

**GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY
MEETING**

HELD AUGUST 19, 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, Chief Roman. Excused: Secretary Lantz and Vice Chair 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 July 15, 2024 Annual Meeting was made by Mr. Stahelin and supported by Mrs. Schultz. Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Regular Agenda: Motion to approve the Regular Agenda was made by Mrs. Schultz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.
6. Committee and Board Reports: no action on Personnel Committee or Finance Committee, or Truck/Equipment replacement Committee.
 - C. Public Education Committee: Chief updated the Board on the Trauma Kits that are now placed in the schools and on the Buses and on the training given at the schools. There were 150 students taught last year and more coming this year. No kits have been stolen or damaged to date. The Grant funds will be coming later this year for purchase of kits. This is life long training and Grand Ledge Schools are doing a great job with the safety provisions.
 - E. Building Committee: Chief introduced Mr. Landon Martin Project Manager of Veridus Group. They specialize in owner representation for large projects such as our proposed new fire station. Mr. Martin explained how they organize and oversee the project from start to finish. They are there for Pre-construction, Construction period, and Post Construction. They work with the Bond Analysis people and the Construction Firms and organize the whole process. They and the construction people work on a perform at risk basis.

He presented an information sheet from bakertilly on an estimated Bond Analysis of a proposed 2 mills in the amount of \$17,200,000.00. He discussed a possible special election in May of 2025.

The Board would have to review the offer and vote on accepting a Contract with Veridus Group. He explained that all contingency funds would be returned to the Department. That is their policy.

Chief finished up with noting that the Committee needs professional direction, and we need 2 stations and they are needed now. The next steps would be a Contract with Veridus and proceed with an at-risk Contract with Christman

7. Fire Chief/Staff Reports:

a. Monthly Runs: Fire total runs 94, City 61, Twp 22, Mutual Aid 11. EMS Runs Total 225, City 149, Twp 37, Roxand 13, Mutual Aid 26.

b. Vehicle Report: The Ladder Truck is in for repair and the cost is estimated to be \$10,000.00.

8. Old Business: There was no discussion on Donation of Benefit time policy.

9. New Business:

a. Financial Transactions and Bills: Motion to pay the bills as listed for July 1 thru July 31, 2024 in the amount of \$266,285.55 was made by Mr. Stahelin and supported by Mrs. Schultz. Motion Carried.

b.

10. Audience Participation: Ms. Haddix said she was glad to see the Board moving ahead with the project of a new fire station.

11. Communications from the Authority Board. Mr. Stahelin asked about the Michigan Class Account he had sent information on. Chief has not had time to look into this yet. Mrs. Schultz said she was glad to see Veridus work with the Department because professional direction is very much needed for this project.

12. Closed Session: There was none.

13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.

APPROVED:

Mr. Don Willems, Chairman

Mr. Rick Lantz, Secretary