

**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.

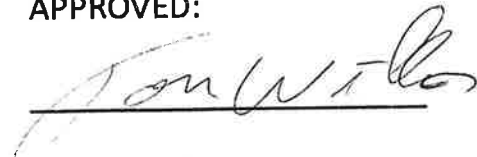
Mr. Willems asked the Chief about the flooding emergencies state wide. Chief Roman said we have not had any calls with regard to flooding.

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