

SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 15, 2013

1. In the absence of President North, Vice President Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Members present were: W. Ketchabaw; J. Fleming; P. Pabich; D. Hayes; D. Fagone; and G. Wilcox. Also attending were Fire Chief J. Baldis and Fire Marshal K. Kowalski. Regrets: K. North.
3. It was moved; seconded; and carried that the minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting distributed via email be accepted as presented.
4. Public Audience: None.
5. Fire Marshal Report- K. Kowalski: The report for the month of March 2013 as distributed earlier by email was accepted. A copy of the report is on file. K. Kowalski informed the meeting that a grant in the amount of \$11,753.50 had been received from the Town as the District share of the Emergency Management Performance Grant. In addition approximately \$11,000 can be expected as our share of the 2011/2012 EMPG.
6. Fire Chief Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of March 2013 as distributed via email was accepted. A copy of the report is on file. Chief Baldis informed the meeting that a truck replacement committee had been activated for the replacement of trucks number S5 and S6. Bid specifications have been distributed with bid responses due by April 17th for the replacement of S10.
7. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: It was moved, seconded, and carried that the financial reports be approved for invoices paid through April 15, 2013. A copy of the report is on file.
8. District Commissioners Report – D. Hayes/J. Baldis: Commissioner Hayes informed the meeting that he had no report items to be presented. All Division Projects are minor in nature and there was no need for review of the project report.
9. Personnel Committee – J. Fleming: K. Kowalski informed the meeting that recruitment is underway for a District Administrator/Dispatcher due to retirement of Starr Scully effective September 1, 2013.
10. Civil Preparedness: K. Kowalski: Nothing to report.

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11. Correspondence: J. Fleming informed the meeting that correspondence had been received from the Billingsgate Condominium management organization that documented their willingness to fund the installation of a second hydrant. The assignment was passed to K. Kowalski to work with the organization to design and plan the installation.

12. Old Business:

Following an overview of the proposed 2013/2014 District budget, it was moved; seconded; and carried that the District approve the budget for presentation at the May 13, 2013 Annual Meeting for town ratepayer approval. K. Kowalski will discuss with K. North for posting to the District website in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Following discussion, it was moved; seconded; and carried that a resolution be brought before the Annual Meeting for ratepayer approval to allocate \$200,000 of District reserves to fund the installation of a new vehicle lift for maintenance District apparatus.

The call for the May 13, 2013 Annual Meeting was published as required in the Hartford Courant; posted at Town Hall; and place on the District website. Preparation is well underway for material to be presented at the meeting.

13. New Business:

As an information item, K. Kowalski informed the meeting that Metro PCS, a cell phone provider that uses our towers for repeater operation, has merged with T Mobile, another company using our towers for repeater operation. Additionally, another cell phone company has expressed interest in using our towers for repeater operation.

As another information item, Chief Baldis informed the meeting that Westminster School and the SVFC are in discussion and evaluating the participation of their students in the Junior Firefighter program.

14. Executive Session: There was no need for Executive Session.

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15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

William Ketchabaw, Clerk

Next meeting: May 13, 2013 followed by the Annual Meeting at 8:00 pm