

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of April 22, 2019

Board Members Present: Kay Benton, Gene Connell, Pat Walsh, George Oldroyd, Steven Sellers.

Others Present: Assistant Chief Haney.

At 6:00 p.m. George Oldroyd called the board of directors meeting to order. A quorum was present. The sixth seat is vacant.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 25th and April 4th meetings were reviewed. Kay Benton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Steven Sellers seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Financials: Kay Benton reviewed line items for accounting and the jet ski purchase. The Chairman asked if a realignment of the amounts budgets was necessary. Based on her conversation with the auditors, Ms. Benton said an adjustment could be considered in January. Kay Benton made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Gene Connell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Firefighter's Report: None.

Assistant Chief's Report: A request for asphalt bids for Station 78 were sent out and only one was returned. The \$14,477.75 for the asphalt repair falls within the budget amount, and the additional \$5,300 for drainage work could be taken from building repairs and maintenance. Pat Walsh motioned to accept the bid. Steven Sellers seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Currently, we have interviewed five individuals and have eight more interviews scheduled. We have offered one employment and are calling two back. Assessments for engineer, lieutenant, and captain promotions will take place May 29, 30, and 31.

The one percent retirement plan committee has amended the plan document and is seeking approval of the document. The matter before the board is approval of the document. Steven Sellers made a motion that the managing committee of one percent retirement plan to bring back documentation regarding who should sign the amended plan. Gene Connell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

EMS Report: In March, there has been an increase in calls, especially in Horry County. We received a substantial payment from the GEAR program this month.

Old Business: Gene Connell will be meeting with Horry County to discuss the ambulance contract. He will request an ordinance

New Business: None.

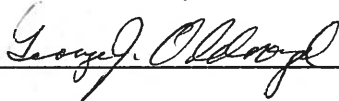
Public Comment: Wendy Swindell asked if the department has ever had volunteer firefighters respond to calls from their homes. Steven Sellers replied that all volunteer firefighters respond from home with the exception of support members. Maggie Fancher expressed her concern about the article in the South Strand News, which reported that the District has spent \$2.4 million over budget from 2014 – 2017.

The board has been asked to present information regarding the referendum to the Burgess Community's quarterly meeting on May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kay Benton made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Steven Sellers. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved on May 20, 2019



George J. Oldroyd, Chairman