

**Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority
500 North Clinton St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837**

Regular Meeting Agenda

August 19, 2019

6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Lantz.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience Participation – none

Approval of Consent Agenda – Janet Schultz asked to have approval of the Closed Meeting added to the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Don Willems to approve the regular meeting minutes and the Closed Meeting Minutes from the July 15, 2019 meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Approval of the Regular Agenda – A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Tom Campbell to accept the Agenda as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Committees and Board Reports

Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee – The Chief reported that Truck 611 will be going to third out because of its age.

Building Committee – The Chief reported that the final stage of testing is being done on the well in the north parking lot. No problems have been found. The Board requested a written report from the company doing the work.

Finance Committee – No report

Personnel Committee – No report

Public Information Committee – The Chief announced that the Fire Department Open House will be held on October 9, 2019 from 6-8 pm at Meijer parking lot. Promotion will begin soon.

Fire Chief/Staff Reports – Calls for service EMS for the Month of July were 161. Fire Calls for service were 75.

Mid Year Totals – EMS calls are down by 68 from 2018 and Fire calls are up by 37 for the same time period.

Chief VanDeCastele reported that over \$99,000 had been billed through Medical Management and over \$76,000 had been collected to date.

Chief VanDeCastele reported that the Department will be participating in Caring Neighbor Day on August 29 from 4-7 pm.

Staff – The Chief reported that he will be offering the Full-Time position job to Adam Miller. He passed all testing, he is from Mason, he has been a Paramedic for four years and has ambulance experience.

Old Business:

A. Maner Costerisan – Bethany Verble was present to discuss the Capital Purchase Budget and the Millage. Ms. Verble reported that to make purchases, 20% should be paid down on a 30-year mortgage. 3% inflation should also be considered. The best procedure is to save money over the life of the equipment and pay cash to replace it. Another consideration would be the number of personnel that would be hired over a certain period of time. Ms. Verble also suggested hiring a consultant to craft the language for a millage.

B. MERS – Marne Daggett was present to discuss 2018 actuarial. The fund is at 83% funded, costs are expected to keep rising. Everything is based on assumptions and actuals.

C. Millage Discussion – The ending date of the current millage is 2022.

Length of Millage – There was some discussion. There was a suggestion that there be a staggered millage, the renewal at one time and the new millage at another time. There was discussion about hiring a consultant. Also, a bond rating is needed if a bond is purchased. The Chief will contact some other Departments who have just had millage proposals to the voters.

New Business

A. Financial Transactions and Bills

July and August 2019 – A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Janet Schultz to accept the transactions and bills as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Audience Participation - none.

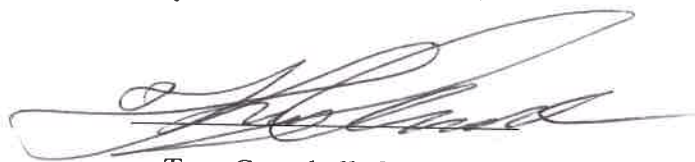
Communications from Authority Board Members - None

Closed Session - None

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rick Lantz.



Rick Lantz, Chairman



Tom Campbell, Secretary