

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of March 26, 2018**

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

**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:** None.

**Minutes:** Al Hitchcock made a motion to accept all three sets of minutes, with the correction as discussed. George Oldroyd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Financials:** Kay Benton asked the Assistant Chief to address the board regarding Mr. Oldroyd's request for a report on overtime. Assistant Chief Haney explained that a method to collect the information was implemented, and after a full month of data was collected, we would have a report at the next meeting. Al Hitchcock made a motion to accept the financials as presented, which was seconded by George Oldroyd, and the motion carried.

**Firefighter's Report:** None.

**Chief's Report:** The new ambulance should be here around the middle to end of April. We will need to pay the bill and seek reimbursement from Georgetown County. A life membership was presented to retired Captain Nick Juliano. There was a brief intermission so all could join the celebration in the apparatus bay.

**Assistant Chief's Report:**

- Bedbug problem at Station 79 reported this morning, and treated.
- New audio/visual equipment for training, meetings, live broadcasts. George Oldroyd made the motion for the board to accept the proposal to do live audio/visual recordings of board meetings, subject to development and Board acceptance of an amended MIGCFD Board Policy regarding public participation (if any) in the GoTo Meeting software application and fulfilling public requests for video copies. Steven Sellers seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**EMS Report:** Assistant Chief Haney reviewed the EMS report. Horry County are elevated from last year, and Georgetown County have decreased. Total calls are only less by six. CAB EMS has offered to send a representative to report on the ambulance billing and answer any questions.

**Chairman's Report:** The chairman indicated an executive session would be called for at the end of the meeting. Kay Benton has a letter from the South Carolina Association of Special Purpose Districts regarding membership. Joining the Association was discussed. George Oldroyd made a motion to table voting on the matter until a full board was present. Steven Sellers seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Gene Connell has all of the amended information to work on the resolution for the referendum. What needs to be discussed tonight is the amount of the increase. After some discussion, George Oldroyd made a motion to meet twice a month until the referendum in July. Motion not seconded; motion failed. Assistant Chief Haney volunteered to have a five-year projection ready before the next meeting. Chief Knight asked for direction from the board for a percentage increase in salaries for the current staff over the next few years. George Oldroyd introduced a new motion to have a special meeting upon the call of Chief Knight and Assistant Chief Haney as to their readiness with some numbers to make a decision on a millage rate. The motion was amended to charge the Chief to come up with numbers that reflect the addition of a new ambulance; taking captains off the trucks and replacing behind the captains as necessary; and the basis of a four percent raise over the next three years and an estimate of what it would take to maintain a competitive edge with our neighbors; all of that factored in with the option of a fourth member on the engine companies. The motion was seconded by Steven Sellers, and the motion carried.

A special meeting to discuss the referendum was scheduled for Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00p.m.

The contractor who requested to pipe a ditch at Station 78 has taken away his request due to cost.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Executive Session:** George Oldroyd made a motion to recede into 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 Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approved on 4/23, 2018

