

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
December 13, 2021**

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

Also in attendance: Chief Haney, Assistant Chief Kosto.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes: Kay Benton made the motion to accept the November minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Beth Ward and the motion carried.

Financials: Beth Ward stated the financials were not markedly different than what was reported throughout the year. Beth Ward would like to review the 2021 budget variances at year end. Kay Benton made the motion to accept the financials as presented. Beth Ward seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Third Reading of the Budget: Chief Haney said the budget draft presented tonight is mostly what was presented at the second reading. Kay Benton made the motion to accept the third reading of the 2022 Budget with an adjustment to General Business Insurance Expense if necessary. Beth Ward seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief's Report: Chief Haney presented the Cost Recovery Resolution to the board for approval. Some additional questions arose as the document was reviewed. John Magann made the motion to wait on changed wording on the resolution. Kay Benton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The SAFER grant application requires a letter of support from the Board of Directors. Chief Haney will email this to the Chairman.

Chief Haney reports concern over 3,500 homes to be built in the Blackmoor area over the next 10 years – if this area is not annexed into the District, would we contract with Horry County? Gene Connell suggested a study be done on growth in the District. He will contact the Waccamaw Regional Council of Government.

Assistant Chief Kosto announced Firefighter of the Year: Brad Bemis; Volunteer Firefighter of the Year: Joe Chmura; and Paramedic of the Year: Zach Callahan.

Chairman's Report: We have not received an opinion from the Attorney General's office regarding the Impact Fees. Assistant Chief Kosto has negotiated with the former fuel vendor for coverage of expenses related to the diesel fuel contaminating the gasoline tank. The 2022 Board Meeting Calendar was presented for review. Alison Burns made the motion to approve the calendar and presented. Kay Benton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The developer that had planned to attend tonight's meeting could not attend. Chairman Connell will reach out to him.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Executive Session: Kay Benton made the motion to recede into executive session. Alison Burns seconded the motion and the motion carried. No votes were taken while in executive session.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2022.

Adjourn:

Approved on 24 2022

