

**GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY
MEETING**

HELD OCTOBER 20, 2025

6:00 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, Representing Veridus, Mr. Landon Martin
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
3. Audience Participation. Mr. Weaver asked if the Board would consider allowing Public Comment early if there was a speaker who was leaving before the Meeting was over.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Regular Agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz and supported by Mr. Mulder to approve the Regular Agenda. Discussion Mr. Lantz made a Motion to amend the agenda to allow hiring of personnel under Item 6. E. The Motion was supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion carried. The Board then voted on the Motion to approve the Regular Agenda. Motion Carried.
6. Committee and Board Reports:
 - A. Building Committee: Veridus Update by Landon Martin was presented. He gave the Board a Pre-Bond Service Update with a list of team members. And a schedule of upcoming events. (A copy is attached to these minutes.) He also reviewed the Budget and discussed an upcoming meeting next week with Williams and Christman to evaluate the current Fire Station, he noted that the Board was welcome to attend. Mr. Lantz asked if the current building could be rehabbed to be the principal building. Mr. Martin said it could. He said they will be evaluating the future and current needs of the Fire Department.
 - Items B, C, D. Had no action
 - Item E. Personnel Committee: Chief Roman discussed the vacancy of two personnel and that Captain Driver would be

leaving in December or January. He would like to hire three new personnel now and send them to school at Delta in December or January. The cost of the school is \$12,300.00. The company doing the school has 100% pass rate.

He has only had one paramedic apply for the open positions and it is possible that if three EMTs are chosen we would have to send all three to school. The recipients would sign a contract to work 3 years for the Department. Mr. Lantz pointed out that it was an already budgeted expense. And the Hire's will work shifts during their training as well.

Mr. Stahelin asked if they would be paid while going to school. Chief said no, only salary. Mr. Lantz asked how often Delta has schools. The Chief said this was the first time.

After all discussion: Motion was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Mulder to approve the expenditure of \$12,300.00 per student fee to send 3 EMTs through the Delta Training School for Paramedic. Motion Carried.

7. Fire Chief / Staff Reports.

A. Monthly Run Activity: EMS total runs 174. Fire Runs Total 71.

1. Open House: Chief said the Open House was very successful and the Department Personnel had done a good job. The attendance was good and every one enjoyed it.
2. Chief gave an update on two fires the Department had assisted with in Delta Township.
3. Chief let the Board know that we will not be receiving any Grant Funds.
4. Chief reviewed the call Locations from ECCD GIS with the Board. There is a need for an ambulance on the other side of the Bridge. 84% of calls are on the other side of the Bridge.

8. Old Business: There was no old business.

9. New Business:

- A. Board Committee Selections. Mr. Lantz made a Motion to keep them the same, then it was found that they needed to be redone. The Board decided that the Building Committee would be Mr. Mulder and Mr. Stahelin. Finance Committee Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Lantz. Truck/Equipment Committee Mr. Willems and Mr. Stahelin. Public Education Committee Mr. Mulder and Mr. Stahelin. Personnel Committee Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Lantz. Mr. Lantz then amended his Motion to the members listed above. Mr. Stahelin supported. Motion Carried.
- B. Health, dental and optical insurance for 2026. The Chief had prepared a report on the companies that had made quotes on Health Insurance and had been reviewed by the union and himself. He noted that PHP had changed to University of Michigan and now was no longer in business and the Department had been grandfathered into to that company for some time. Now they would need to get a new company for health insurance. He reviewed the report with the Board and told the Board that the Priority Insurance was the closest to what they had with University of Michigan in coverage and cost. The Union had agreed to this also. The Chief noted that he had put a 15% increase in the budget for health insurance he was \$7000.00 short, he was happy to be so close. He further noted that Sparrow and McLaren both accept Priority insurance. Mr. Lantz felt that a study should be done. He also had concern about there being no deductible and no coinsurance. He felt that the matter should be tabled and there should be a personnel committee meeting on the matter. Mr. Mulder felt that the Board would need a decision in writing from the Union. It was decided that the matter should be deferred until November. The Chief said we might need a Special Meeting on the matter.
- C. financial transactions and bills, for Sept 1, 2025 to Sept 30, 2025. Mr. Lantz made a motion to pay the Bills. Mr. Stahelin supported. Motion Carried.

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10. Audience Participation: Mr. Weaver discussed the epicenter changing as the community grows.
11. Communications from Board Members: Mr. Mulder said the Open House was a great event. He also thanked Mr. Weaver and let him know they are looking into future growth as they work on their Master Plan.
12. Closed Session: There was none.
13. Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mulder and supported by Mr. Stahelin at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.

APPROVED:

Mr. Don Willems, Chairman

Mr. Rick Lantz, Secretary

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