

**GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY  
MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

**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, the Township, Mr. Gillespie and Katie Jacobs representing Veridus.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
3. Audience Participation. There was none.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made to approve the December 22, 2026 Closed Session Minutes by Mr. Stahelin and supported by Mr. Lantz. Motion Carried. Motion was made to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2026 Meeting by Mr. Mulder and supported by Mrs. Schultz. Motion Carried. Motion was made to approve February 2, 2026 Special Meeting by Mr. Mulder and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Regular Agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mrs. Schult, Motion Carried.

6. Committee and Board Reports:

- A. Building Committee: Veridus Update was presented by Katie Jacobs. She said we would be looking at the update on the satellite Station Site, the Survey, the schedule and the Budget and Board Approval of the Election Costs at this Meeting.

She reviewed the General Project Update. Including Building Committee Meetings which will be held less often now. Design Meetings, Bond Team Meeting, and the Ballot Deadline, also a Survey Status from Jason at ETC, Phase 2 ESA Report which showed no contamination at the Hartel Road Property. Geotech exploration and Community Out Reach and Education Team as well as the Project Team Work Scope.

She discussed Making a decision on the Site for the Satellite Station and the pre-engineered building for the Satellite Station.

Mr. Mulder let the Board know that there has been some discussion at the city regarding the present site for a satellite station. Katie said we would like to have a decision on the site for the satellite before the ballots go out.

Mr. Lantz asked for clarification on what a pre-engineered building actually is. Mr. Gillespie said that they are commonly used in building today and it simply means the building is pre-engineered and brought to the site and re-constructed. It is not a pole barn, but it could be. They both said it was very attractive and you would not know that it was pre-engineered.

Chief Roman asked when we need to have a decision on the location of the satellite station. Mr. Lantz said he felt that there was more support from the neighbors in the surrounding area for the current site than the Industrial Park site. Mr. Stahelin wondered if we could accomplish a decision at the next Meeting for the location of the Satellite Station, Mr. Gillespie said possibly a letter of agreement from the city or some type of agreement. The next Meeting is March 16, 2026. He noted that Absentee Ballots will be available March 26 and will be mailed the week after that. Mr. Lantz felt that an agreement should be accomplished in a month. Mr. Gillespie noted that a decision from the City was needed as soon as possible.

Mr. Gillespie told the Board that they will be forming informational groups and setting up a web site with frequently asked question and a property tax cost calculator. There was discussion on an informational mailing, post card type. Mr. Gillespie also said fact sheets here at the station, City Hall and the Township Hall will help. He asked about the Saint Patrick Day Parade, Chief said the Department will be in it. Also, the Department will be holding an open house March 14, 2026 and will put up a Banner.

Mr. Willems asked about Door to Door, Mr. Gillespie said since covid people are not receptive to it. Mr. Willems asked about phone calls. Mr. Stahelin discussed pre-bond costs and what was allowed to be charged. Mr. Gillespie noted that Corporations can donate. He also noted that Absentee Voters are a large percentage of the voters in any election.

Katie Jacobs moved on with the presentation discussing Scope and Schedule. She noted that there is \$6,200.00 of the original \$45,000.00 Budget for pre-bond costs left she also noted that there are updated costs for Bakertilly and Miller Canfield. And Election Costs not to exceed \$20,000.00, and Additional Williams Costs not to exceed \$7,000.00. The Schedule is Fire Department send out factual information, March 26, Absentee Ballots arrive, May 5, 2026 Election

7. Fire Chief / Staff Reports.

A. Monthly Run Activity: EMS total runs 185 Fire Runs Total

1. Chief Roman discussed the anniversary of the MSU shootings and the Active shooter incident in Delta Township and how the Department had taken part in assisting with them and how proud he was of them. He said that the Department had done a great job.
2. Vehicle Report: The new Ambulance should be in service this week.

8. Old Business:

- A. No action.

9. New Business:

Financial Transactions for January 1, 2026 thru January 31, 2026  
Motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried.

1. Audience Participation: Mr. Weaver discussed the use of the current site and said he did not want it to look like the City put the decision upon the Board. He discussed transparency in the Grand Ledger decision.

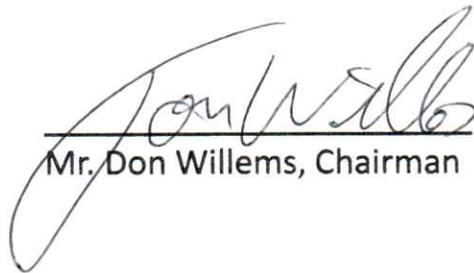
2. Communications from the Board. Mr. Stahelin said he was glad to see Glaesa and Charlotte respond to the Active Shooter situation at Delta. Mr. Mulder said the Grand Ledge decision would be transparent.

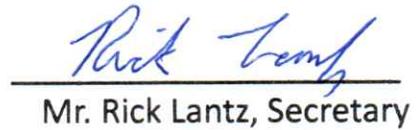
10 There was no Closed Session:

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.

APPROVED:

  
Mr. Don Willems, Chairman

  
Mr. Rick Lantz, Secretary