

Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority
500 North Clinton St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 16, 2019
6:00 PM

Roll Call of Authority Board – Janet Schultz, Tom Campbell, Rick Lantz, and Chief Rodney VanDeCastele. Thom Sowle and Don Willems were 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 regular meeting minutes from the August 19, 2019 meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Approval of the Regular Agenda – A motion was made by Tom Willems and supported by Janet Schultz to accept the Agenda as presented. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Committees and Board Reports

Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee – The Chief reported that Ambulance 151 was taken in for new tires and front-end repair and balance. The air conditioning was not working in the back. A leak was found in the AC unit between the front and the box of the ambulance. The leak was repaired. 151 will be back in service this week.

Building Committee – The Chief reported that the final stage of testing is being done on the well in the north parking lot. The company is checking for any source of contamination and movement of bacteria. Testing will be done quarterly for one year.

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 August were 159. Fire Calls for service were 49.

Chief VanDeCastele reported that over \$58,000 had been billed through Medical Management and over \$47,905 had been collected for August.

Chief VanDeCastele reported that NFIRS sent an email to the City stating that the Department was not reporting all fire incidents. This email was sent in error. The Chief assured that all fire incidents are being reported.

Staff – The Chief reported that the Department participated in Caring Neighbor Day on August 29. This event went very well and was well received.

Old Business:

A. Actuarial Valuation of O.P.E.B.-Retirement will show a cost increase of 1% each year over the next three years. These increases are based on assumptions.

B. Millage Discussion – There was a lot of discussion. The current millage is up in 2022. A renewal will be asked for over 6 years. Language for the new millage should be started as soon as possible. Larry Salstrom will be working on the language. The Chief spoke with Meridian Township. They have three different millage's and they did not hire a consultant. The staff and volunteers canvassed door to door to get voters input. This topic will be revisited in October with a decision on the millage by November.

New Business

1. Financial Transactions and Bills

August and September 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. New Full Time Employee's Swearing In – Donald Atwood and Adam Miller – The Chief held a swearing ceremony for Donald Atwood and Adam Miller. They are the new Firefighter/Paramedic hires. Welcome to both of you.

3. Chief's Annual Evaluation – This item was postponed until the October meeting because the entire Board was not present.

Audience Participation - none.

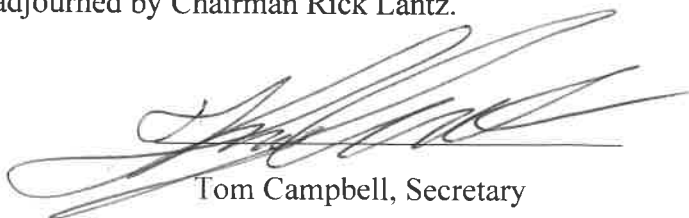
Communications from Authority Board Members – Chairman Lantz reported that the Personnel Committee is looking at health and retirement costs. Different options are being explored. A proposal has been received from Chief VanDeCastele and the Union President Cliff VanDusen. A meeting is scheduled Friday with MERS and the Personnel Committee to talk about different ideas for pension and retirement.

Closed Session – None

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rick Lantz.



Rick Lantz, Chairman



Tom Campbell, Secretary