out of the reserves where it has been kept.

9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: Attended Company retention and recruitment meeting held 1/31/17. Attendees were President of the Fire Company, Trovato, Captain Kristin Kelly and Captain Jason Gilbert. Lieutenant's Esthus and Hess. Topics discussed were more activity within the community, better PR publicity, advertise more recruitment and get out applications. A new revised Volunteer Letter was sent to Assistant Chief Patrick Tourville to replace one currently on the web page.

Vice President Dan Coppinger discussed housing, the radio station and the High School Hall of Fame (in regards to publicity for Junior FF's). He also discussed the need for documenting via retirement/resignation questionnaires and exit interviews. A committee is currently working on a draft.

10. Civil Preparedness – K. Kowalski: Streaming of WSIM is being researched. Further information will be forthcoming.

WSIM will be on air full time during the upcoming storm.

11. Correspondence – G. Wilcox: None

12. Unfinished Business: The hallway photos project is progressing.

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The playscape firetruck was discussed. Meeting scheduled with wet lands.
The grant did not go thru for the replacement of the rubber base at the site.
Overhaul of the site is scheduled for September of which we will be part of.

- 13 New Business: Budget update was presented. Some minor corrections will be made. Mill rate is expected to remain the same.

As discussed under District Chief of Administration report, concerning the takeover and maintenance of the two hydrants on the Town Garage property. The following motion was made and approved.

Motion for the Facilities Manager to negotiate with Aquarian Water to take over responsibility for the two hydrants on the Town Garage property.

14. Executive Session: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John J Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: April 10th, 2017