

GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY  
MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
HELD AT 500 N. CLINTON STREET, GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN  
48837

- 1.Roll Call: Present: Chairman Willems, Secretary Lantz, Treasurer Schultz, Vice Chairman Mulder, Trustee Stahelin, Chief Roman.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- 3.Audience Participation: There was none.
- 4.Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Mulder to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.
- 5.Approval of Regular Agenda: Motion to approve the Regular Agenda was made by Mrs. Schultz and supported by Mr. Lantz. Motion Carried.
- 6.Committee and Board Reports:

Chairman moved to item B. Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee – Tanker. Chief Roman discussed the purchase of a new tanker. It takes three years to have one built and the cost is approximately 1.4 million. He said they have a committee looking into specs and costs. They are also looking into state and federal grants. He noted that the current tanker is a 2001 and it is costing to keep it running it is tired. Mr. Lantz asked the life expectancy of a tanker. He felt that would be helpful in letting us know how long we could finance the purchase. Chief is going to talk to Dart Bank and Tim our bookkeeper regarding the finance of a new tanker. Mr. Mulder asked if they rebuild tankers. Chief said he had heard of this but our chassis is in bad shape. He said we need a 33-hundred-gallon tanker and that would help with our ISO rating. He thought the current ratings were 5 in the township and 5 in the city. Our ISO rating will be renewed in 2026.

Chairman moved to Building Committee item E.

A.Christman Construction: Present were Brett and Robin of Christman Construction Company. Robin noted a Draft

Work Plan for Bond Election which Brett had prepared and handed out to the Board. The plan calls for August of 2025 Election. He noted that they would work with the Authority to get the millage passed at not risk. There would be a letter of understanding and once the Millage passed, they would bill for the costs expended. He said that the Special Election in August was an advantage, that is why they chose that date. The Millage is more likely to pass then. They have had a higher success rate in Special Elections.

He discussed Delivery Methods for the process of construction. Construction Manager, or General Contractor in one version. This person would oversee the hiring of all other necessary contractors such as electric, plumbing and so forth. He discussed Owner Representative, and Construction Manager. And how these work, He noted that the project manager keeps things in line with the budget. He said that Owners Rep is generally used in larger projects. Mr. Lantz asked about a designer or architect. Mr. Mulder said we need someone to oversee this project. We do not have a staff. Robin said Christman has been in business for over 130 years in this area and have built fire stations in the area. They have a reputation in the area.

Chairman Willems discussed the choice of attorney and that we need to make a decision on what is going to be built and the total cost of the project. It was noted that we do not have plans we only have a concept from C-2ae to work with. Chairman Willems said we need to have someone recommend designers. The Board thanked the gentlemen from Christman Construction.

#### B. Dewitt Township Fire:

Fire Chief Dave from Dewitt Township was present and walked the Board through the process they have been through in building their new Fire Station. He said it had been a slow process they began in 2009 with a feasibility study. In 2021 they opened discussion to build a new station. Selected a site and interviewed 7 companies

Williams company that they are working with has built over 150 fire stations. They decided to build a new station at a cost estimate of 9.7 million. They went through the bonding process the cost grew to 12.6 million for a 22 thousand square foot building. They put the building out for bid January of 2024 and they hope to have it completed by January of 2025. Their int. payment was \$24,507.00 Principal payment due in April will be \$405,000.00.

He said he Has been in Meetings every other week. Brett from Christman pointe out to the Board that they could include in the bond the purchase of equipment such as a new tanker.

7.Fire Chief /Staff Reports;

A. Monthly Run Activity: Fire Total 110, City 63, Oneida 19, Mutual Aid 28. EMS Total 219, City144, Oneida 29, Roxand 14, Mutual Aid 32.

Vehicle Report. Mutual Aid calls coming in only 4 per Month.

The Department is working on ABI Training. They will have a CPR

Class for the Library next month.

We will be receiving the ABI Grant very soon. Then there will be trauma kits for the school and training. Chief will teach instructors. Here and in other school districts.

Thanks giving and Christmas events are coming up for the Department.

8. Old Business: There was none.

9.New Business: Bills to be paid for October 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024. Motion to approve payment of the Bills was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.

10. Audience Participation: There was none.

11. Communications from Board Members: Chairman Willems discussed hearing from other companies regarding a new building. Mr. Lantz discussed procedure and how to proceed. Chairman Willems

said we should make some decisions by December if we want to make the August Election. Do we want a Construction Manager. Mr. Mulder discussed the fact that we have no actual plans or drawings for a new building except the work done by C-2ae. He also wondered if these decisions should be made by this Board or the Building Committee. Mr. Stahelin asked about RFPs and the at risk with bonds also the back charge over all construction. There was discussion on the basic design for a building. There was discussion on having 3,5, or 7 companies at the next meeting to interview for ability to complete the fire station project. Mr. Lantz asked about a decision on whether or not to have a construction manager. It was decided to use the engineer drawing by C-2ae and have Chief ask Christman Construction if this is enough to use for bids.

12. Closed Session: There was none.
13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin at 8:05 p.m. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.  
APPROVED:

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Mr. Don Willems, Chairman  
Secretary

Mr. Rick Lantz,