

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of January 22, 2018

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

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Al Hitchcock made the motion to accept the December 2017 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Moe Wells and the motion carried.

Financials: Updated financials were distributed which included tax revenue and impact fees from Georgetown County. George Oldroyd would like to take a look at a budget readjustment. Al Hitchcock would like to give permission to order the Admin. truck. George Oldroyd made the motion to accept the financials as presented. Steven Sellers seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Firefighter's Report: None.

Chief's Report: Chief Knight presented a report showing a breakdown of the 2017 run totals. Al Hitchcock asked about mutual aid, and expressed concern that the District is being abused. Captain Howerton has been working to adjust the mutual aid system. The Fire Marshal's building project list was distributed.

Assistant Chief's Report: Assistant Chief Haney presented a vehicle exception report. He also reported on the mold remediation at Station 77. The air quality test was done today and showed no mold. He hopes the crews will be back in the station by the end of the week. The staff has maintained a presence in the area daily. Steven Sellers stated he would like to see the staff receive copies of the report; George Oldroyd and Al Hitchcock agreed. Estimates are being sought for the mold remediation of Station 76.

EMS Report: Captain Howerton distributed the EMS report and reported a stellar December, with 80 more calls than in December 2016.

Chairman's Report: Kay Benton had contacted the Georgetown County Elections regarding the timeline required for a referendum. In order to have an April election, a presentation would need to be made at the Election Board's Thursday meeting. If not presented Thursday, the earliest date for referendum would be in July. George Oldroyd made the motion to begin

scheduling a referendum to raise the millage as quickly as logistically possible, with the amount of millage increase pending further discussion. Al Hitchcock seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Georgetown County ambulance contract was discussed. Kay Benton would like to take it to Gene Connell for review.

Old Business: George Oldroyd reported on the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee. Whitney Hills will be meeting with the administrative staff as the Fire Corps program gets underway.

George Oldroyd made a motion, which was seconded by Al Hitchcock, and approved unanimously, to recede into execution session.

The board reconvened in open session. Al Hitchcock made a motion to appoint George Oldroyd as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Moe Wells, and the motion carried.

New Business: Moe Wells would like a workshop to be scheduled to review the bylaws. A workshop was scheduled for Monday, February 5th, at 6:00 p.m.

Steven Sellers inquired about the number of lift assist calls he sees on Active 911, and whether or not the calls to assisted living centers are using the free service in place of proper staffing. Moe Wells suggested we look at how many lift assist calls are transported. Chief Knight will gather more information on this.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m.

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 2/26, 2018


