

GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY
MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 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.
- 2.Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- 3.Audience Participation. There was none.
- 4.Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the Minutes of August 19, 2024 Meeting was made by Mr. Mulder and supported by Mrs. Schultz. Motion Carried.
- 5.Approval of Regular Agenda: Motion to approve the Regular Agenda was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.
- 6.Committee and Board Reports: Chairman moved to Building Committee.
And updated the Board on the Veridus proposal as a coordinator for the new fire station. They would do all the preparation for the millage election and only charge if the millage passed. They would coordinate the whole project at a percentage rate and contingency would be returned to the Department. Christman Construction offered the same type of proposal.
Mr. Mulder and Chairman Willems met with the City Administrator and they don't think we are in need of the Veridus Service due in part to the extra cost for their services. They think that Christman as a general contractor could handle the whole thing.
Mr. Lantz felt that we should contact nearby Departments who are building or have recently built a new station and see how they proceeded and what building contractors they dealt with. He also thought we have the right people to handle the selling of the millage ourselves. We have to decide the methodology and put out an RFP.
Mr. Mulder said that Christman Construction will be present at the October Meeting to make a presentation to the Board on the proposed project.

Mr. Stahelin discussed setting the parameters and the work and building specs that had been prepared by C2AE. Mr. Willems noted that the Fire Chief would be involved to a certain extent as to what was needed in a building. It was noted that Dewitt had just built a new station and Lansing was in the process of building a new station. Mr. Lantz felt that we should contact them to see who they had for a general contractor and other information. Chairman Willems noted that if we plan to hold a special election next May we need to move along. Mrs. Schultz said she felt that it would be better not to hold a special election due to cost and it would give us time to prepare and not be rushed. Mr. Stahelin discussed applying for Grant Funds and noted that there had been Fire Stations built entirely from Grant Funds. There was discussion on contacting Dewitt, Lansing, Fowlerville, and Battlecreek to see how they are proceeding with construction of a new fire station. Christman Construction will be present at the next meeting to make a presentation.

Chairman noted that the Chief had purchased 4 new lazyboy chairs for the Department. Which were needed.

Chairman moved to Monthly run activity. Fire Runs Total 110, City 67, Twp 24, Mutual Aid 19. EMS Runs: Total 223, City 156, Twp 32, Roxand 14, Mutual Aid 21.

New Business:

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

Audience Participation: A Resident asked about the new fire station and was glad to hear that the current one would be kept open.

Communications from the Board: Mr. Stahelin discussed the Annual Open House to be held in October.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.

APPROVED:

Mr. Don Willems, Chairman
Secretary

Mr. Rick Lantz,