

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of December 19, 2016

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

Others Present: Chief Knight, Pat Walsh.

Budget: The public hearing of the budget was held at 5:30. No public comment was made. Chairman Hitchcock announced the balanced budget of \$4,743,000.

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 of the budget workshops held on November 3rd and 14th, and the board meeting of the 24th as presented. The motion was seconded by George Oldroyd, and the motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Booty Shelley 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: Pat Walsh thanked the board for the awards banquet.

Chief's Report: Chief Knight thanked the board for the budget approval. The department will continue to try to provide the quality of service the board and the community expect with the money we are given to do it with.

Assistant Chief's Report: None.

EMS Report: None.

Chairman's Report: This year's budget is much easier than last year. We did a lot in 2016, including purchasing a new truck and ambulance, built a new building, increased our firefighters by about thirty percent and added a full time ambulance. That was quite an accomplishment for one year. The final walkthrough will be held at Station Four soon.

Kay Benton made a motion to approve the final version of the 2017 budget as written at the third reading. The motion was seconded by Moe Wells, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting schedule for 2017 was approved.

Old Business: Booty Shelley wanted to take this time to thank all firefighters, from the newest members to Larry Hopkins, who has served for 47 years; and Wesley Gordon, who has served

50 years. It is good to be ^{PAS} proud of a department like this, and thank you for another good year. Chief Knight described how well the firefighters looked and performed their duties during the ceremony of remembrance for Joe Zanfini last week. The board members would have been proud of them. On behalf of the department, Chief Knight thanked the board for all they do.

New Business: None.

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

Approved on 1-23, 2017



Al Hitchcock, Chairman