

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of November 27, 2017

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

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

At 6:00 p.m. Kay Benton called the board of directors meeting to order.

**Public Comment:** Jerry Fancher spoke of a news article regarding the improvement of the McDowell Shortcut and TPC Boulevard intersection, and would like to see the District send a letter citing the intersection as a potential hazard. He also states he cannot access the minutes on the website. He also spoke about holiday pay, elected boards, the blue book, and bylaws.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the November 6th meeting were reviewed. Kay Benton asked the words “the boat” be removed from the sentence regarding removing the jet ski and boat from the budget. George Oldroyd made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Steven Sellers, and the motion carried.

**Financials:** The financial statements were reviewed. Kay Benton pointed out the figure for the vacation buyback on the financials. George Oldroyd asked about an account set aside to pay for the accrued earned time. Moe Wells explained the amount is allocated, but not kept in a separate account. George Oldroyd made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Booty Shelley, and the motion carried.

**Firefighter’s Report:** Pat Walsh had nothing to report.

**Chief’s Report:** In order to have more time for the budget, Chief Knight had nothing to report.

**Assistant Chief’s Report:** Assistant Chief Haney presented information comparing salaries and benefits from Horry, and Georgetown Counties, Conway and MIGCFD.

**Second Reading of the 2018 Budget:** George Oldroyd asked if the salary figure included any additional positions. It does not. It includes a 6% increase, and a 2% merit. Chairman Hitchcock asked about the communication expense. The Assistant Chief explained that 28 radios had been deactivated and will reduce the monthly bill. Mr. Hitchcock expressed his concern that our reserves are too low. George Oldroyd made a motion to approve the second reading of the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Steven Sellers, and the motion carried with Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Shelley voting against. Booty Shelley asked that the board hold a workshop in June of next year to follow up on the budget. Al Hitchcock made the

statement that he is looking out for the District and wants to make sure it is still around in five years.

The next budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Old Business:** The Volunteer Recruitment & Retention Committee presented their findings, with a copy submitted for inclusion with the minutes. Whitney Hills acknowledged that it was a heavy work in progress. It was agreed more time was needed to process the information presented. Moe Wells made a motion to 1) Let the committee continue refining; and 2) give a month for the board to review and for maybe a shorter resolution. Booty Shelley seconded the motion and the motion carried. It was agreed that Whitney could get started with the Fire Corps and the Safe Communities.

**New Business:** None.

**Executive Session:** Moe Wells made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Booty Shelley and the motion carried. No motions were made or passed during executive session.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2017.

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

Approved on 12/18, 2017

  
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Kay Benton