

**GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY  
MEETING**

**HELD AUGUST 26, 2025**

**7:00 p.m.**

**AT 500 N. CLINTON STREET, GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN 48837**

1. Roll Call: Present: Chairman Willems, Secretary Lantz, Treasurer Schultz Vice Chair Mulder, Trustee Stahelin, Chief Roman. Also, Present were Members of Glaesa, and Oneida Township and Mr. Landon Martin of Veridus, and Mr. Crowe of Christman Construction.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
3. Audience Participation. There was none.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Mr. Mulder and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Regular Agenda: Chief Roman asked to add to the Agenda under New Business, Meeting Date Change for September. Regular Agenda was approved as amended in a Motion made by Mr. Stahelin and supported by Mrs. Schultz. Motion Carried.
6. Committee and Board Reports:
  - A. Building Committee: Veridus Update by Landon Martin, was presented. Mr. Martin explained that they had met with the Building Committee for a pre-bond update regarding a team to assist with the bonding, financial assistance and for an architect. All of which will be working at risk to get the millage passed. They had chosen Baker Tilly as a Financial Advisor, Williams as an Architect to present to the Board for approval.

He noted that they had only had three respondents to the requests for Bond Counsel. They will be interviewed prior to the next meeting and the Board will be able to make a decision at that time. He noted again that all would be working at risk.

Mr. Landon said they are building a team to assist with the new fire station and in the future, there would be a need for a surveyor, a geological phase, environmental site assessment. Mr. Lantz noted that the environmental assessment had been

done for the City property. Mr. Martin said the environmental assessment would be for the Hartel Property only. He then discussed the Scope, Schedule and Budget for the Fire Station project. They hope for mid-September, date to be announced. to kick off Bond Team. September Meeting appoint Bond Counsel, appoint land surveyor. Land surveyor would be an up-front cost.

At this Meeting they offered Willaims Architect, and Bakertilly Financial Advisor, for the Board to approve or disapprove. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Mulder, Mr. Stahelin, Mr. Crowe and Mr. Weaver to comment on the selection of these companies. They all felt that Williams had exceptional experience in fire station construction. And that Williams stood out and had good classic design in the buildings they have constructed. They also had good use of space and multi uses. Chief Roman noted that Williams is building the Dewitt Station.

B. Finance Committee:

1. Maner-Costerian Financial Analysis update. Chief Roman had presented a copy of the findings by Maner and asked that we have Bethany come to the next Meeting to go over the information with the Board. He will contact her and we will review the information at the next meeting.

7. Fire Chief and Staff Reports:

- A. Monthly Run Activity: EMS total runs 212. Fire Runs Total 85.
  1. Benton Road and Grand Ledge Hwy. Accident. Chief Roman explained the excellent work of the Fire and EMS personal on the scene of this fatal accident and what a good job that they did.
  2. Cardiac Arrest: Chief Roman explained that a gentleman had been brought unresponsive and with cardiac arrest to the station and the crew were able to recessitate him and he is doing well. Chief praised the good work of the Department Crew.

3. 669 E. Saginaw Hwy.

1. Fire Alarm and sprinkler issues. The systems are not working in this building and they have had several letters sent to them. The Department has had trouble finding the actual owner of the property.

B. Vehicle Report:

1. Working on Major preventative maintenance for Engine 611, Ladder 616, Tanker 615. This is an annual maintenance program with is now being carried out.

8. Old Business: There was none.

9. New Business:

- A. Resolution 11-25 A Resolution authorizing the execution to enter into an agreement with Williams Architects. The Resolution was offered by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. Lantz, Mr. Mulder, Mr. Stahelin, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Wilhems. Nay: None. Resolution Adopted.

- B. Resolution 12-25 A Resolution authorizing the execution to enter into an agreement with Bakertilly as Financial Advisors' Resolution was offered by Mrs. Schultz and supported by Mr. Lantz. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mr. Lantz, Mr. Mulder, Mr. Stahelin, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Willems. Nay: None. Resolution Adopted.

C. Financial Transactions and Bills.

July 1, 2025, July 31st, 2025. Motion to approve payment of the Bills was made by Mr. Lantz and supported Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.

- C. Change of Meeting Date from September 15, to Tuesday September 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Mulder to approve this change in date for the next meeting. Motion Carried.

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10. Audience Participation: There was none.

11. from Board Members: Mrs. Schultz was glad to see us move forward with the hiring of the Architect and Financial Advisor, as was Mr. Stahelin. He also thanked the Department personnel for

their fine work. Chief Roman told the Board of the Accident Fund Review which showed 12,000 in injuries since 2023. Which is a very good report. Mr. Mulder noted that there would be a need for more help from the Board in the future with the new fire station he wants everyone to be a part of the process.

12. Closed Session: There was none.

13. Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stahelin and supported by Mr. Mulder at 6:50 p.m.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.

APPROVED:

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Mr. Don Willems, Chairman

Mr. Rick Lantz, Secretary

