



# GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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August 25, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman Wayne Kladder at 897 Parsons Road, Traverse City, Michigan.

Roll call – 6 members, a quorum

Wayne Kladder, Acme

Glen Lile, East Bay

Chuck Korn, Garfield

Frankie Zarafonitis, Acme (late)

Butch Strait, East Bay

Kay Schumacher, Garfield

**ATTENDANCE:**

Pat Parker, Chief

Brad Schnaidt, Asst. Chief/Fire Prevention

Meredith Hawes, Public Educator

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Motion** by Lile, supported by Korn, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Parker gave the financial report due to Ehardt being on vacation.

**CLAIMS:** **Motion** by Schumacher, supported by Strait, to approve the prepays and regular claims as presented. The prepays were in the total amount of \$38,735.90 (prepays \$36,785.90 check #4676-4707 with voided check #4699--software problems and amended prepays \$1,950.00 check #4772) and the regular claims in the amount of \$34,736.66 (check #4708-4771 with no voided checks). Roll call: Kladder, yes, Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Korn, yes; Schumacher, yes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** by Korn, supported by Zarafonitis, to approve the July 28, 2009, minutes as e-mailed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Filed. (See letters from Carl Levin dated 7/30/09, Debbie Stabenow dated 8/3/09, Dave Camp dated 8/3/09, Acme Supervisor Wayne Kladder dated 8/11/09, and Supervisor Glen Lile dated 8/14/09. These letters were in support of the stimulus grant request by GT Metro Emergency Services Authority for construction of a new fire station in Garfield Township).

## REPORTS

**CHIEF:** (See Metro Chief Report). Parker and Kladder met with the Rural Board Chairman Paul Biondo and Rural Chief Sedlacek last Wednesday regarding problems with response and level of training. Discussion. They will be scheduling another meeting in two weeks with Long Lake Township Supervisor Karen Rosa.



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**ASST. CHIEF/FIRE PREVENTION:** (See Assistant Chief-FPB Monthly Report and Station 12 Log). Schnaidt reported on the status of the Federal Stimulus Grant/Station 12 project. He passed out a budget breakdown sheet that was submitted to FEMA. Discussion.

**ASST. CHIEF/OPS-TRAINING:** (See Assistant Chief-OPS Report and September Training Schedule). Parker reported Flynn was in Lansing teaching Chemistry for HazMat.

**PUBLIC EDUCATOR:** (See Fire & Life Safety Public Education Report). Hawes reported on the status of Risk Watch in the schools. For Fire Prevention Week in October they will have open houses at all 13 surrounding stations. Quota International Club will be attending this meeting at 10:30 to present Metro with a check from the grant that purchased our strobe lights for the hearing impaired and to get their photo taken in front of Truck 1.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Strategic Plan Update:*** Parker reported they are still trying to get the Core Committee together. He has met with the Captains and two of the stations for feedback and to discuss the mission, values, and vision, which was our August work assignment.

***Station 12 Bldg Project:*** Covered under Assistant Chief Report above.

***2010 Proposed Budget:*** The Board agreed on no new taxes and to make up the \$127,458 shortfall for the 2010 budget by using the fund balance instead of increasing the millage. The budget needs to be approved at the September 22, 2009 board meeting.

***ISO Update Status:*** Parker reported they had contact with ISO in Chicago. We are going through the checklist on things that need to get done and feel we can easily go from 6 to a 5, but we will be going for a 4 rating. Schnaidt and Lather worked with the Tribe to map out their entire tribal system, and Lather put the data on the GIS system. We now have all the flow data on what that system can produce from the Casino to Lake Michigan. With this information and the new station, we have a better chance of getting a 4 rating.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

***Code Enforcement of Twp Fire Ordinance:*** Parker reported this issue was tabled at the last meeting. Acme Township passed a Township ordinance to allow the Township to name the Fire Department as the enforcement agent, the revenues would come back to the township on any fines that were administered, and the burden of prosecution will fall on the Township for any civil infractions. Garfield did the same; however, there was no discussion on where the fines should go for the civil infractions.



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The Prosecutor will not get involved with civil infractions. Lile wants the Authority to have the ordinances. Parker said the Attorney General states that an Authority cannot enact and enforce ordinances. Discussion. The Board said they will run this by MTA. The Board tabled this issue and will continue at the next meeting.

***Declare Meadowland Drive Property as Surplus:*** Parker reported that Schumacher asked this issue be put on the agenda. Jack Smith from the Oleson Foundation donated this one acre of land in Garfield Township to Metro Fire Department. Garfield Township wants this property to be declared surplus, sell it, and use the funds to help defray the costs in the park (Station 12). Discussion. Parker will take this to Attorney Judson for legal review, and it will be continued at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Motion** by Zarafonitis, supported by Korn, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Introductions of the members from the Quota International Club were made with a short presentation and pictures by Truck 1 following.

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Chairman Kladder

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Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind