

**GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY  
MEETING  
HELD OCTOBER 21, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
HELD AT 500 N. CLINTON STREET, GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN  
48837**

- 1.Roll Call: Present: Chairman Willems, Trustee Stahelin, Treasurer Schultz, Secretary Lantz, Vice Chairman Mulder, Chief Roman.
- 2.Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- 3.Audience Participation. There was none.
- 4.Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2024 Meeting was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mrs. Schultz. Motion Carried.
- 5.Approval of Regular Agenda: Motion to approve the Regular Agenda was made by Mr. Mulder and supported by Mr. Lantz. Motion Carried.
- 6.Committee and Board Reports: Chairman moved to Building Committee. And noted that he and Mr. Mulder had met with the City Administrator and it was suggested that we should get bids from different Construction Companies. Chairman Willems suggested we set up a meeting and invite assorted Construction Companies to come and give a 20-minute presentation. Mr. Lantz said he had no experience on how to go about this process but he thought we should send the specs and request RFPs from Contractors. Mr. Mulder noted that we don't know where to start. Mrs. Schultz said that is why she thought the Veridus Coordination was a good idea, they can direct us. Mr. Mulder and Mr. Lantz both thought we could do the coordination ourselves and save the cost of hiring Veridus. Chairman Willems noted that the Fire Chiefs Association might have a list of RFPs for Fire Stations. He also noted that Christman Construction will do a lot of the same things that Veridus would. He felt that we to get companies in for an interview and then we will know where we are going.

Mr. Lantz said a Meeting with Companies that have built Fire Stations. He wondered if we need a coordinator to sell the bond or can we do it less expensive on our own. Chairman Willems noted that we would be building on the land that we already own. Mr. Lantz questioned this. Chief said it was a good location due to the ISO s, and would allow better coverage to the Township then we have now. After discussion Chairman Willems said he thought we needed to 1. Use the property we already own and 2. Set up a meeting with Contractors based upon C2ae specs and ask for RFPs. And allow each Contractor 20 minutes to present their plans. He suggested a list of questions be set up ahead of time. Mr. Lantz said he would like someone to come and educate us on the procedure.

Chairman Willems said the next step would be to invite two companies Christman Construction and Bri Bar Construction to come and make a presentation at the next meeting in November. Mr. Willems also asked the Chief to Contact the Fire Chiefs Association. The Board agreed to proceed as suggested by Chairman Willems. The Construction Companies will be invited to the next Meeting.

Mr. Lantz said he thought that hiring a general contractor would save funds and we would get assistance and information that we need.

#### 7. Chief and Staff Reports:

A. Mt. Hope Hwy. Pl. Chief discussed the accident and the fact that the family was known to members of the Department. He also discussed the debriefing of the staff and the chiefs.

B. 26-year-old cardiac arrest. Chief discussed this case and how he had been gone twice and made it to ICU and hopefully home. Chief noted the great cooperation between Urgent Care, the Police, the Department and Delta, in caring for this case.

C. Vehicle Report: Tanker 615 is at Spartan Motors for repair of driver's side intake leak, muffler replacement and a water leak in the tank. It will be gone most of the week.

D.Chief noted the monthly runs in the report and said the EMS runs are still running high. There was discussion on mutual aid given to Delta Township.

8. Old Business: There was none.

9.New Business:

Financial Transactions and Bills. Motion to pay the Bills was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.

10. Audience Participation: There was none.

11. Communications from the Board: Chief discussed the funds to be paid to the DDA by the Authority in the amount of \$233,000.00. Mr. Stahelin asked about out contingency annually. Chief did not have this amount available at this time. He noted that we put \$200,000.00 aside each year for new equipment and noted that he was working on getting a new tanker ordered. Chairman Willems said that he had gotten to the Open House and it looked to be a very successful event. Chief Roman agreed it was very successful approximately 400 to 450 people were in attendance. Chief told the Board that they are trying to find the founding date of the Grand Ledge Fire Department. It is thought to be 1863 or 1865. So next year the Department will be at least 160 years old, and will hold a Special Celebration.

12. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.

APPROVED:

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Mr. Don Willems, Chairman  
Secretary

Mr. Rick Lantz,