

Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

500 North Clinton St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Regular Meeting Agenda

November 18, 2019 6:00 PM

Roll Call of Authority Board – Janet Schultz, Tom Campbell, Rick Lantz, and Chief Rodney VanDeCastele. Thom Sowle and Don Willems 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 accept the minutes from the meeting of October 21, 2019 and the Closed Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2019 A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Approval of Regular Agenda – A motion was made by Janet Schultz and supported by Tom Campbell to accept the agenda for the November 18, 2019 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 – No report

Maner Costerisan – Bethany Verble – Year End June 2019 Audit

Bethany Verble reviewed the audit. Overall, the numbers are similar to 2018. There is a projected revenue increase expected this year of \$81,000. Questions were posed and answered.

Fire Chief/Staff Reports – Calls for service EMS for the Month of October were 158. Fire Calls for service were 59.

Chief VandeCastele reported that over \$118,901 had been billed through Medical Management and over \$60,163 had been collected for October.

Departmental Activity

Continued yearly maintenance on apparatus – Truck 615 is back in service after having maintenance done on it. Some extra repairs had to be done.

Fire Prevention in Schools – The Department Personnel are almost finished going to the schools to teach about fire prevention. A couple of the Pre-schools will get a visit too.

Old Business:

A. Millage Discussion

Millage Resolution – March 2020 or August 2020

The Chief reported that the millage language must be to the Eaton County office by December 19, 2019 to have the proposal on the March 2020 ballot. There was further discussion on exactly which month to place the millage on the ballot. A decision will be made at the December Authority Board Meeting.

King Media – Promotional Group for Millage

The Chief has discussed with Laura at King Media the idea of doing the promotion for the millage promotion. King Media did the promotion for the last Grand Ledge Schools millage. The Company would charge \$17,800 to promote via billboards, yard signs, social media, PSAs and door to door contact. The Board would also like a power point presentation and printed pamphlets. The promotion would start about 3 weeks before the election. After discussion, Chairman Lantz asked the Chief to get at least two more quotes for millage promotion.

New Business

1. Financial Transactions and Bills

October/November Billings and Transactions were presented. A motion was made by Tom Campbell and supported by Janet Schultz to pay these bills, a vote was taken and passed.

2. Stryker cots and New Heart Monitors for Ambulances

Chief VandeCastele reported that new cots were needed for the ambulances. Parts are no longer available to fix the existing cots. Jamie was present from Stryker and the company had filled an order for several cots, but the order wasn't fulfilled. Stryker will sell the cots for \$13,000 per cot instead of the regular price of \$21,000.

The heart monitors on both ambulances need to be upgraded plus an extra monitor is needed. Stryker would charge the Department \$11,000 per monitor and the savings would be a total of \$30,000. There would be a seven-year warranty. The total for everything is \$74,300 and it will be paid in full. Three monitors will be purchased. A motion was made by Tom Campbell and supported by Janet Schultz to approve payment for these purchases. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Chief's Contract – The contract will be for two years from January 2020 through December 2021. There will be a 3% increase the first year and a 2% increase the second year. Over the term of this contract, the Chief will institute/implement the Strategic Plan.

A motion was made by Tom Campbell and supported by Janet Schultz to approve the contract. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Audience Participation - none.

Communications from Authority Board Members - None

Closed Session – A motion was made by Tom Campbell and supported by Janet Schultz to go to Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken, ayes – 3 and nays – 0. The motion passed

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rick Lantz.



Rick Lantz, Chairman



Tom Campbell, Secretary

