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**DRAFT
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

President Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

Members present were: G. Wilcox, D. Coppinger, G. Giddings, J. Solury, J. Smith, Tim Zeilman. Also attending were Chief J. Baldis, K. Kowalski. Guest: D Hayes, D. Fagone

Excused: C. O'Connor, P. Pabich.

1. It was moved; seconded; and carried that the minutes of the November 2015, meeting be approved as distributed earlier by email. A copy of the report is on file.
2. Public Audience: None
3. Meeting was suspended at 7:19 for presentations to retiring Commissioners Dan Hayes and Dave Fagone. Meeting resumed at 7:34.
4. Fire Marshal Report - K. Kowalski: The report for the month of November 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. Fire Chief Report - J. Baldis: The report for the month of November 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file
6. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report for the month of December was presented and accepted into the record. A copy of the report is on file.
7. District Commissioners Report – G. Giddings: Old SCBA value found to be very low due to market being flooded. Bottle value different. After inventory was taken of new SCBA's and bottles it was discovered that about half had manufacture dates of May, June and August which also ends up being the Hydrostatic dates for the bottles. The bottles were received directly from Scotts. The time period from the time we received the bottles to the hydro test date relates to approximately \$4500 dollars. The final payment is being withheld until this issue is resolved.
8. District Maintenance Division Report - J. Baldis: The report for the month of November 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
9. District Chief of Administration Report - K. Kowalski: The report for the month of November 2015, as distributed earlier by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.

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WSIM 103.5FM operating fine. New software has been received and shows are being developed.

Radio upgrade working well. No issues have been reported, Backup system being researched as well as a battery backup system for Tariffville tower with 4 240 ampere hour batteries which will allow for 6-7 days of operation during a power outage. A camera for security will also be installed.

New pagers and portables also working well.

Firetown and Bushy Hill radio equipment is being moved from the equipment room due to a space issue to a storage area.

10. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: No Report
11. Civil Preparedness - K. Kowalski: Meeting held with town on winter preparation.
12. Correspondence – G Wilcox: None
13. Old Business: DOC Hydrant painting program still on hold waiting for the state.

By Law revision after lawyer review was presented. One minor change was suggested concerning Treasurer's Activity. All changes with exception of the Treasurer Activity were accepted. A Special Meeting is still being planned for February 8th to present and approve these changes.

Retirement age issue still being discussed within the company.

Mailbox issue has been resolved. The current configuration will be changed to allow all district personnel mail to be on one side and access will be secured. Each mail box will key access only. Control will be by daytime dispatcher. A locked slotted mailbox will be available for after hour's access.

Dispatch reconfiguration was discussed. After further discussion with dispatch personnel and additional training the consensus was to leave the current configuration as is.

Under District programs, the wellness/fitness program was discussed. It's working well and no changes are needed.

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14. New Business: An addition to the Rotary Park area of a Fire Truck climb on and slide play scape was discussed. Additional discussion will take place at next month's meeting.

Tariffville workout area was discussed. Liability and safety issues were the concern. The area is unsupervised and an un-noticed injury could lead to a significant problem. Additional discussion will take place at next month's meeting.

A congressional presentation will take place at the Main House on January 4th at 7pm to display the new SCBA's. Some of these personnel were instrumental in the acquisition of the Federal Grant. The possibility exists that local and media personnel may also be present.

15. Executive Session: None

15. Adjournment: The regular meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: JANUARY 11Th, 2016