

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of June 25, 2018**

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

Others Present: Chief Knight (via phone), Assistant Chief Haney, Captain Brown, Captain Howerton, Captain Zimpleman.

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

Public Comment:

- Maggie Fancher spoke about EMS funding in Horry County and the timing of the referendum. The public agrees with the need for funding.
- Al Hitchcock announced that he is stepping down as a board member at this time due to illness. He said it had been a pleasure serving for 24 years, and feels the best affirmative vote the board has taken was to hire Chief Knight, who helped make being the Chairman easy. Both Kay and Booty thanked Al for his service; he has been very instrumental in where the District is now.

Minutes: Booty Shelley made a motion to accept the May 28th minutes. George Oldroyd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Financials: Booty Shelley made a motion to approve the financial reports, which was seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried.

Firefighter's Report: None.

Chief's Report: Chief Knight was attending the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs meeting, and was attending this meeting by phone.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- The vehicle exception report was reviewed.
- An engineer has given his two-week notice. He is leaving the area to be closer to family. Testing for a new engineer will take place on July 18th.
- The burn building has been painted. Captain Brown has done a great job getting it prepared for paint.
- Big Daddy's Landscape Supply has donated 25 yards of mulch.
- Two weekends ago, we had a lightning strike at Headquarter that struck the radio tower. Items affected include a repeater for the radio system, the PA system, a

television, and other items. VFIS and Glatfelter Insurance have been contacted and has been great to work with.

EMS Report: Captain Howerton reviewed the EMS report. He introduced Christine Byrd and Mr. Webster of Carolina Ambulance Billing. Ms. Byrd and Mr. Webster reviewed the ambulance billing and collections procedures.

Chairman's Report:

- The public meeting for the referendum was scheduled for July 10th at 7:00 p.m. George Oldroyd will make a presentation that evening.
- Gene Connell should have the bylaws ready next week, and will meet with the board after everyone has time to review.
- Last Wednesday, Ms. Benton called Deborah Weir to find the status of the audit. She is unable to do the audit due to the manpower necessary. Ms. Benton has contacted two larger accounting firms to quote the work and is asking permission to send the financial information necessary for an accurate quote. Booty Shelley made the motion to submit the necessary information to receive quotes for the audit. Moe Wells made the statement that all the adjustments have been put in and whoever does it, it is ready. George Oldroyd seconded the motion, and the motion carried with one abstained vote.
- Ms. Benton has requested a meeting with the Legislative Delegation to find out how they will go about filling the vacant seat.
- A reminder was given to everyone that what is discussed in executive session, stays in executive session.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- George Oldroyd would like to establish the chairmanship. Ms. Benton agreed, and would like to address that at the next regular meeting.
- A special meeting will be held on July 30th at 6:00 p.m. to ratify the results of the referendum.
- A bylaw workshop was scheduled for July 11th at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

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

Approved on 7/23, 2018


