

GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY
MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.
HELD AT 500 N. CLINTON STREET, GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN
48837

- 1.Roll Call: Present: Chairman Willems, Secretary Lantz, Treasurer Schultz, Trustee Stahelin, Chief Roman and Members of the Department, and of Oneida Township.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- 3.Audience Participation: There was none. Stahelin and supported by Mr. Lantz to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.
- 4.Approval of Regular Agenda: Motion to approve the Regular Agenda was made by Mrs. Schultz and supported by Mr. Lantz. Mr. Lantz asked to add to the agenda item D. Financial Analysis under New business this addition was approved in a motion made by Mr. Willems and supported by Mr. Lantz. Motion Carried Motion to approve the Regular Agenda was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Willems. Motion Carried.
- 5.Committee and Board Reports:
- 6.Chairman moved to item E. Building Committee, RFQ update. Chief Roman said there were none back yet. He had sent out 7, and they are due on the 21st of this month. He expects some back this week.
- 7.Fire Chief and Staff Reports: Chief said they were averaging 9 calls per day. He said they run Mutual aid 25 to 30 times a month out. They have Mutual aid in about 4 times a month, EMS: total runs 184, City 130, Twp.21, Rosand 9, Mutual Aid 24. Fire Total 82, City 47, Twp. 19, Mutual Aid 16. Chief Roman had taught 100 teachers about the Roman Kits and had been invited to Mason by the Police Dept. to discuss the Roman Kits.
A.Vehicle Report: All up and running.
8. Old Business:

A. Resolution #01-2025 Purchase of Custom Pumper Tanker was offered by Mrs. Schultz, and supported by Mr., Lantz, Discussion, Mrs. Schultz asked the Chief which plan of purchase he would recommend. He said he would recommend the Lease 2 Inc. covered in Resolution #2-2025 over 10 years. In the amount of \$2,143,759.20. He discussed the 3,300-gallon Tanker and Sutphen Company, and the different ways to finance it. Mr. Lantz asked about the difference between Leasing 2 Inc. and Republic First National and if there were a penalty for early payoff and Chief said that there was in the amount of \$25,000. But the only way we would be able to pay it off early was if we were to get funds from the state. Mrs. Schultz said she thought we should go ahead with the purchase as both the city and the Township need the Tanker. Mr. Staheli said he had thought long and hard about this matter and he doesn't want to take chances with the finances either. Chairman Willems said the Audit says we are doing well financially but he doesn't want to take a chance that we have to layoff personnel down the road or end up bankrupt. Roll Call Vote on Resolution #1-2025 All Members voted no.

Mrs. Schultz offered Resolution #2-2025, support was given by Mr. Staheli. Roll Call Vote: Aye Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Staheli. Nay: Mr. Lantz and Mr., Willems. Resolution failed.

9. Financial Transactions and Bills.

1. January 1 thru January 31 2025. Motion to pay the bills was offered by Mr. Staheli and supported by Mr. Lantz. Motion Carried.

2. There was discussion on the Lexipol policies and how the Board would like to handle them. It was decided that they would be sent to members for review and if there were questions, they would be brought to the meeting for discussion.

3. Resolution #4-2025, PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT. Resolution was offered by Mrs.

Schultz and supported by Mr. Lantz. Roll Call
Vote: Aye, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Stahelin, Mr. Lantz,
Mr. Willems. Nay: None. Resolution adopted.

4.D. Financial Analysis. Mr. Lantz explained his reasons for wanting to have a financial analysis before we enter into any more expensive purchases or projects. He noted that we have made quite a few large purchases recently and was concerned that we need to know where we stand before we proceed. Stahelin asked about the cost of having an analysis and the time and who would do it. Mr. Lantz said it might take a few months. Mr. Stahelin didn't want to wait that long. He noted that we have sent the Chief on a lot of searches and then resent him because of various reasons. He did not want to do that again.

The Chief said he needed help. Chairman Willems said our department has come a long way, he remembered the lack of equipment and turnout gear in the recent past. After all discussion: Motion was made by Mr. Lantz to have the

Chief reach out to several financial firms and get at least 3 proposals. Motion was supported by Mr. Willems. Motion Carried.

B. 10. Audience Participation:

Mrs. Lawry asked what a custom tanker was. Chief explained. Mr. Weaver discussed the need for a Master Plan and a Strategic Plan and for the tanker. He also noted that the area was growing and we need to be equipped for it. Mr. Russian, made his feelings of disappointment after working 4 years on getting a new station and it being put off so many times. He also noted that the Department was finally moving to the 21st century with the new Chief.

C. 11. Board Comments: Mr. Lantz commented with the financial analysis we will find out if we are able to move ahead with the projects. Mrs. Schultz was disappointed about the purchase of the tanker being put on hold. Mr. Stahelin voiced concern about moral and better equipment and facilities. Also, the fact that the Chief does not have a Deputy Chief or Secretary. But noted he did not want financial problems either. Chairman Willems said there was no malice towards the Fire Department and that the Board cares about the Fire Department. He appreciated the Board and the Department.

D. 12. After all discussion, Motion was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.

APPROVED:

Mr. Don Willems, Chairman
Secretary

Mr. Rick Lantz,