

**Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 27, 2022**

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

Also in attendance: Chief Haney, Deputy Chief Kosto.

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

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

Second Public Hearing on Impact Fees: Chief Haney distributed correspondence from Attorney Battle regarding the impact fee manual. This correspondence included definitions of single-family residence and commercial construction. Also included were questions regarding exemptions for federal government buildings, nonprofit entities, and churches. Kay Benton made a motion to approve the definitions of single-family residence and commercial construction as presented by Attorney Mike Battle. Pat Walsh seconded the motion and the motion carried. Beth Ward made a motion to include all religious organizations, federal government, and nonprofit organizations in the definition of commercial construction and be charged the 2% impact fee. John Magann seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief's Report: Division Chief Owens reported a medication supply shortage. He has found a supplier, but medical expenses have increased due to price increases. Chief Haney added that fuel expenses are also over budget for the year. Deputy Chief Kosto reported the department is short seven positions. One firefighter paramedic was hired this week and two more are scheduled for interview over the next couple of weeks. Chief Haney has covered operational updates in his Friday newsletter which he has resumed.

Chief Haney said all are doing an outstanding job. Call volumes are steadily increasing.

Chairman's Report: Horry County has opened up ARPA funding for infrastructure projects, the deadline for applications is July 1st. Beth Ward said infrastructure would include debt on buildings, apparatus. She believes the debt for the fire stations should be put forward first, approximately \$1.6 million.

Old Business: Kay Benton reminded the board the Smith Sapp contract will expire in December of this year. Beth Ward said it should be put on the agenda in August.

New Business: None.

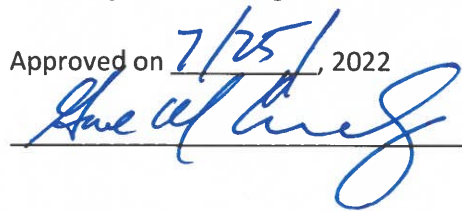
Financials: Beth Ward said our finances are not on plan in various areas and we need to make some adjustments in the next couple of months. Impact fees and tax revenues are both lagging. Ms. Ward said the audit is complete and she has received a draft report for review. Chief Haney asked if there were any large construction projects. Division Chief Zimpleman stated one fairly large project is in the planning stage to be built off Highway 707. It is an approximately \$60 million project.

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 July 25, 2022.

Approved on 7/25/, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene W. Haney", is written over a horizontal line.