

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of August 28, 2017

Board Members Present: Booty Shelley, Moe Wells, Kay Benton, George Oldroyd, Steven Sellers.

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

At 6:00 p.m. Booty Shelley called the board of directors meeting to order.

Public Comment: None.

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

Financials: The financial statements were reviewed. 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: The storm approaching shouldn't be a problem for us. We will continue to monitor it. Last month I brought to you, information about changing the title Fire Inspector to Fire Marshal; does anyone have any questions? George Oldroyd made the motion that the Fire Inspector/Captain job title be changed to Fire Marshal/Captain with the existing job description remaining in place. Steven Sellers seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Last week, we received a check for \$100 for plan review fees. Since we don't have a mechanism in place to collect that, I have copies of Georgetown County's Development Fees, and Horry County's fees. It was agreed the check will be returned.

Folders were distributed with information regarding salaries and the budget. Our District is behind Georgetown again in salaries, and we should take a look at making some adjustments.

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 12th, from 5:30 to 8:00.

Assistant Chief's Report: Welcome back Captain Howerton. The radio cutover went smoothly. There is a change with how some of the paging is going out, we are one of the only departments that will find a fix for it relatively cheap. Security system should be installed this week, depending on weather. Once camera locations are decided, I will speak to Santee Cooper about light poles.

Chairman's Report: Booty Shelley relayed Chairman Hitchcock's concern about the size of the new committee and the challenges to get everyone together for a meeting. Also, he let everyone know Mr. Hitchcock had spoken to Senator Goldfinch, who advised to pursue an increase in the tax millage by referendum. A timeline was discussed.

Old Business: George Oldroyd distributed his recommendation for the new committee membership and asked the board for their approval. Steven Sellers made the motion to approve the committee membership, which was seconded by Moe Wells, and the motion carried unanimously.

Steven Sellers asked for an update on getting a sign for public information. Chairman Hitchcock was to make some inquiries and report back; we will check with him at the next meeting. Pat Walsh asked if there had been any talk about putting a traffic light in front of the station.

George Oldroyd asked for an explanation of where we are with mutual aid with Horry County. He believes we are going more often, and this may take away from response. Part of the solution would be to add an ambulance at Station 76.

George Oldroyd stopped by during new employee testing. He would like to see MIGCFD have a salary/benefit package so good it is not a reason for losing personnel. Steven Sellers asked how many were tested. Assistant Chief Haney reported that of ten applicants, six were tested.

George Oldroyd asked Chief Knight for an update on Insurance Recovery. Chief reported the Insurance Recovery program was caught up, and the program is worth continuing.

New Business: None.

Executive Session: Kay Benton made the motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by George Oldroyd, and the motion carried unanimously.

George Oldroyd asked the minutes to reflect no motions were made or passed during executive session. It was seconded by Steven Sellers and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2017.

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

Approved on 10/9, 2017



Booty Shelley, Secretary/Treasurer