



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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The regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Wayne Kladder at 110 High Lake Road (Station 9), Traverse City, MI 49686.

Roll call – 6 members, a quorum

Wayne Kladder, Acme

Glen Lile, East Bay

Chuck Korn, Garfield (late)

Frankie Zarafonitis, Acme

Butch Strait, East Bay

Kay Schumacher, Garfield

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Parker, Chief

Brad Schnaidt, Asst. Chief/Fire Prevention

Terry Flynn, Asst. Chief/Ops

Meredith Hawes, Public Educator

Robin Ehardt, Accountant

Tony Posey, 9 & 1 Captain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: See financial report. Ehardt reported that the auditors will be here for the next three days. Discussion on the CDARS.

CLAIMS: **Motion** by Lile, supported by Zarafonitis, to approve the prepays in the amount of \$224,776.87 (check #5493-5532 with no voided checks) and the regular claims in the amount of \$81,921.90 (check #5533-5607 with no voided checks). Roll call: Kladder, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Schumacher, yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: See the three newspaper articles on the pub ed program and the two letters of apology on a fire.

R E P O R T S

CHIEF: See Metro Chief Report. Parker reported that Metro was turned down for two grants (for public education and a new tanker for Station 1). We are still waiting to hear about the Safer Grant for



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staffing of Station 12. There will be a pancake breakfast at Station 9 this Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parker reported they met yesterday on the strategic planning and will meeting again in 2 weeks. A special board meeting was set for May 13th at 11:00 a.m. to be held at Garfield Township for a strategic plan update and for awarding of the Station 12 bids. The bid opening (no awarding) for Station 12 will be on May 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Office. Parker reported he received the Equalization Report which shows a 3.8% decrease. We will have to take out personal property tax so the drop is not so drastic. As soon as the audit is done we will be starting on the 2011 budget.

ASST. CHIEF/FIRE PREVENTION: See Assistant Chief-FPB Monthly Report. Schnaidt reported on the status of the Station 12 project. He is expecting to hear soon that the grant is ready to collect on - our 10% match is \$340,000. He is now in the bidding process. The LED lighting has been changed back to the high pressure sodium. Schnaidt reported on the status of the Fire Prevention Ordinance. Chuck Judson talked with the Prosecutor and Asst Prosecutor and learned that the Prosecutor does not want to prosecute the local residences and enforce the local Fire Prevention Ordinance. Schnaidt and Parker will now have a series of meetings with Bob Cooney, the Magistrate, and the Head of the Court to establish a way the Authority's attorney can do the enforcement. After completing that, they will meet with the Judge to get him on board.

ASST. CHIEF/OPS-TRAINING: See Assistant Chief-OPS Report and May Training Schedule. Flynn reported on the fires for the month of April and the call volumes for the 2010 year to date. Parker reported that Metro covers some of Union and Whitewater Twp out of Station 9. Rural Fire Dept is in the process of changing their boundaries so they will cover these areas themselves. Kladder honored Terry Flynn for becoming Chief Fire Officer (there are only 680 CFO's worldwide and only 14 in the State of Michigan). Flynn gave a short speech.

PUBLIC EDUCATOR: See Fire & Life Safety Public Education Report and the Risk Watch schedule for Kingsley Elementary School next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Enforcement of Fire Prevention Ordinance: This issue was addressed under the Asst. Chief-FP report above.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Schumacher commented on a recent newspaper article on pub ed in which they referred to Rural Fire instead of Metro Fire. Chief Parker reported that he talked with the Record-Eagle about this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Captain Posey, Station 1 & 9 Captain, gave a short speech about himself and the stations. He reported that Metro purchased a new rescue boat.



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Parker reported that we had 8 firefighters graduate from fire school. Metro instituted a mentoring program for the new graduates to help get them through their probationary period. We will be interviewing 12 new people tomorrow and Thursday. There are currently 30 probationary members.

No other business.

Motion by Zarafonitis, supported by Strait, to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wayne J. Kladder

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind