

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

Regular Meeting Agenda

February 17, 2020

6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Lantz.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

January 20, 2020 Closed Session

January 20, 2020 Authority Board Meeting Minutes

A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Approval of Regular Agenda – A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Tom Campbell to accept the agenda for the February 17, 2020 Authority Board Meeting as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Committees and Board Reports

Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee – The Chief reported that he was investigating whether to replace 152 or get a new chassis. The Chief is also looking into what other general equipment is needed for each vehicle.

Building Committee – The Chief reported that he was working with the administrative staff to determine the run demographics for the Department. This would help determine the location of a new fire station and what would be done with the existing building. Engineers will be contacted to assess the existing building

Finance Committee – No report

Personnel Committee – No report

Public Information Committee – Several media firms are being contacted to work with the Board on the upcoming millage.

Fire Chief/Staff Reports – Calls for service EMS for the Month of January were 180. Fire Calls for service were 53.

Chief VandeCastele reported that over \$111,000 had been billed through Medical Management and over \$49,000 had been collected for

Departmental Activity

Ladder 616 Service – The Chief reported that Ladder 616 had been out of service for repair and is now back in service. Truck 615 is out of service with a broken baffle, the truck is at the repair shop.

Tomm Driver is still on sick leave with an injured back. He is expected to be back at work March 16

ISO Evaluation, 5 year annual – Insurance Service Office comes in every 5 years to evaluate the Department. Grand Ledge may move up in rating this year.

911 Telephone Outage of January 31, 2020 – The entire statewide 911 telephone system is run by fiber-optics or wires. Digging was being done in Menominee and a wire was cut knocking out the system statewide. The public was notified by the media.

New Radios – The new radio system is up and running and there have been problems as there always are with something new. These are being worked out and personnel are getting used to using the system. It has been found that there are a lot of dead places in and around Grand Ledge. The Chief is working with the City officials, the schools and the county on the possibility of erecting another tower possibly near the high school. The County Commissioners would have to vote on this proposal. A decision should be made by May.

The Chief also mentioned that since the drug Narcan has been made more available for drug overdoses, the number of cardiac arrests is down. He stated that a Coronavirus Protocol is being followed on people with flu symptoms.

Old Business:

- A. Millage Discussion – The Chief will be contacting PR firms to get assistance with the upcoming millage vote.

New Business

1. Financial Transactions and Bills

January/February Billings and Transactions were presented. A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Janet Schultz to pay these bills, a vote was taken and passed.

Hartel Road Property – The current asking price for the property is \$225000. Key Realty is handling the sale of the property. It was suggested to ask Leo McGuire for quarterly updates on property sales in the area.

Audience Participation - none.

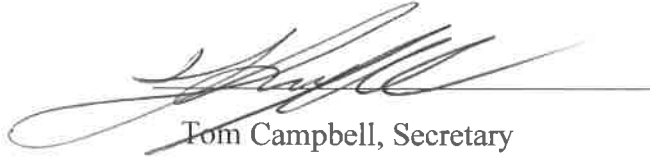
Communications from Authority Board Members - none

Closed Session – A motion was made by Don Willems and supported by Tom Campbell to go to Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken, ayes – 4 and nays – 0. The motion passed.

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



Rick Lantz, Chairman



Tom Campbell, Secretary

