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APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 13th, 2020

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

Commissioner Tim Zeilman took minutes for this meeting due to the absence of Clerk John Solury.

Members present were: G. Wilcox, D. Coppinger, J. Solury, G. Giddings, J Smith, and T Zeilman. Also attending was Chief J. Baldis and Fire Marshal K. Kowalski, Emergency Director Mike Berry. Excused: P. Pabich, and J. Solury

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the June 8 Regular Meeting and June 29 Special Meeting 2020 be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of the report is on file.

President Gary Wilcox stated that August 9th will be the final day for Fire Marshall/Chief of Administration Kevin Kowalski after several decades of service and that this will be his last District Executive meeting. Words of thanks were given from President Wilcox, Commissioners: Giddings, Smith, Zeilman, Vice President Coppinger and Chief Baldis.

2. Public Audience: None
3. Fire Marshall Report – K. Kowalski: The report for the month of June 2020, 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 2020, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – Gary Wilcox: Reports as distributed for the July 2020 meeting was approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file. The reports presented consisted of budget balances and two invoice paid lists (before and after fiscal year end).
6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: No Report
7. District Maintenance Report – J. Baldis: The report for the month of June 2020, as distributed 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 June, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: No report.
10. Civil Preparedness – M. Berry: President Gary Wilcox introduced Mike Berry who is the new Emergency Director for the town.
11. Correspondence – Gary Wilcox: A letter was received from Nancy Sheets Director of Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses association thanking us for the donation of the PPE. Gary stated that the COVID pandemic has been a great opportunity to forge stronger relationship with all the area emergency response organizations including the ambulance and the VNA.
12. Unfinished Business: Tax abatement meeting that was scheduled by the town has been postponed again for a few more months due to timing.

LOSAP is pretty much completed. A decision was made last month to proceed through the cliffs for the next two years. Beginning in January 2021 we will be taking a portion and putting it towards the new program.

Employee pension materials were distributed electronically before the meeting. Plan had to be updated due to federal changes plus we had to add more language. Changes were sent to our treasurer and he was good with the changes. We also passed by our legal counsel (Shipman & Goodwin) who were also good with the changes (after some comments and changes of their own). Motion was made seconded and approved to accept the changes to the defined benefit plan as distributed prior to the Meeting.

13. New Business: Annual election of the chairman of the commissioners took place in accordance with the bylaws and Commissioner Jeff Giddings was re-elected.

A request was received from the Farmington Valley Health District for the use of the Weatogue fire station for a flu clinic in October. Chief District Administrator Kevin Kowalski requested a vote to approve. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

A video was sent out via a video for the NFORS by the Chief of Administration Kevin Kowalski. The video presents a good idea of what the program can do for us. We are the first volunteer program in the country to get involved with this program. Todd Kelley and Todd Meyers are working very hard on this program. Chief Kowalski is hoping to present a demo for

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the Executive Committee at a future date. It produces significant data for us to review and make decisions and explain how we are doing.

14. Executive Session: None

15. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.
Clerk

The meeting identified below is subject to current state regulations regarding gatherings.

Next Regular Meeting: August 10th, 2020 at 7:00pm.