

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of January 28, 2019

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

Others Present: Chief Knight, Assistant Chief Haney, Captain Brown, Captain Howerton, Captain Zimpleman.

At 6:35 p.m. George Oldroyd called the board of directors meeting to order.

A workshop meeting was scheduled for discussing the bylaws on February 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Wendy Swindel asked why the turnover rate was high and if exit interviews have been conducted and reviewed by the board.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 17th meeting were reviewed. Kay Benton made a motion to accept the minutes. Gene Connell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Financials: Gene Connell made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Kay Benton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Firefighter's Report: None.

Chief's Report: Three new volunteers have joined our ranks, bringing our total to nine. A One Percent Fund form was available for board members to sign; this form authorizes expenditures. Chief Knight would like to have a front to back review of the Employee Handbook.

Assistant Chief's Report: Station 76 roof repair is ongoing. Repair to the radio tower, that was struck by lightning last year, is scheduled; funds have been received from the insurance company for that repair. All apparatus are in service.

EMS Report: EMS reports were distributed and reviewed. We have been awarded a grant through the Firefighters Behavioral Health Alliance, which will give us an all-expense paid workshop on March 14th from 1-5 pm. Grand Strand Hospital has asked the District to join a pilot study using a new drug.

Fire Marshal's Report: We collected \$6,400 in plan review fees in 2018, and \$800 to date in 2019. We have received a community risk reduction grant from Walmart in the amount of \$1,000. This will help purchase smoke detectors and batteries to be distributed to the community. Captain Zimpleman asked the board to consider allowing plan review fees to be paid by credit card. Gene Connell made the motion to accept all credit cards and debit cards

and to authorize the department to find the best possible rate, and to allow anybody over the phone to make a payment without having to bring cash. Pat Walsh seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Training Officer's Report: Training is online with our regular monthly training. Nine individuals completed the ICS-300; the I-400 will be offered, probably in April. Also, we have two firefighters who will be attending the Myrtle Beach recruit school to get Fire 2 certification, and four who will be attending to get emergency vehicle driver training

Chairman's Report: The audits have been completed and we have the information ready to send out to the legislative delegation. There was a consensus to invite the CPA firm to the next regular meeting for a presentation on the 2014-2017 audits. The Assistant Chief will place the audit reports on the website.

Old Business: Chief Knight asked about the job descriptions. Gene Connell suggested adding the job descriptions to the agenda for the workshop scheduled for February 11, 2018.

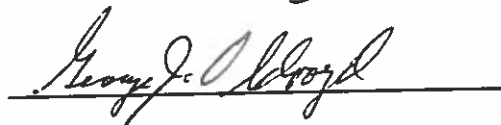
New Business: None.

Executive Session: Gene Connell made a motion to recede into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Kay Benton and the motion carried. No motions were made or passed during executive session.

The bylaw workshop is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Pat Walsh made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Gene Connell. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved on February 25, 2019

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George J. Oldroyd", is written over a solid horizontal line.

George J. Oldroyd, Chairman