

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 23, 2022**

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

Also in attendance: Chief Haney, Deputy Chief Kosto.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes: Kay Benton made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Alison Burns seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financials: Kay Benton made a motion to approve the financials as presented. John Magann seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief's Report: Air conditioning unit in the admin hallway of Station 76 is back in service; the new mower approved for Station 78 has been purchased and put into service; the bunkroom lockers have been ordered. Deputy Chief Kosto is scheduling carpet cleaning and duct cleaning for the stations. All medic units and front-line apparatus are in service.

The newly remounted medic unit has passed its DHEC inspection is in the community running calls. The next unit to be remounted is at the upfitter with a turn around time of approximately 90 days. The boat is scheduled to arrive in a week. We have had good communication with this last group that is responsible for its upfitting. We have secured a slip for it at Crazy Sister Marina. The boat coordinator and the water rescue coordinator are working on standard operating guidelines and the overall training direction for that asset. Engine 78 sustained damage from a not-at-fault accident, there were no injuries.

We have one firefighter/paramedic that will start full time next week. Joseph Lyons is a firefighter/EMT who has completed paramedic training and we will move him to his new role soon which will open up an EMT spot. We have two paramedics to test, one in June and one in July. Volunteer Cody Toomer has completed fire recruit school and is now full time. Bike week was successfully handled. There was one fatality which was secondary to a pedestrian crossing the highway.

We had a successful water rescue of two victims out of the ocean due to a capsized catamaran. These victims belonged to Team Netherlands, which was participating in a catamaran race that ended in Surfside Beach. Mobile Communications is working on a marine channel VHF repeater. We need a mobile VHF marine radio to get any distance out of line of sight.

Two team members from the consulting group are here this week to review the facilities and equipment.

Chairman's Report: We hired Battle Law Firm to defend us at a discounted rate. They have written a response to the appeal filed with the court. The chairman had another conversation with the Horry County Administrator's office again regarding the ARPA money. There is a real pull between the State and the County about who has the responsibility to provide funding to Special Purpose Districts. Chief Haney said Luke Rankin's office finally stated it is not a state issue it is up to the county to choose to pass along funds to the district. They are not obligated to do so.

First Public Hearing on Impact Fees: The first public discussion of the Impact Fee Manual revisions was advertised and held this evening with no public comment. Chairman Connell asked that the current rough draft be sent to attorney Mike Battle for his review. Pat Walsh asked if Horry or Georgetown County use the International Building Code to determine impact fees.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: John Magann made the motion to adjourn. Pat Walsh seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2022.

Approved on _____, 2022

