

Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority

Special Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2026

6:00 pm

Meeting will be at

500 N. Clinton St. Grand Ledge MI, 48837

Training Room, Grand Ledge Fire Department

- I. **Roll Call of Authority Board** – Chairperson Don Willems, Vice Chairperson Keith Mulder, Treasurer Janet Schultz, Secretary Rick Lantz, Trustee Robert Stahelin II
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Audience Participation** – Any person (s) attending may comment on any subject. All presentations before the Authority Board shall be limited to five minutes per individual presentation.
- IV. **Approval of Consent Agenda** – The Authority Board approves items listed on the consent agenda by a single roll call vote without debate. If the Authority Board desires to debate any item listed on the consent agenda, it may remove the item and place it on the regular agenda for consideration in due order.
 - A. Motion – To approve the April 20, 2026, Regular Authority Board Meeting Minutes.
- V. **Approval of Regular agenda** – The Authority Board may remove any item or add any item to the regular agenda.
 - A. Motion – To approve the April 27, 2026, Special Authority Board Meeting Agenda
- VI. **Committee and Board Reports** – Fire Authority Board members and staff may report on discussions and actions of committees and boards.
 - A. **Building Committee** –
 - B. **Finance Committee** –
 - C. **Truck/Equipment Replacement Committee** -
 - D. **Public Education Committee** –
 - E. **Personnel Committee** –
- VII. **Fire Chief/Staff Reports** – The Authority board may receive reports from the Chief, staff members, or contractors.
 - A. Monthly Run Activity
 - 1.
 - B. Vehicle Report

- VIII. **Old Business** – The Authority board discusses any business unfinished from a previous meeting
- IX. **New Business** – The Authority Board may bring up for discussion any business not previously debated and may act or not act on the item(s) indicated.
- A. **Resolution # 05-2026 RESOLUTION SUBMITTING GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL AT THE AUGUST 4, 2026, ELECTION**
- X. **Audience Participation** – any person (s) attending may comment on any subject. All presentations before the Authority board shall be limited to five minutes per individual presentation.
- XI. **Communications from Authority Board members.**
- XII. **Closed session** – the Open Meetings Act allows the Authority board to discuss certain subjects without the presence of the public. The Authority Board may request a staff member or any other person the Authority Board determines to be necessary to attend the closed session. Once the closed session has ended, the Authority Board will resume the regular meeting.
- XIII. **Adjournment** – when the Fire Authority Board has completed all items listed on the approved agenda, it may not take any further action until its next regular meeting or a special meeting. If the time is significantly late and items remain on the approved agenda, the presiding officer may ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting to another specific date, time, and place at which to resume and complete the approved agenda.

**GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY
MEETING**

APRIL 20, 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 Chairman Stahelin, Trustee Mulder, Chief Roman. Also, Present were Members of Glaesa, and the Township, and Mr. Gillespie.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
3. Audience Participation.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion was made to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2026 Meeting 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. Lantz to approve the Regular Agenda. Motion Carried.
6. Committee and Board Reports:
 - A. Building Committee: Katie Jacobs of Veridus presented the Update. She asked Mr. Gillespie to discuss the mailings and other forms of advertising that had been done recently for the bond proposal. Mr. Gillespie said that the first mailing to households had been sent and also, he noted the banners that have been put up and the Bond Boards at approximately 11 to 17 sites. One more mailing will be done prior to the election. He noted that there will be coffees held tomorrow 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and next Monday from 9:00 to 12:00.
Chief Roman said he had lots of good stories to tell like people who were against the Bond proposal coming to the station and after a tour leaving in favor of the Bond Proposal. He said it is working we are getting the word out. Mr. Gilkespie noted that they have also been trying to combat the misinformation.

Next Katie Jacobs discussed the Schedule. Noting the Election on May 5, 2026. The schedule for the New Station on Hartel. With a hope for ground breaking on June of 2027, completion in

December of 2028. The Satellite Station construction to begin January 2029, done summer of 2030.

Katie Reviewed the Budget noting that to date we have spent around \$24,000.00. This does not include the cost of the Election and we have approximately \$1300.00 left.

At this time Chief Roman asked what happens on May 6th. He said the team we have been working with has been amazing and he would like to continue working with them post bond. He noted that if something needs to be done, they get it done.

7. Fire Chief / Staff Reports.

A. Monthly Run Activity: EMS total runs 173 Fire Runs Total 58.

1. Heart Safe City: Chief discussed his work on this project noting that the schools, police and the Chamber of Commerce are all assisting. He said we have to have an AED available within 3 minutes of any location within the city. He also told the Board that McLaren has made a donation of \$25,000.00 to purchase AEDs, he said that McLaren may offer more they want to be our sole partner in a Heart Safe City, and Stryker where we buy AEDs will give us a 45% discount on them.

He also discussed the Pulse Point Computer Program and how it will help Dispatch locate AEDs in the City so that people can find them quickly. Mr. Stahelin asked if it were an app. Chief said yes for your phone, Mr. Lantz asked about placement of AEDs, Chief said they can be placed outside in temperature-controlled cabinets.

When someone calls 911, they would be given a code to get into them. Chief Roman said we are on our way to being a Heart Safe City.

8. Old Business:

A. No action.

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

9. Audience Participation: Mr. Weaver discussed the Budget error and the properties added into the DDA and asked how it would affect the Fire Budget. He also noted that members of the Fire Board are also members of the DDA and the City Council and the Fire Board.

10. Communications from the Board. Mrs. Schultz asked if the change in the DDA meant that it be a renewal in captures. Mr. Mulder said it did not mean a renewal of capture they will just continue. She also asked if we can legally tear down the current EMS Building being that we don't own it. Mr. Mulder discussed the appraisal the city is having done on the current building and the proposals forth coming from the city and that they will be discussed at the next Meeting, which will be next Monday. Mr. Stahelin asked if it would be information or motion. Mr. Mulder said information. He also noted that the offer of a sale had been brought to the Board in 2017.

Mr. Lantz asked about the operational millage and when it would be on the ballot. Chief said he was working on the ballot wording and waiting for the figures from the County. The Deadline is May 12th for the August Election. Mr. Weaver noted that the millage had expired in 2025.

Mr. Mulder reminded everyone of the Special Meeting next Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Willems asked the Chief about the flooding emergencies state wide. Chief Roman said we have not had any calls with regard to flooding.

11. Closed Session: There was none.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lantz and supported by Mr. Stahelin. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Schultz.

APPROVED:

Mr. Don Willems, Chairman

Mr. Rick Lantz, Secretary



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**Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority
County of Eaton, State of Michigan
Resolution # 05-2026**

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY
MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL
AT THE AUGUST 4, 2026, ELECTION**

At the regular meeting of the Board of the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority, County of Eaton, State of Michigan, held on the 27th day of April, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

WHEREAS, the Board of the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority, County of Eaton, Michigan (the "Authority") has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents and property owners of the Authority to submit a millage renewal and restoration proposal to its electors at the election to be held on August 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the electors of the Authority previously authorized the levy of 2.0000 mills for operating purposes, said authorization expiring with the 2025 levy; and

WHEREAS, this authorization has been reduced by operation of the Headlee amendment to 1.9646 mills; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that it is in the best interest of its residents and property owners to renew the millage authorization and restore that portion rolled back by operation of the Headlee amendment; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to submit the millage renewal and restoration proposal to the vote of the qualified electors of the Authority at the election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The millage renewal and restoration proposal appearing on the following page shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the Authority at the election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026:

**GRAND LEDGE AREA EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY
MILLAGE RENEWAL AND RESTORATION PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority to continue to levy up to 2.00 mills that was previously approved by the electors to fund operations for 6 years. Of the 2.00 mills, 1.9646 mills represents a renewal of the 2.00 mills authorization approved by the electors in 2020, which expired with the 2025 tax levy and 0.0354 mill represents a restoration of that portion of the same millage authority which was reduced by application of the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority, County of Eaton, Michigan be increased by 2.0000 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2026 to 2031, inclusive, as a renewal of the 1.9646 mills previously authorized by the electors which expired with the 2025 levy plus new additional millage in the amount of 0.0354 mill, for emergency services authority operations? It is estimated that, if levied, the 2.00 mills would raise approximately \$1,080,540 when first levied in 2026.

YES
NO

2. The ballot wording of the proposal is hereby certified to the City Clerk of the City of Grand Ledge (the "City Clerk"), the Township Clerk of the Township of Oneida (the "Township Clerk"), and to the County Clerk of the County of Eaton (the "County Clerk").

3. The Authority Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the City Clerk, Township Clerk, and County Clerk and to complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by said clerks to evidence the foregoing certification and/or submission by no later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

4. The City Clerk, Township Clerk and the County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election for the August Election Date as required by the Michigan Election Law; and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the proposal at the August Election Date, which ballots shall contain the proposal appearing herein, or the proposition shall be stated as a proposal on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

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5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

The foregoing resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of the Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority, County of Eaton, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of April, 2026 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Secretary