

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

June 18, 2020

Regular Meeting Minutes

**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, Tom Campbell, Janet Schultz, Tom Sowle and Chief Rodney VanDeCastele. Don Willems was absent.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – A motion was made by Thom Sowle and supported by Janet Schultz to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Authority Board Meeting Minutes

A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Approval of Regular Agenda** – A motion was made by Thom Sowle and supported by Tom Campbell to accept the agenda for the June 18, 2020 Authority Board Meeting as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Committees and Board Reports

Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee – No report

Building Committee – No report

Finance Committee – No report

Personnel Committee – No report

**Public Information Committee** – The Chief has been talking with two Media companies Harbor Strategies and Bynum & Fisk. He has inquiries into other agencies. The Board is looking for a PR agency that can give guidance regarding the upcoming millage.

## **Fire Chief Report -**

Fire Calls for service were 59. EMS calls for service were 162. The Chief reported that over \$94,000 has been billed through Medical Management and over \$47,000 has been collected for May.

## **Departmental Activity**

Covid-19 – The Covid-19 numbers are starting to lower. 911 Dispatch numbers are about the same because they are still following their original protocol. The Department is starting to follow step-down protocol.

Truck 611 – The brakes need to be fixed so the Chief is in the process of finding the brake parts.

Staff – The Chief reported that the hiring process has started. There are five applicants and background checks are being done. Interviews will be done and the Chief hopes to have a new hire starting July 15.

Captain Cliff VanDeusen had an MRI on his knee. There is a tear but there is no word about surgery.

## **Old Business**

- A. Millage Discussion – Chief VanDeCastele and Bethany Verable from Maner Costerisan have put together three graphs of numbers to help Board members to decide whether to ask voters for a 1.5%, 1.75, or a 2% millage in the November election. This is a 9year forecast. If the Board asked for 2%, the collection would not begin until 12/2024. The Chief is planning to hire a fulltime person in 2021/2022 if the millage is approved. The 2020/2021 budget was approved at the May meeting. as suggested that anything regarding building refurbish or rebuild be removed from the millage proposal. Any building work would be dealt with in 2027. A new Resolution will need to be introduced at the July meeting.

## **New Business**

1. Financial Transactions and Bills  
May/June 2020  
A motion was made by Tom Campbell and supported by Janet Schultz to pay the May/June bills, a vote was taken and passed.
2. Hartel Road Property – Leo Maguire from Key Realty has reported that there has been written interest but not at the current price. This item will be addressed again at the July meeting.

Audience Participation - none

Communications from Authority Board Members – Chairman Lantz mentioned that the July meeting was the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

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



Rick Lantz, Chairman



Tom Campbell, Secretary

