

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of February 22, 2016

Board Members Present: Al Hitchcock, Booty Shelley, George Oldroyd, Kay Benton, and Moe Wells.

Others Present: Chief Knight, Assistant Chief Haney, Pat Walsh.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Hitchcock called the regular meeting of the board of directors to order.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Kay Benton made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Booty Shelley. The motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Booty Shelley made the motion to accept the Financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Kay Benton, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report: Chief Knight reported he had received an email regarding the first payment for the GEAR program. The Insurance Recovery process is ongoing. The new pumper is waiting on parts to be completed to the District's specifications and will be complete 60 – 90 days after parts are received.

Chief Knight talked about the SAFER grant and asked for the board's approval to hire a consultant to help with the grant writing. Moe Wells made the motion to hire a consultant for the SAFER grant. The motion was seconded by Booty Shelley and the motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Chief's Report: Chief Knight announced that Captain Howerton is on medical leave. He asked Assistant Chief Haney to present a new paid time off donation policy for the board's approval.

The PTO Donation Policy would allow employees to donate vacation time to a fellow employee, who does not have enough accrued time to cover a medical need for time off. Booty Shelley asked that the policy be sent to the labor attorney for review. Mr. Shelley made the motion to approve the donation policy contingent on the attorney's approval. The motion was seconded by Kay Benton, and the motion carried unanimously.

EMS Report: Assistant Chief Haney presented the EMS Report in Captain Howerton's absence.

Chairman's Report:

- Danny Miller had volunteered to help oversee the construction activities at Station Four.
- Chairman Hitchcock and Chief Knight will be working on the ambulance contract.
- Moe Wells and George Oldroyd were asked to look at employee promotions.


Old Business: Pat Walsh and Tom Richards spoke to the board regarding the 50th anniversary plans. Activities planned include an activity on June 8th; walking tours of the station throughout the summer; a parade in October to coincide with the Open House; and the dedication of Station Four.

Steven Sellers spoke to the board about the restoration of Engine One.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Moe Wells made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kay Benton. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved on April 28th, 2016



Al Hitchcock, Chairman