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APPROVED
SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 8th, 2026, 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, P. Gilbert, J. Solury, P. Pabich, G. Bascetta, G Giddings, H. Caldwell, K. Ouimette, Chief T. Myers. M. Pearce-Bristol and S. Askham were excused.

President Wilcox began the meeting with the presentation of a plaque to Treasurer Peter Pabich for 21 years of exemplary service as treasurer.

1. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted that the minutes of May 11th, 2026, regular 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 May 2026, 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 May 2026, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
5. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report distributed for June 2026 meeting was approved and ratified. Copies of these reports are on file.

Permit fees were estimated to be around \$80,000 dollars. Actual fees received were approximately \$150,000 dollars.

6. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: Hardware and software upgrade for WSIM was reviewed and researched by the commissioners and they have approved a single source purchase.

Pump testing has been completed, and Hose testing is currently in process.

7. District Maintenance Reports – M. Pearce-Bristol: The reports for the month of May 2026, as distributed by email, was accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.

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8. District Administration Report – K. Ouimette: The reports for the month of May 2026, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of the report is on file.
9. Personnel Report – S. Askham: No report
10. Civil Preparedness Report – J. Traficante: The report for the month of May 2026, as distributed by email, was accepted. Copies of the reports are on file.
11. Correspondence: - G. Wilcox: None
12. Unfinished Business – Burn building update was presented by Chief Myers and WHP Training Tower is on the Sourcewell pricing program so multiple bids are not required. An application is in with Inlands Wetland commission and when approved we will go through the Zoning application process. An engineering report needs to be made for the flood plain certification.

Motion was made and approved to approve a Single Source with WHP Training Tower to Construct the new training tower at the Weatogue training facility at an approximate cost of \$1,800,000.00 pending town agencies approval.

An optimistic completion date of late spring early summer 2027.

SVFC Bylaw change was moved to next month to be sent to District for review and approval.

- 13: New Business – A review was performed of the Annual Meeting process. No changes will be made to existing layout.

Discussion was had to ensure that firefighters who live within the allowable 1 mile radius of Simsbury be included in the available benefit for abatement for life to those who have upon retirement have met attendance requirements for at least 25 good years of service. Those members also must continue to reside in Simsbury or within 1 mile of Simsbury. The current program already pays to the town which they live by the district.

A motion was made and approved stating that members that live within a 1mile radius of Simsbury and are receiving the abatement benefit upon achieving 25 years in good standing will continue to receive their abatement benefit for life providing they continue to reside in Simsbury, own property in Simsbury or live within 1mile of Simsbury.

The possibility of a Survivorship clause to the 25 year benefit for those who qualify was also discussed and will be investigated.

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Kim read Credit Card policy. It was deemed to be satisfactory.

Dan Coppinger was re-appointed to another term as commissioner and approved by the Executive committee.

The re-appointment of Sherry Clemens as Tax Collector for the Simsbury Fire District was made by Treasurer Peter Pabich and approved by the Executive committee.

Vacation carryover was discussed again. Commissioner Dan Coppinger reminder everyone that this was discussed last year and a letter was given to all employees stating that there were to be no carryovers except for unusual situations which must be approved by the Personnel Officer and to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

14. Executive Session – Entered at 8:19, Exited at 9:09

15. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Solury Sr.
Clerk

Next Meeting: July 13th, 2026