

Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of June 23rd, 2014

**Board Members Present:** Al Hitchcock, Booty Shelley, Kay Benton, George Oldroyd, Wesley Gordon and Moe Wells. **Also in Attendance:** Chief Knight, Assistant Chief Haney and Pat Walsh

First order was to hear from the public.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Gerard Fancher was present to discuss the S293 Bill. Asking what the next step is by the Board to work on getting the referendum passed. His concern is with Representative Goldfinch and his reasoning for blocking the millage increase. A discussion ensued about the upcoming elections and what the course of action should be. Chairman mentioned that the Board is trying to get the override of the veto in August or September.

The minutes from May 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were presented. Kay Benton motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Reports for May, 2014 were presented. Booty Shelley noted that the payroll for firefighters was less this year in May from last year due to the extra pay period in May last year. Chief Knight informed the Board about the increase in overtime. Moe Wells brought up the accrued liability for the buy back time, explaining why the figures look inflated. Booty Shelley motioned to accept the May Financials as reported, seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously.

**Firefighter's Report:** None

**Chief's Report:** Chief Knight informed the Board that he attended the SC State Fire Fighters Conference and learned about the many classes, equipment and displays offered to our department through the conference. He met with the ISO and discussed our next inspection. The last one was in 2008 which detailed that the District needed another station. Chief also stated that the new manual the ISO goes by has changed and he has assured the Board that we will be in compliance with the new regulations stated in the new manual in regards to building Station 4.

Chief Knight went on to inform the Board that the revised Employee Manuals will be prepared and distributed to each shift. He plans to go over all the changes made in the revision. The employee signature pages should make the manual take effect in July.

**Assistant Chief's Report:** Assistant Chief JR Haney stated that the non-transport calls were up in May. He also mentioned that the new Medic Unit is on target for an end of July delivery.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Al Hitchcock began speaking about the overturning the Governor's Veto of the Bill S293 and what is next to come. Each member of the Board had input in the discussion as to the next step with getting the veto over turned, working towards getting the referendum on the ballot and the options. Chairman wants to gather and get community support to show the Governor that the increase is supported by the constituents. The date to get it on the ballot is August 15<sup>th</sup> and that Attorney Booth has been asked to help with the drafting of the language. George Oldroyd stated that he feels it should be an "all or nothing" approach to getting the millage increased and that the legislature is the final authority on the district's finances. Moe Wells mentioned the many ways we could get the word out by email and community boards. Booty Shelley stated that we should do whatever is needed to get both the word out, call a special meeting if need be in July. The letters that go to the county auditors will need to be discussed in the July meeting to inform each county what millage to charge. It is currently at 10 Mills. Moe Wells motioned to contact each county about the 10 Mills and if we get a veto override we will re address the issue with each. Seconded by George Oldroyd. The motion carried unanimously. Once we apply for the building permit, we will receive the \$500,000 allotted for it from Horry County. This was confirmed by Mr. Whitten in Horry County.

George Oldroyd motioned to meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Booty Shelley. The motion carried unanimously.

George Oldroyd motioned to reconvene. Seconded by Booty Shelley. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hitchcock stated no motions were made in Executive Session while discussing the personnel issue.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

There being no further business, Booty Shelley made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Moe Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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Al Hitchcock, Chairman