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APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 12th, 2021

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

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

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the June 14th Regular Meeting 2021 be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of the report is on file.
2. Public Audience: None
3. Fire Marshall Report – P. Tourville: The report for the month of June 2021, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. Fire Chief Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of June 2021, as distributed by email,
6. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Reports as distributed for the July 2021 meeting was approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file.
7. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: Ladder 11 disposition still in the works. Deputy Chief K. Kowalski is assisting and working with parties to assist in this process.
8. District Maintenance/Administration Reports – J. Baldis: The reports for the month of June 2021, as distributed by email, was accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.
9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: Personnel reviews are being processed.
10. Civil Preparedness – M. Berry: The report for the month of June 2021, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
11. Correspondence – G. Wilcox: None
12. Unfinished Business: Current Retirement plan (LOSAP) is now frozen. VFIS will produce a statement as of the frozen date detailing balances for

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everyone. Chief of Administration J. Baldis is working on a package for everyone of what all have.

A response was sent to T-Mobile concerning the request to install a diesel generator at Firetown Station. The correspondence stated that the use of diesel fuel was not acceptable due to wetland conditions. No response has been received to date.

An additional request from T-Mobile was received to install a generator at the Bushy Hill Station. This request is also a diesel request which as all others at that site already have generators utilizing diesel fuel will be accepted.

Personnel reviews are all in the works and ready to be processed.

Ladder 11 status was addressed under Commissioner Giddings report. Additionally, concerning the temporary replacement for ladder 11 so as tower 12 can sent out for refurbishment the Chief discussed the possibility of acquiring the old aerial from the fire academy due which is due to be replaced with receipt of their new aerial. The aerial is a Sutphen which we are familiar with. Our mechanic will inspect the aerial to see if it is suitable for our use. If this aerial does go to surplus, we may be able to acquire it for \$100.

13. New Business: Year-end budget balances and reserves will be addressed next month due to remaining outstanding bills.

Our current policy for alcohol/smoking can still be followed.

The new Cannabis law still needs to be reviewed. Firefighters are exempt from the law. We will develop our own policy which must allow flexibility. The chief will set the policy and will contact Departments in Massachusetts to inquire as to how they are dealing with the cannabis situation.

The Juneteenth new Federal Holiday and how we will handle it was tabled until next month.

The single source purchase for Thermal Imaging Cameras was discussed. The following motion was made to allow the purchase:

Motion made to allow single source purchase of two Thermal Imaging cameras based on discounted price and consistency in training. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

14. Executive Session: None

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15. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: August 9th, 2021