

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 26, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Gene Connell, Pat Walsh, Kay Benton (by phone), Alison Burns (by phone), Beth Ward, John Magann.

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

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

Chairman Connell welcomed Mr. John Magann to the meeting. Mr. Magann will join the board filling the vacant Georgetown County seat.

**Minutes:** Beth Ward made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections as noted. Pat Walsh seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Financials:** Chief Haney reviewed the first quarter expenses. We have not received funds from Georgetown County for the first quarter. Contract Services Expense includes \$15,196 for new Fire House software. Firemen's Fund includes \$16,792 for exercise equipment which was reimbursed by the one percent monies in April. Building Repairs and Maintenance includes the renovations of Station 76. Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance includes up fitting the high water vehicles and a \$3,000 boat repair. Salaries are on target for the quarter. Chief Haney thanked the officers in charge of scheduling for keeping an eye on overtime costs. Beth Ward made the motion to accept the financials as presented. Pat Walsh seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Chief's Report:** We are at five openings on the roster. Until promotions, we are only short two medics. Chief Haney thanked the staff for pulling the extra weight and said we have some of the hardest working firefighters on the strand. The Polaris side by side included in this year's budget was put out for bid. Our water rescue coordinator recommends we go with Dominion of Bedford Virginia for \$18,978. John Magann made the motion to approve the purchase for \$18,978. Beth Ward seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chief Haney will put together a committee to spec. an engine and a quint. With the impact fees we received for November and December from Georgetown County, we have collected more than we expected for the 2020 budget year. We have an additional \$193,000 the board could earmark for another project or hold in the account for a later day. Chief Haney said we did have a fire/rescue boat that we put on hold until we had the funds. He is not seeking approval tonight, but he would like to task the water rescue coordinator with looking to see what our options are. Mr. Magann said it was long overdue in our area.

Chief Haney said the SC Association of Special Purpose Districts membership will cost \$1850 and will not be prorated. Chairman Connell said the membership was approved last meeting. The Chief said giving extra funds a purpose by earmarking it would help our cause with the public. Beth Ward said it could be put in the notes. She also said as a board we need to look at what we need and how will we pay for it. We know we need a fire station. We need a plan and it should be put in the minutes.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The Chairman is waiting to hear from the Ethics Commission on whether the board members are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest. Chief Haney said it does appear that the Administrative Staff should do so. Chief Haney, Assistant Chief Kosto, and Admin. Assistant Taylor each filed for the years 2020, and 2021. Beth Ward said, as board members, an annual check to see if there are any conflicts of interest would be a good idea and is common in other businesses.

Beth Ward made the motion to recede into executive session. Pat Walsh seconded the motion and the motion carried. No motions were made or passed in executive session.

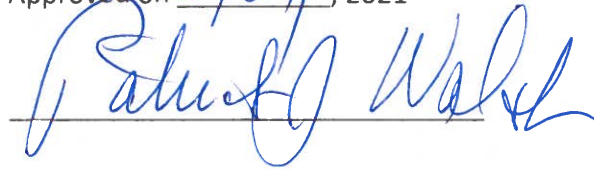
**Public Comment:** None.

The next regular meeting will be held May 24, 2021.

John Magann made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Beth Ward and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved on 5/24/, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat Walsh", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.