

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of May 18, 2015

**Board Members Present;** Al Hitchcock, Booty Shelley, George Oldroyd, and Moe Wells. Also in Attendance: Chief Knight, Assistant Chief Haney

**Public Comment:** None

The minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2015 were presented. Chairman Hitchcock stated there was one typographical error that would need to be corrected. Booty Shelley moved to approve the minutes with the appropriate corrections and was seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financials:** April's financials have not been completed due to the Board meeting a week early, and the income for the month of April had not arrived in time to be included. Moe Wells stated there was a problem with retirement regarding an issue with a check that was coded improperly in March, which caused both the liabilities and expenses to be overstated. The corrected March financials were presented. Booty Shelley motioned to approve the March financials with the noted corrections and it was seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously. The April financials will be provided at the next meeting.

**Firefighter's Report:** Pat Walsh stated his question was presented to the Chief earlier and that he had nothing else to report.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Knight stated the Spring Harley Rally presented no major accidents or deaths, and the Dept. will be monitoring the Memorial Day Rally. House Bill 4146 to expand the Fire District passed the House and was then sent to the Senate where it now sits in committee. South Carolina Firefighters Conference is in town from June 8<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Chief Knight will be meeting with fire truck manufacturers at the conference to obtain information on a fire truck for Station 4.

**Assistant Chief's Report:** EMS Summary was presented. Income has been steady with no reported issues. T-76 has been repaired and is currently waiting to be ladder tested. Chief Knight added that the Assistant Chief's new vehicle has been purchased and was waiting to have graphics and lighting installed.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Hitchcock stated that we have a temporary administrative assistant in the office and that by law we must advertise for that position. The position will be posted in the Myrtle Beach newspaper as well as the Georgetown newspaper, so that both counties will be utilized for advertisement. Chairman Hitchcock passed out copies of the new fire station plans and described the new layout. Chairman Hitchcock stated the station should be ready for construction bids by August or September and is currently meeting the proposed

timeline. The Georgetown members of the Board met with Georgetown County Council to express the District's financial needs and to restate that the District needed more money to provide EMS service in Georgetown County. Georgetown County Council stated they would continue to look for additional sources of income. Chairman Hitchcock asked the Board of Directors for additional input on how to handle the rescue budget shortfall. Discussion followed regarding whether it would be beneficial for the district to continue to provide EMS service for Georgetown County. George Oldroyd suggested that the Board have the rescue funding topic on next month's meeting agenda and invite the appropriate members of Georgetown County Council to attend.


**Old Business:** Booty Shelley asked for clarification regarding property tax collection in the Blackmoor area if the bill to expand the Fire District passes. Chairman Hitchcock states the District is waiting on the attorney to draft a resolution for the Board to sign to increase the millage cap.

**New Business:** None

***The Board of Directors went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.***

Upon returning from Executive Session there being no further business, Moe Wells made the motion to adjourn, seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved on May 18, 2015

  
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Al Hitchcock, Chairman