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APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 12TH, 2024 7:00PM
MAIN STATION
871 HOPMEADOW STREET

President Gary Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

The members' present were G. Wilcox, J. Solury, P. Pabich, G Giddings, H. Caldwell, M. Paine, Chief T. Myers, J. Baldis. D. Coppinger was excused.

1. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted that the minutes of the October 15th meeting as distributed earlier by email. A copy of this report is on file.
2. Public Audience: None
3. Fire Marshal Report – P. Tourville: The report for the month of October 2024, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
4. Fire Chief Report – Chief T. Myers: The report for the month of October 2024, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Maintenance/Administration Reports – J. Baldis: The report for the month of October 2024, as distributed by email, was accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.
6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: New S-19 in Service.
7. Civil Preparedness Report – M. Berry: The report for the month of October 2024, as distributed by email, was accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.
8. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report distributed for November 2024 meeting was approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file.
9. Personnel Committee – D. Coppinger: Report was sent in due to his absence. We are in the process of reviewing several options to cover Jim's administrator and facilities duties with his retirement. This includes the re-writing of job descriptions and salary change options. I still must review the administrator duties that Jim is currently working on. I plan to have a final review of the options, a final decision, and an official announcement before Thanksgiving.
10. Correspondence – G. Wilcox: None

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11. Unfinished Business - The District health insurance plan for our retirees which we share with the Town of Simsbury is changing to a Medicare Advantage plan effective January 1. Some of our retirees have expressed concern with this change and would like to exercise their right to opt out and continue their Medicare coverage on their own. They do understand that under the Town's guidelines should they opt out, they cannot return to the group plan. Their request is that they continue to receive the same dollar benefit from the district that the district will pay towards the insurance plan going forward for the other retirees.

The following motion was made and approved:

Amend the Simsbury Fire District Retirement Health Care Plan to allow reimbursement for a Medicare Gap policy not to exceed the amount the district pays for the Town of Simsbury New Medicare Advantage Policy.

12: New Business - The VNA, Social Services and the Fire Marshalls office have been working jointly on a fall protection plan and program for our seniors. VAN had applied for a grant for equipment to be given to residents for this program and has asked that their grant money be passed to the Fire District allowing the Fire Marshalls office to purchase these items to be jointly used.

The following motion was made and approved:

The Simsbury Fire District will accept the use of the grant money from the Simsbury VNA for the fall protection program through the fire Marshall's office.

Siren replacements was discussed. While they are not our primary means of emergency notification, they still provide a most reliable back up system as well as other notification benefits through emergency management. Further discussion will take place with emergency management including the possibility of grant money with a multi-year replacement program.

13. Executive Session - None

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: DECEMBER 9TH