

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

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

Public Comment: Wendy Swindell read a formal statement which she has submitted to be attached to the board meeting minutes. In the statement she called for the immediate resignation of Chairman Hitchcock due to lack of oversight of Mary Duffy's actions.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 2015 were presented. Kay Benton moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Booty Shelley. The motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Booty Shelley remarked that the Impact Fees were up. Chairman Hitchcock stated he is in contact with the Attorney from Horry County regarding the fire contract, and they do plan on paying. Moe Wells noted that not all journal entries from the investigation had been made, but all would be reflected in next month's financials. Kay Benton made the motion to approve the financials as presented and it was seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously.

Firefighter's Report: Pat Walsh commented on a successful Open House.

Chief's Report: None.

Assistant Chief's Report: Assistant Chief Haney asked if anyone had questions about the 2016 budget information which was passed out along with the board packets this week. Chairman Hitchcock asked that the revenue be increased by \$50,000 to reflect the promise from Horry County make a payment on the ambulance contract. Chairman Hitchcock asked if the line item for insurance recovery was for the new bill collection process or the money from the bonding company. Assistant Chief Haney noted that line item had been set up previously for billing for motor vehicle accidents. George Oldroyd asked when money would be received from the bonding company for the embezzling claim. Moe Wells said there may be an investigation, and no indication had been made as to when a check would be received. Assistant Chief Haney will make the necessary adjustments and have them ready for the budget workshop. George Oldroyd asked if the firefighter salary increases will be discussed at the workshop. Assistant Chief Haney described the increases reflected on the current budget report.

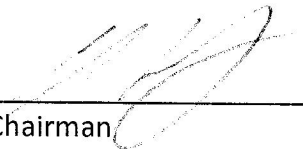
A radio order will be made for mobile and portable radios in order to stay current with the new digital system. Money set aside in the 2015 budget will cover the purchase of new radios, and the money in the 2016 budget will be used to upgrade the old radios. Everything will stay under budget.

Wells could look into the possibility of finding an audit ^{that} fits the Fire District better and see what they present.

New Business: Bid opening November 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
Budget workshop November 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Next meeting will be on November 23, 2015.

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

Approved on November 23, 2015



Al Hitchcock, Chairman