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SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 10TH, 2025 7:00PM
MAIN STATION
871 HOPMEADOW STREET

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

The members' present were G. Wilcox, D. Coppinger, J. Solury, P. Pabich, G Giddings, H. Caldwell, M. Paine, K. Ouimette. Chief T. Myers and M. Pearce-Bristol were excused.

1. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted that the minutes of the February 10th, 2025, 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 February 2025, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
4. Fire Chief Report – T. Myers: The report for the month of February 2025, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Administration Report – K. Ouimette: The reports for the month of February 2025, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
6. District Maintenance Reports – M. Pearce-Bristol: The reports for the month of January 2025, as distributed by email, was accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.
7. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: No Report
8. Civil Preparedness Report – M. Berry: The report for the month of February 2025, as distributed by email, was accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.
9. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report distributed for March 2025 meeting was approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file.
9. Personnel Report – D. Coppinger: No Report.
10. Correspondence – G. Wilcox: None

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11. Unfinished Business - Deputy Chief Kowalski discussed the drone we currently have in our possession. FAA is currently holding up the final ok for use. He is researching the impact of the recent State legislation impact on our operation.

Siren update: M. Pearce's report addressed the availability of service companies. More information is forthcoming. The chief requested one siren a year for repair at a cost of \$40,000 per station. This expense is not currently covered in the current budget. One station should be scheduled after budget approval July 1. A program once a month of a test of a specific tone to be assessed. Tone to be established.

Car tax update: A max. specific tax rate is allowed (32.46). The state is supposed to reimburse the loss of revenue.

Computer support: Town costs are estimated to be 20,000 per year.

TOS MOU update: Further discussion will take place with Town to review and update where required.

Budget Update: Kim presented a Budget Update presentation. This first run through had a budget increase of 6.6% with a mill rate increase to 1.19. This increase is due to the cost of trucks and loss of car tax revenue. After further review it was decided that further adjustments were necessary. The increase was cut to 2.79% and the mill rate to 1.14 by adjusting the amount being set aside for trucks. The resulting increase is due to the loss of car tax revenue.

- 12: New Business – Walk of Honor: A revised plan with smaller granite plaques was discussed which would fit better and be less costly. It was also discussed that for future bricks when a member is designated an Emeritus member their brick will be added to the walk.

Uniform update: A request for the district to cover the cost of uniform cleaning was made at the last district meeting. President Wilcox had a conversation with Best Cleaners and discussed a 35% for all members on uniform cleaning.

A request was also made to have a different district member make the report each month at the Company monthly meeting. It was decided by all that it was best to have the president make the report unless he was not available.

Weatogue Park: President Wilcox and Chief Myers met with staff from Parks and Rec to discuss the placement of a new playscape the town is considering. It was agreed that the placement would all be on town property and away from our training and hose testing areas. It was also discussed with Parks and

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Rec that they should be sure the town has the district as an additional insured for the Weatogue Park/Fire District property. It was also suggested to look to ensure the same coverage is in place with the flag retirement area within our training area.

13. Executive Session - None

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Regular Meeting: APRIL 14TH 2025