

Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

500 North Clinton St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Regular Meeting Agenda

October 21, 2019

6:00 PM

Roll Call of Authority Board – Janet Schultz, Don Willems, Thom Soule, Rick Lantz, and Chief Rodney VandeCastele. Tom Campbell 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 Don Willems to accept the minutes from the meeting of September 16, 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. Rick Lantz proposed an amendment to move Item C to Closed Session. A motion was made by Don Willems to accept the amendment. The motion was supported by Janet Schultz. A vote was taken, and the motion passed. A vote was taken on the original motion with the amendment and the motion passed.

Committees and Board Reports

Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee – The Chief reported that Tanker 615 is out of service for annual maintenance. It should be back in service later this week.

Building Committee – No report

Finance Committee – No report

Personnel Committee – No report

Public Information Committee – No report

Fire Chief/Staff Reports – Calls for service EMS for the Month of September were 168. Fire Calls for service were 61.

Chief VanDeCastele reported that over \$119,000 had been billed through Medical Management and over \$39,000 had been collected for September.

Fire Prevention Open House – The Chief reported that this event went very well. A lot of people attended the event which was held in Meijer Parking Lot on October 8. Great work by everyone.

Fire Prevention in the Schools – The Chief stated that fire prevention training would be covered at the schools in the city, Holbrook, Neff and Beagle starting this week.

Old Business:

A. Millage Discussion

Millage Language – The Chief presented two drafts of millage language written by the Authority Attorney Larry Salstrom, the Authority Board Attorney. One draft is very general in language and the second list more specifics on what the millage money would be used for. The building is not included in either draft. There was discussion about whether to ask for 1.5 mils or 1.75 mils. Don Willems made a motion to use the second draft language and ask for 1.75 mils. There was no support, so the motion died.

Janet Schultz made a motion and it was supported by Thom Soule to use the first draft language asking for 1.5 mils. A vote was taken, ayes – 0 and nays – 4. The motion did not pass.

Rick Lantz made a motion to use the second draft language with 1.5 mils. The motion was supported by Janet Schultz. A vote was taken, and it passed.

Money for the building will be sought in 2022. There were also suggestions for 3 new full-time employees and the possibility of an Assistant Fire Chief or a Secretary.

The millage verbiage will be sent to the County. A PR firm would be hired to do a millage pamphlet and to put together a power point presentation.

New Business

1. Financial Transactions and Bills


September/October 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.

Audience Participation - none.

Communications from Authority Board Members - None

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 – 4 and nays – 0. The motion passed

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rick Lantz.


Rick Lantz, Chairman


Tom Campbell, Secretary