

# Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

500 North Clinton St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Regular Meeting Agenda

July 15, 2019

6:00 PM

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

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 Tom Campbell to approve the minutes from the June 17 and June 24, 2019 meetings. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Approval of the Regular Agenda** – A motion was made by Tom Campbell and supported by Tom Sowle to accept the July 15 Agenda as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Committees and Board Reports

**Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee** – Ambulance 152 has been out of service since July 12, the motor cooling fan is not functioning properly. The Chief has had problems finding a repair shop, but the ambulance should be back in service this week.

**Finance Committee** –

**Building Committee** – Chief VandeCastele reported that the environmental study is in its final stages. Soil samples are being done.

**Personnel Committee** –

**Fire Chief/Staff Reports** – Calls for service EMS for the Month of June were 139. Fire Calls for service were 58.

Chief VanDeCastele reported that over \$149,000 had been billed through Medical Management and \$44,000 had been collected to date. Collections should continue to improve.

Chief VanDeCastele reported that this is the time of year that there are a lot of bonfires some without permits.

The Department assisted with Yankee Doodle Days, in the parade and with the fireworks.

A grant has been given to the Department from the Eaton County Fire Chiefs Association to get 6 protective vests for the ambulances and MFRs. Helmets will be coming next year.

Staff – The Chief reported that there was a full time Paramedic position open. Three applications have been received, interviews are done and now background checks will be done. Testing will be after checks.

The Chief introduced the newest hire, Donald Hawood. He is from Hillsdale County and worked as a corrections officer.

The Chief will be out of the office on vacation from August 2 – August 12.

### **Old Business.**

#### Millage Discussion

1. There is no real ending date for a millage.
2. The date for the new millage language is 2022.

Maner Costerisan – Assistance with Millage – The Chief has been in talks with our Accountants. They suggest that the best solution is to make a down payment and then finance. A representative from Maner Costerisan will be at the August meeting and give a report.

There was a suggestion about getting bond purchase information. Is there a bond rating for the Fire Department as there is for the City? And what can be done to increase the Department rating?

### **New Business**

#### *1. Financial Transactions and Bills*

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

#### *2. MERS June 2019 Yearly Valuation/Report* – The fund has slipped to 60/40%. A representative from MERS will be present at the August meeting.

#### *3. Election of Officers* – Nominations were opened

A motion was made by Tom Campbell and supported by Tom Sowle to retain Janet Schultz as Treasurer. There were no other nominations, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Tom Sowle to retain Tom Campbell as Secretary. There were no further nominations, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Tom Sowle and supported by Tom Campbell to retain Don Willems as Vice Chairman. There were no further nominations, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Tom Campbell to retain Rick Lantz as Chairman. There were no further nominations, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

4. *2018/2019 Budget Amendments* – The Chief reported that he moved money from the part-time wage line to full-time wage line and he moved money from the new equipment line to the communications line. These changes balanced the budget. A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Tom Sowle to accept these budget changes as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.
5. *2018 Annual Report* – Copies were distributed, and the Chief reviewed each section. Emergency calls to the Department have increased 40% in the last 8 years.
6. *2019/2020 Monthly Meeting Schedule* – A motion was made by Tom Campbell and supported by Janet Schultz to accept the schedule as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Audience Participation** - none.

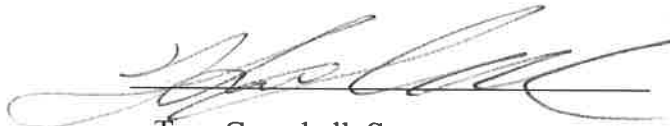
**Communications from Authority Board Members** - None

**Closed Session** – A roll call vote was taken to go to Closed Session. Ayes – 4 and Nays – 0. The motion passed.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rick Lantz.



Rick Lantz, Chairman



Tom Campbell, Secretary

