

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 28, 2022**

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

Also in attendance: Chief Haney, Assistant Chief Kosto.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Pat Walsh made the motion to recede into executive session. The motion was seconded by Alison Burns and the motion carried. No votes were taken in executive session.

Minutes: Pat Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Beth Ward seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financials: Beth Ward noted a need to catch up the cash balance. Ms. Ward made the motion to approve the financials as presented. John Magann seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief's Report: Currently, there are four openings with two interviews scheduled for next week. The new medic unit is on target. Dodge canceled the order for the two new admin vehicles. The boat is nearing 180 days, Chief Haney has asked for the deposit to be returned while work continues. The company has given an estimated April 1st completion date. Chief Haney asked permission to purchase the drone which was included in this year's budget. John Magann made the motion to spend the budgeted \$35,000 to put a drone in service. Pat Walsh seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman's Report: The board held a closed meeting on February 11th to discuss a contract for a consulting firm. Beth Ward made the motion to approve contracting with McGrath Consulting Group, Inc. and pay when it is finished on schedule from reserve funds. Pat Walsh seconded the motion and the motion carried. The one or two percent impact fee litigation issue is being tabled until next meeting. Chairman Connell has written several letters to local legislators asking to consider funding for special purpose district employees who did not receive bonuses for frontline work during COVID as county workers did. The Chairman spoke with Waccamaw Council on Government regarding studies on growth in the area and should have more information at the March meeting.

Cost Recovery Resolution: Chairman Connell prepared the following wording to be added to the cost recovery resolution: "5A: In no event shall any individual, company, LLC, partnership, business, or other entity have personal responsibility to the District for any cost recovery if there is no available policy of insurance." John Magann made the motion to approve the addition of this wording. Alison Burns seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Connell plans to send an email to all employees regarding the McGrath and company visit. Chief Haney received the data request last Friday and has met with team leads regarding the data needed.

Division Chief Owens reviewed EMS reports.

Chief Haney asked the board about renewing membership to the South Carolina Association of Special Purpose Districts.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: Clint Elliott introduced himself. He is running for District One County Council.

Adjourn: Alison Burns made a motion to adjourn. John Magann seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2022.

Approved on 3/25, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Burns", is written over a horizontal line.