

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

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

Others Present: Chief Knight, 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: None.

Minutes: Al Hitchcock made a motion to accept the April 23rd minutes. George Oldroyd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Financials: George Oldroyd suggested the District look at changing to a July to June fiscal year. Mr. Oldroyd made a motion to approve the financial reports, which was seconded by Booty Shelley. The motion carried.

Firefighter's Report: None.

Chief's Report: The electric bill for Station 2 has been transferred from Horry County to the Fire District. The BB&T checking account has now been closed.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- All vehicles are undergoing annual preventive maintenance at this time.
- The new admin pickup is in transit and should be delivered to the station soon.
- Anti-theft devices have been ordered for the ambulances. GPS tracking is available for the fire trucks through Network Fleet.
- Three paramedic positions remain open, however, two employees have just passed their paramedic exams.
- Upcoming building work: pressure washing Station 76 and tile for Station 78.
- The humidity levels at Station 79 are improved with the use of a dehumidifier. We are still waiting for HANCO to come out and take a look at it.
- No new bedbug findings at Station 79.
- There is another roof leak at Station 76, near the last.
- A Shift has worked with Alan Sipe on the memorial garden and have done a really good job.
- Service 76 is the only vehicle out of service at this time.
- The Pub Ed truck repairs were discussed, as well as the future use of Engine One.

EMS Report: Carolina Ambulance Billing will attend next month's meeting to present billing information and answer questions. Information is being gathered on becoming an in-network provider for Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mr. Oldroyd asked for information on mutual aid.

Old Business: A membership with the SC Association of Special Purpose Districts was discussed. George Oldroyd made a motion to join the SCSPD. The motion was seconded by Steven Sellers and the motion carried.

Chairman's Report:

- Attorney Gene Connell should have the bylaws ready this week. A special meeting will be called at that time.
- Kay Benton asked for the status of the audit. Moe Wells will speak to the auditor this week and get the information to her by the end of next week.
- We are set to have a referendum on July 24th. Kay distributed talking points for members to use when speaking to members of the community. Moe Wells and George Oldroyd will meet with the staff to go over the information and answer questions.

New Business: None.

Al Hitchcock made a motion to move into executive session to discuss a board matter, which was seconded by Moe Wells.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 25th 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 6/25, 2018
