

Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

500 North Clinton St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2020

6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Lantz virtually via ZOOM. There was no audience logged in. Grand Ledge City Clerk Gregory Newman was present to monitor the ZOOM virtual meeting.

Roll Call of Authority Board – Rick Lantz, Don Willems, Tom Campbell, Janet Schultz, Thom Sowle and Chief Rodney VanDeCastele

Approval of Consent Agenda – A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Janet Schultz to accept the minutes from:

March 16, 2020 Authority Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2020 Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes

A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Approval of Regular Agenda – A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Tom Campbell to accept the agenda for the April 30, 2020 Authority Board Meeting as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Committees and Board Reports

Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee – The Chief is working with Kodiak Emergency vehicles for an estimated replacement costs for Ambulance 152.

Building Committee – No report

Finance Committee – No report

Personnel Committee – No report

Public Information Committee – The Chief reported that he is still contacting media companies to help promote the millage request.

Fire Chief/Staff Reports – 162 EMS Calls for service and Fire Calls for service were 37.

Chief VandeCastele reported that over \$94,000 had been billed through Medical Management and over \$58,800 had been collected for March 2020

Departmental Activity

Covid – 19 – The Chief reported that the staff is working hard and handling Covid calls every day. The 911 central dispatch center is screening all calls for Covid prior to being dispatched. All department employees have their temperature taken at the beginning of shift and twice in a 24-hour shift. The Department has a good supply of protective supplies. All calls are being dispatched as positive Covid so the staff can be prepared before responding to a call. Some staff are staying away from their home, so their family does not get exposed.

Radio Update – It has been decided to install Bi-Directional Amps around Grand Ledge especially at the schools, so the new radio system transmits better around the City.

Truck 616 – This truck started smoking on a call. The engine will need to be overhauled costing \$10,000-\$15,000.

Staff – The Chief reported that department personnel have done a lot of training for this current situation. Decontaminations are done on the ambulance after each positive Covid 19 calls. These cleanings take around 30 minutes. The staff has been doing a very good job under a very stressful situation.

The AVI drill has been moved to a later date.

Old Business -

- A. *Millage Discussion* – The Chief has been working with Bethany Vrable from Maner Costerisan and there are questions about whether a millage of 1.5% would be enough to fund all the vehicle and equipment replacement that are planned. After much discussion, it was suggested that cuts to the new budget be made to make the 1.5% request work. As of right now, no money would be collected in 2020. If any changes are to be made, they could be done right after the August Primary.
A bond could be done to rebuild or build a new building.

New Business

1. Financial Transactions and Bills
March/April Billings and Transactions were presented. A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Tom Campbell to pay these bills, a vote was taken and passed.

Audience Participation - none.

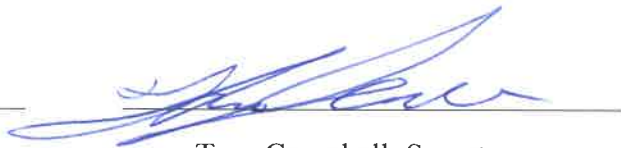
Communications from Authority Board Members - none

Closed Session – No Closed Session

Adjournment - The meeting was **adjourned by chairman Rick Lantz**



Rick Lantz, Chairman



Tom Campbell, Secretary

