

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District  
Public Hearing &  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of June 27, 2016

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

**Others Present:** Chief Knight.

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

**Public Comment:** Maggie Fancher told the board the Moose Lodge would like to donate stuffed animals to the Fire District. These would to be used when responding to calls, to comfort children. This would be an ongoing donation.

**Minutes:** Kay Benton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by George Oldroyd, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Financials:** It was noted the Horry County medical billing was down compared to last year, and the medical expenses had increased. Kay Benton made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by George Oldroyd, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Firefighter's Report:** None.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Knight presented a quote provided by It's Just Wire for the purchase and installation of surveillance cameras for each of the stations. There have been several missing items and people seen looking into car windows. Because of network security reasons, both the Chief and Assistant Chief would like to utilize the current IT people rather than another company. The board members would like to see additional quotes.

Employee evaluations are under way.

**Assistant Chief's Report:** None.

**EMS Report:** Chief Knight announced Captain Howerton was still out, and Paul Jolin, the interim EMS Supervisor, was called away from the meeting. The Chief presented the EMS run report. He announced the new ambulance was nearly ready for delivery. Chief Knight said he was working with Horry County on the new EMS contract, and should have a new contract by next meeting. The insurance recovery program produced its first check this month. Innovapad is still requesting an ordinance. Chief Knight has prepared a resolution, which he presented. The board would like it to be sent to the attorney for review.

The Chief discussed the six applicants who have applied for the Fire Inspector position. He feels applicant #6 is most qualified, and would like to hire him/her. The Fire Inspector lives in the District, will be provided a vehicle, and will respond to calls from home when needed. George Oldroyd inquired about not hiring a Fire Inspector, but turning over the inspections to the counties. Chief Knight pointed out the other things the Inspector does, such as public education, fire investigations, and he counts as a firefighter in the ISO evaluation.

**Chairman's Report:** Station Four is scheduled to be completed mid-September. The Chairman would like to bring in new employees for the pay period beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>. Chief Knight expects a good pool of candidates. The Station is sixty percent complete. Chairman Hitchcock expects a progress meeting to be scheduled, and would like the other board members to participate in the walk through, if possible.

**Old Business:** Moe Wells went over the promotion pay policy. When promoted, an employee would receive the greater of a five percent increase, or the starting salary for the new position. George Oldroyd made a motion to accept the promotional pay policy as presented. Kay Benton seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:** None.

Executive Session: Booty Shelley made the motion to move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter, which was seconded by Moe Wells, and the motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, George Oldroyd made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Booty Shelley. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved on 25 July, 2016

  
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Al Hitchcock, Chairman