

Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

500 North Clinton St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Regular Meeting Agenda

December 16, 2019

6:00 PM

Roll Call of Authority Board – Janet Schultz, Tom Campbell, Rick Lantz, Don Willems, 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 – A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Thom Sowle to accept the minutes from the meeting of November 18, 2019 and the Closed Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019 A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Approval of Regular Agenda – A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Janet Schultz to accept the agenda for the December 16, 2019 Authority Board Meeting as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Committees and Board Reports – each Board member will serve on a committee as follows:

Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee – No report – Don Willems

Building Committee – No report – Janet Schultz

Finance Committee – No report – Rick Lantz

Personnel Committee – No report – Tom Campbell/Rick Lantz

Public Information Committee – No report – Thom Sowle

Fire Chief/Staff Reports – Calls for service EMS for the Month of November were 177. Fire Calls for service were 71.

Chief VandeCastele reported that over \$95,500 had been billed through Medical Management and over \$47,200 had been collected for November.

Departmental Activity

Fire Prevention in Schools – The Department has finished teaching fire prevention at all the schools.

Caring Neighbor Thanksgiving Day – Department Personnel baked four turkeys and shared them at the Community Thanksgiving dinner at the Masonic Temple on Thanksgiving Day.

Christmas Parade – it was a huge success. There were about 90 lighted floats in the parade.

Radio Training Day – Mandatory radio training for the new radio system will be held February 1 and 2. Anyone who does not attend training will not be issued a pager.

Training Event – Plans are being made and coordinated for a large-scale violent incident training. This will be held on August 6 and will take place at Grand Ledge High School. This event will involve Eaton County Sheriff Department, Grand Ledge Police, Grand Ledge Fire and EMS, Grand Ledge Schools and Sparrow Hospital are some of the agencies who will be helping. More information will be coming.

Staff

Old Business:

- A. Millage Language Change – This change was made to read that the millage money collected within the City of Grand Ledge will go to the DDA.
Millage Resolution – A Resolution to adopt the date of November 2020 for the new millage election was introduced. There was a lot of discussion. A vote was taken – ayes-4 and nays-1. The motion passed.

New Business

1. Financial Transactions and Bills
November/December Billings and Transactions were presented. A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Don Willems to pay these bills, a vote was taken and passed.

Audience Participation - none.

Communications from Authority Board Members – There was discussion about getting quotes from at least two more Public Relations Firms for the millage election. This will be discussed again at the January meeting.

Closed Session – A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Janet Schultz to go to Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken, ayes – 5 and nays – 0. The motion passed.

Action from Closed Session – A motion made by Don Willems and supported by Tom Campbell to give Local 2627 a 30-day notice that the previously agreed month to month contract extension would be voided. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Tom Campbell to contract William Thacker for guidance with the Union negotiations. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rick Lantz.



Rick Lantz, Chairman



Tom Campbell, Secretary

