

**SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT**  
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**APPROVED**  
**SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JULY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

President Gary Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Member's present were G. Wilcox, D. Coppinger, P. Pabich, J. Solury, G. Giddings via phone, H. Caldwell and T. Zeilman. Also attending was Chief J. Baldis.

1. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted that the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of these reports is on file.
2. Public Audience: None
3. Fire Marshall Report – P. Tourville: The report for the month of June 2022, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
4. Fire Chief Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of June 2022, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – P.Pabich: Reports as distributed for the July 2022 meeting were approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file.
6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: Meeting of the Commissioners confirmed the re-appointment of Geoff Giddings as chair commissioner. This is one year appointment.
7. District Maintenance/Administration Reports – J. Baldis: The reports for the month of June 2022, as distributed by email, were accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.
8. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: Nothing significant to report
9. Civil Preparedness – M. Berry: The report for the month of June 2022, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
10. Correspondence – G. Wilcox: Letter received from Shipman & Goodwin LLP attorneys notifying us of their 2022-2023 Rate changes.

Letter received form the Simsbury Airport Association, Inc. clarifying the airport and its operation.

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11. Unfinished Business: Awaiting final figures from suppliers for the replacement generators. More information next month.

Board of Selectmen Town of Simsbury approved the re-appointment of Mike Berry as the Emergency Manager Director.

12. New Business: Monetary Benefits for Volunteering: Discussion took place concerning Ideas for Monetary Benefits for Volunteering. Chief J. Baldis, President Gary Wilcox and Vice President Dan Coppinger will schedule a meeting with town hall personnel to discuss the possibility of a program.

Fuel reimbursement: President Gary Wilcox brought up proposal for fuel reimbursement due to the current environment for all firefighters meeting their attendance requirements over the last six months. The following motion was presented.

Motion: Due to the current environment concerning inflation in gas prices the district has decided to issue a one-time discretionary payment of fifty dollars to all firefighters who have met their attendance requirements over the last six months. (Jan.1 to June 30, 2022.)

The motion was approved.

Tax abatement review for 25year Simsbury Firefighters: President Gary Wilcox requested tax abatement policy review. A policy clarification will be made stating that “The tax abatement for 25 years shall be based on 25 qualified years of service including Simsbury firefighters living within the one-mile boundaries of Simsbury”.

TOS Vision Insurance: A motion was made and approved to provide and pay the same exam only vision benefit as provided be the town. The cost to the district will be \$491.88 annually.

American Flag purchase: The purchase of American Flags for all stations was approved.

13. Executive Session: None
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.  
Clerk

**Next Regular Meeting: AUGUST 8th<sup>th</sup>, 2022**