

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Public Hearing &
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of July 25, 2016

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

Others Present: Chief Knight, Assistant Chief Haney, Paul Jolin.

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

Public Comment: None.

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

Financials: 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 reported the federal grant for the purchase of air packs has been approved. The Fire District will receive \$323,000 from FEMA, and will be responsible for \$32,000. The Chief welcomed Tom Zimpleman to the District as a full time Fire Inspector. He also announced those promoted to Lieutenant: Paul Jolin, Daniel Richards, and Adam Navey.

Chief Knight announced the volunteer run money is ready to distribute; it had been delayed due to a change in how it is calculated.

Assistant Chief's Report: The new ambulance is scheduled to arrive next week. Captain Howerton's vehicle will arrive mid-August. The insurance company will pay for the transfer of lights from the wrecked vehicle. Assistant Chief Haney presented a comparison of the quotes received for surveillance cameras. While money was not in the budget for cameras, thefts and suspicious activity have been on the rise. It was agreed to table the subject until next month. The new engine is having radios installed and will be ready to go when the hoses are in place.

EMS Report: None.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman asked for a motion regarding the FEMA grant. Moe Wells made the motion to accept the \$323,000 grant. Booty Shelley seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

- Station Four is eighty percent complete.
- Captain Howerton will go back to the doctor on August 3rd.
- Bunker gear has been received for A Shift. New hires will have theirs ordered soon.

Chairman Hitchcock reported the attorney, Gene Connell, has no problem with the resolution for the insurance recovery program. Moe Wells made the motion to pass the resolution, which was seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Assistant Chief Haney for his work on Station Four. In turn, Chief Knight thanked the Chairman for all of his time spent working on the new station.

Old Business: Kay Benton inquired about the audit. Moe Wells has been in contact with the auditor.

New Business: None.

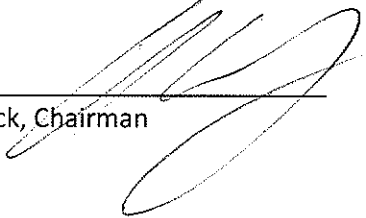
Executive Session: Kay Benton made the motion to move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter, which was seconded by Moe Wells, and the motion carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the executive session, George Oldroyd made the motion to resolve, as discussed, the matter involving PEBA and a retired member. The motion was seconded by Moe Wells, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Approved on 22 Aug., 2016

Al Hitchcock, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Hitchcock', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.