

**SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT**  
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**APPROVED**  
**SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

President Gary Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

1. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted that the minutes of the March 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 Marshal Report – P. Tourville: The report for the month of March 2023, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
4. Fire Chief Report – Chief J. Baldis: The report for the month of March 2023, 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 April 2023 meeting were approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file.
6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: Quint 5 ABS issue has returned. A question was raised concerning insurance coverage. Actual replacement costs of apparatus currently are not covered. The current policy with VSIF is coming up for renewal and current coverage will be reviewed.
7. District Maintenance/Administration Reports – J. Baldis: The reports for the month of March 2023, as distributed by email, were accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.
8. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: Nothing substantial to report.
9. Civil Preparedness – M. Berry: The report for the month of March 2023, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
10. Correspondence – G. Wilcox: None

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11. Unfinished Business: Aquarion Water rate proposal that was denied by PURA in its preliminary decision was upheld. Aquarion will be allowed to raise commercial and residential rates with a 3-tier system. This system will be based on water usage.

Emeritus walkway was tabled until next month. The walkway work is focused on getting bricks engraved locally versus the cost of having to ship them out of state. A local company that does Laser engraving is doing some test bricks for us.

President Gary Wilcox and Chief of Fire Department James Baldis attended the public town meetings for the budget. An additional meeting is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. The ARPA monies requested by the district were discussed. The outcome rests with the Board of Finance.

Additional FMO revenue as presented by President Wilcox last month was tabled until next month.

The Final 2023/2024 Budget was presented. District Maintenance/Administrator, J. Baldis explained some account increases that were necessary. The increases were absorbed through increases from AT&T Mobile and other changes in revenues which made it possible to keep the mill rate of 1 Mill as proposed. The proposed budget as presented was voted on, approved, and will be moved on to the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made to recommend a transfer from reserves to the firetruck account \$300,000 dollars. This motion was approved and will be an item on the Annual Meeting agenda.

12. New Business: The nominating committee report was received and will be posted at all stations and town hall. The offices of President and Clerk are up for re-election. The candidates as presented were approved.

13. Executive Session: None

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.  
Clerk

**Next Regular Meeting: MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2023 (Regular meeting will start at 6:00 pm,  
Annual meeting will start at 7:00pm)**