

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 28, 2021**

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

**Also in attendance:** Chief Haney, Assistant Chief Kosto.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

**Minutes:** Kay Benton made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Pat Walsh seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Financials:** Beth Ward made the motion to accept the financials as presented. Kay Benton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Chairman's Report:** An executive session is needed tonight due to legal issues.

**Chief's Report:** Assistant Chief Kosto announced that the district is fully staffed except for the three promoted positions. Fourteen people have been hired in the last nine months. Division Chief Berube announced the RSI (Rapid Sequence Intubation) program began this week. We are the only department in Georgetown County utilizing RSI. Division Chief Berube is beginning work on the department's CAAS (Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services) accreditation. We would be the first in the region to have this accreditation. Lieutenant Bemis has been working on grant opportunities for a new training facility. He has been in contact with South Carolina lawmakers and has received favorable responses. Tom Rice's staff members met with MIGCFD on June 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss facility options, funding sources, and the desire to offer multi-agency training. The estimated cost would be 1.5 – 2 million dollars.

Chief Haney said that, due to a microchip shortage, he has no ETA on either the ambulance remount or the admin vehicle approved for purchase this year. He stated another 3 to 4-month delay would be optimistic. The fourth medic unit will roll out on July 1<sup>st</sup> during peak hours (9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.). The budget has approved funds which will allow staffing the fourth medic unit from July 1<sup>st</sup> through the fall bike rally in October. Information was distributed to board members regarding water rescue statistics and area assets which support the need a new boat to augment our current fleet. Option 2, the \$204,000 boat from Sea Support is still Battalion Chief Edbrooke's recommendation. A total of \$210,000 would cover the boat and necessary equipment. Pat Walsh asked if the boat would be put in a slip. Chief Haney said the boat should arrive in the winter, and he would like to place the boat in a slip during the summer months. Placing the boat in a slip could reduce response time by ten minutes. Operators will be required to be Coast Guard certified captains.

John Magann made the motion to approve the purchase of the Sea Support boat and equipment for \$210,000. Pat Walsh seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Executive Session:** Beth Ward made the motion to move to executive session to discuss a legal matter. The motion was seconded by Pat Walsh and the motion carried.

The board adjourned from executive session at 7:08 p.m. No votes were taken; no subsequent votes or motions were required.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

Next meeting is July 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** John Magann made the motion to adjourn. Kay Benton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approved on 7-26, 2021  
