SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING MAY 13, 2013

- 1. President North called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Main Fire Station. He then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. All Annual Meeting reports will be available for viewing at the SVFC website <u>www.simsburyfd.org</u>.
- 3. President North outlined the qualifications for voting at this meeting and asked that those not eligible stand apart from the eligible voters.
- 4. Ken Boudreau was appointed as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.
- 5. In Clerk Ketchabaw's absence, David Fagone read the Call of the Meeting as published in the Hartford Courant on April 1, 2013; was posted to the Simsbury Patch website; was posted at the Town Hall; and was available for viewing at the SVFC website www.simsburyfd.org.
- 6. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the reading of the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes be suspended with the understanding that a copy of the minutes have been on file in the District Office and posted on the SVFC website. The minutes of the meeting were approved. A copy of the minutes is on file in the District Office.
- 7. There was no Public Audience.
- 8. Treasurer P. Pabich then summarized the most recent audit report as prepared by King and King Associates, the appointed auditors for the District. The report was favorable and included one recommendation, the implementation of a fixed asset system that was mutually viewed not to be cost effective and it was agreed to continue with our current practice. A copy of the report is on file at the District Office.
- 9. Fire Chief J. Baldis presented his report. A copy of the report is on file in the District Office.
- 10. Fire Marshal K. Kowalski presented his report. A copy of the report is on file in the District Office.
- 11. President North presented his report. A copy of the report is on file in the District Office.
- 12. Treasurer P. Pabich presented the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2013. It was moved; seconded; and carried unanimously that his report be accepted as presented. A copy of the report is on file in the District office.
- 13. Treasurer Pabich moved that Robert E. King & Company be appointed as the District Auditors for the fiscal year 2013/2014. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- 14. President North presented the proposed District budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. It was moved; seconded; and carried unanimously that the Simsbury Fire District Budget of \$2,866,803 be adopted. This budget represents a

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1.6% increase when compared to the 20012/2013 budget. A copy of the approved budget report is on file in the District Office.

- 15. Based on the revenue and expenses contained in the accepted budget it was moved; seconded; and carried unanimously that the Fire District mil rate for the fiscal year 2013/2014 be set at 1.22 mils. This increase in mils is larger than typical due to this being a re-valuation year and values declining for the first time in many years.
- 16. In a separate resolution it was moved; seconded; and carried unanimously that the Simsbury Fire District be authorized to draw down from reserve funds an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to pay for the replacement of the truck mechanic's truck lift which has reached its useful life.
- 17. K North asked that the nominations from the nominating committee be presented for the District Executive, as presented by Adam Libros, substituting for Kristen Kelley. The nominations were Kevin North- President; Jeff Giddings- Vice President; Peter Pabich-Treasurer; William Ketchabaw- Clerk; and Colleen O'Connor- District Tax Collector. K. North then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. From the floor, Tom Post nominated John Solury for Vice President. There were no other nominations. Given the contested position, K. North called for a vote for the four non-contested positions. Those four positions were elected to additional terms as presented. A request from the floor for a closed ballot process suspended the meeting for enough time to print paper ballots. The meeting resumed, a vote occurred, and John Solury was voted to the position of Vice President. The ballots were tabulated and counted by the Tax Collector, the meeting Parliamentarian and the acting Clerk.
- 18. There was no Old Business to come before the meeting.
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- 20. Adjournment of the meeting at 9:30pm was moved; seconded; and carried.

Respectfully submitted

David Fagone, Acting Clerk