

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of May 22, 2017**

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

Others Present: Chief Knight, Pat Walsh, Steven Sellers.

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

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Minutes for the April 24th meeting were reviewed. Kay Benton made the motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by George Oldroyd, and the motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Moe Wells pointed out there is no amount reported for the Georgetown County Tax Revenue. George Oldroyd suggested a letter should be sent to the Treasurer explaining that the board needs to have an amount for the monthly financials. Chairman Hitchcock added that the District's request to Georgetown County for a new ambulance has been denied. George Oldroyd made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Kay Benton, and the motion carried unanimously.

Firefighter's Report: Pat Walsh said a nice retirement party was held for Captain Juliano last weekend.

Chief's Report: Chief Knight reviewed year to date run totals, including a breakdown of calls both by county and by first due station. He also presented the Fire Inspector's report on commercial projects in the District. Lastly, he distributed new Hurricane Operating Procedures, and reviewed the changes. The Chief announced Tower 76 was sold on Friday. Representatives from E-One will be here this week to go over the new truck with each shift. The old Ladder 79 will be housed at Station 76 in reserve status. The SC Firefighters Conference will be held June 12th – 17th in Myrtle Beach. National EMS week is this week, and Chief Knight hopes the board will join him in thanking all our EMTs and Paramedics for the job they do, day in and day out. Chairman Hitchcock said he hoped they know that the board does appreciate everybody.

Assistant Chief's Report: None.

EMS Report: None.

Chairman's Report: We will have to ask Georgetown again for the ambulance. The drone has been very useful, and we have had good publicity. Chief Knight added that the men have been experimenting with ways to use the drone, such as getting water to individuals stuck in the

inlet. We now have the ability to accept credit cards for the sale of t-shirts, and perhaps impact fees. The Chairman asked if the District should charge a fee for the use of a credit card. It was agreed that credit cards could not be used to pay impact fees, and that no fee would be charged for t-shirt sales. The Chairman asked Moe Wells for an update on the audit. He reports that tax season is now over, we should be receiving an engagement letter for 2016.

The Chairman asked the Chief to keep up the good work, and to let the Assistant Chief and others staff know they did an excellent job in his absence.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2017.

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

Approved on 6-26, 2017



Al Hitchcock, Chairman