

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 24, 2020**

**Board Members Present:** Gene Connell, Pat Walsh, Kay Benton, Alison Burns, Beth Ward.

**Others Present:** Chief Haney, Assistant Chief Kosto.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Beth Ward made the motion to approve the June meeting minutes with a typographical error corrected. The motion was seconded by Pat Walsh, and the motion carried.

**Financials:** The Smith Sapp accountants could not attend tonight's meeting. Review of the 2019 audit is tabled until the next regular meeting.

**Representative Fry Presentation:** Representative Fry asked to postpone this visit until October.

**Chairman's Report:** Since the last meeting, MIGCFD was awarded a \$370,944.84 grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of six power lift stretchers, six cardiac monitors, and six chest compression systems. We have acquired two 5 ton cargo trucks from the South Carolina Forestry Commission for \$995 each. They will be utilized primarily as high-water vehicles. The Chairman spoke with Representative Fry regarding use of impact fees for payroll in the event of an emergency. During the transition to a new ambulance billing vendor, the amount of uncollectible accounts has been noted. The Chairman has spoken to someone in collections who could take a sampling of the debt and give an estimate on what it would cost to work the accounts. Chairman Connell has also spoken with the Horry County Attorney regarding the expansion of the district. How the change in area will affect the County's tax revenue is still under review.

**Chief's Report:** Our FEMA reimbursement request is pending final review. We have submitted \$24,755.84 to the CARES Act for reimbursement. The 2010 ambulance chassis left over from the remount process was auctioned on GovDeals and was sold for \$12,225. Assistant Chief Kosto gave an overview of the bunker gear replacement program. Alison Burns made the motion to purchase bunker gear. Beth Ward seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Chief Haney will have a draft budget prepared for the September meeting.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

Alison Burns asked about the EMS report. This information is late arriving from Carolina Ambulance Billing.

**Public Comment:** Larry Hopkins thanked all the people involved with the AFG grant. Larry acquired the first set of "jaws of life" for the department.

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020.

**Adjourn:** Beth Ward made the motion to adjourn. Kay Benton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Approved on 9/24 2020

