

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Friends of the Library Program Room of the Simsbury Public Library. Present were: First Selectman Wendy Mackstutis; Deputy First Selectman Steven Antonio; Board of Selectmen members Curtis Looney, Heather Goetz, Diana Yeisley, and Kevin Beal. Board of Finance Members Lisa Heavner, Todd Burrick, Michael Doyle, Robert Helfand, Arthur House, and Art Wallace. Others in attendance included: Interim Town Manager Lee C. Erdmann, Acting Deputy Town Manager Tom Fitzgerald, Finance Director Amy Meriwether, Incoming Town Manager Marc Nelson, and members of the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Board of Directors and SVAA Chief of Service Karin Stewart.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION**

### **a) Emergency Medical Services Report**

Mr. Erdmann gave background on the presented report. Board Member Russ Regenauer from the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association led off the presentation with the history and data showing a 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance during the day and how discussions with the Town led to the association adding this car. SVAA stated they are unlike Volunteer Ambulance Associations in that they are able to fully staff a 2<sup>nd</sup> car around the clock if needed. The current challenge is the financial aspect related to what the state allows an EMS to be collected from bills.

Ms. Meriwether went over her financial study of SVAA that she performed. Mr. Erdmann went over a summary of theoretical options that the Town and SVAA could explore for their operational model. Mr. Erdmann presented recommendations in a short term, intermediate term and long term view.

Members from both Boards asked questions to SVAA and Town Staff to have a discussion on the current operations and future options.

## **ADJOURN**

Ms. Yeisley made a motion to adjourn at 5:57 PM. Mr. Antonio seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Fitzgerald  
Acting Deputy Town Manager