

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of January 26, 2015

Board Members Present: Al Hitchcock, Booty Shelley, George Oldroyd, Wesley Gordon, Kay Benton and Moe Wells. Also in Attendance: Chief Knight and Pat Walsh

Public Comment: Jerry Fancher appeared with a question for the Board of Directors. He inquired as to when the District will release the ISO findings to the public suggesting the Board wait until the referendum takes place. The reply was once the formal findings are delivered, the Board will release them.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 16th were presented. A few word changes were manually made to the approved minutes. A motion to accept the meeting minutes with the changes as presented was made by Kay Benton and seconded by Booty Shelley. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Statements for December, 2014 were presented to the Board. Mention of Account #725 was down since the tax revenue had not been received by Horry County by the time the financials were printed. It was noted that Georgetown County revenue was up 4%. Kay Benton motioned to accept the Financial Statement for December, 2014 as presented. Seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously.

Firefighter's Report: None

Chief's Report: Chief Knight informed the Board of Directors that he has been in touch with the Election Committees of both Horry & Georgetown Counties about the referendum. He discussed the map of the District with each. Georgetown County is ready for the referendum to be held and once Horry County has established the map of residents, it will be ready to have the referendum. Chief Knight mentioned that there are 31 homes down Wilderness Lane, of which 8 would be more than 5 miles from headquarters.

Assistant Chief's Report: Assistant Chief Haney mentioned that call runs in both counties were up in December. He has been working on the website and will look into the statistics available for viewers to learn the number and kind of calls the District responds to. He will also add a link to the "Friends of Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire Rescue" to the website for information & donations.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Hitchcock reported that the main concern of the District at the moment is the passing of the referendum on March 17th. He has been in touch with both counties election committees and Tom Swatzel to get information and education out to the

public. Chairman Hitchcock also informed the Board that our District has one of the lowest millage rates in the state.

Old Business: Moe Wells asked anyone in attendance if there was any information on expanding the lanes on Tournament Blvd to at least 3 lanes once Walmart & the gas station is built. He also stated it would be optimal if there could be a fire lane installed. Chief Knight will talk to Inspector Gary Mocarski about the intended plans for the area, to see if the roads can be expanded to accommodate the heavy traffic before the building starts. It was mentioned that the normal protocol of the Dept. of Transportation is to allow a few years to pass after a structure is built and address traffic problems after data is collected.

New Business: None

There being no further business, Booty Shelley made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Moe Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved on February 23rd, 2015



Al Hitchcock, Chairman