



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 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Chuck Korn at 897 Parsons Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Roll call – 6 members, a quorum

Chuck Korn, Garfield

Kay Schumacher, Garfield (excused)

Jeane Blood, Garfield Alternate

Glen Lile, East Bay

Butch Strait, East Bay

Frankie Zarafonitis, Acme

Wayne Kladder, Acme (excused)

Dorothy Dunville, Acme Alternate

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Parker, Chief

Brad Schnaidt, Asst. Chief/Fire Prevention

Terry Flynn, Asst. Chief/Ops

Meredith Hawes, Public Educator

Robin Ehardt, Accountant

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Korn amended the agenda to include the approval of two resolutions to be added under “Financial Report” and the annual report and four Record-Eagle articles to be added under “Correspondence.” **Motion** by Lile, supported by Dunville, to approve the agenda as amended. 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 had resolutions from two banks that she wanted to open accounts with to better diversify our funds – Members Credit Union and Honor State Bank. **Motion** by Strait, supported by Lile, to approve Resolution #2010-2 from Honor State Bank. Roll call: Dunville, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Korn, yes; Blood, yes. Motion carried. **Motion** by Dunville, supported by Blood, to approve Resolution #2010-1 from Members Credit Union. Roll call: Blood, yes; Korn, yes; Strait, yes; Lile, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Dunville, yes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: **Motion** by Lile, supported by Zarafonitis, to approve the prepaids in the amount of \$277,055.86 (check #5284-5317 with no voided checks) and the regular claims in the amount of \$74,395.67 (check #5318-5378 with no voided checks). Roll call: Dunville, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Korn, yes; Blood, yes. Motion carried.



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CORRESPONDENCE: See 2009 Juvenile Firesetter Program report and Metro Fire Department Annual report. Parker reported on the highlights of the Juvenile Firesetter program and the Metro Fire annual report. Parker also reported on the four Record-Eagle articles regarding a car fire in Garfield Township. Metro responded to that call and then went home after the fire was put out. One of the concerns was that Metro's response time was 6-7 minutes, but the Record-Eagle reported the response time as 28 minutes. The Record-Eagle also tried to say we were involved in a cover up due to the person that was involved in that car fire. Discussion.

REPORTS

CHIEF: See Metro Chief Report. Chief Parker reported they went down to Spencer in South Haven last Friday to pick up the new fire truck for Station 11.

ASST. CHIEF/FIRE PREVENTION: See Assistant Chief-FPB Monthly Report and Annual Report - 2009.

ASST. CHIEF/OPS-TRAINING: See Assistant Chief-OPS Report and March Training Schedule. Flynn showed a few pictures and talked about his one. week Advanced Chemical and Biological Class that he attended in Utah.

PUBLIC EDUCATOR: See Fire & Life Safety Public Education Report. Hawes reported on the letter from Leanne Baumeler regarding services for the deaf and hearing impaired and the Record-Eagle article in which Blair Elementary School debuts Risk Watch. State Fire Marshal Ron Farr wants us to participate in a train the trainer and to serve as a model for Risk Watch. TCAPS would like this to be included in the Michigan Model at the State Level. The success through the hearing impaired (see letter from Leanne Baumeler, GT Listen Program, dated 2/5/10) and the Outreach Disability programs has allowed us to continue funding through Quota International of Traverse City for another year in the amount of \$3500 for smoke detectors. Hawes reported that Metro was awarded the Rolf Jensen Award for \$5,000 for 2010. Only one award is given out every year and Metro was the one to receive it for 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

Station 12 Land Lease: Parker reported that Atty Chuck Judson recommended waiting until the Feds are ready to disburse the money and then do the title commitment for the park land and the Meadowland properties at the same time.

Station 12 Lighting Issue: Schnaidt reported on the LED lighting for the Station 12 project. LED lighting was the easiest way to comply with the requirements to get LEED Gold Certification. He was informed that it did not meet Garfield Township's ordinance and that the ordinance would have to be



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changed. The Garfield Planning Commission agreed to do a 1 year experiment, but we had to agree to go back to the original fixtures if someone complained. After recommendation by our lighting engineer, Schnaidt decided to go with HPS (High Pressure Sodium) and resubmitted it yesterday to see if we could still meet LEED Gold Certification. Discussion.

New Chief's Vehicle: Parker reported that his recommendation at the last Board meeting was to purchase a new vehicle through Voice Motors. The Board wanted him to check into buying a Ford and to check into state purchasing. Parker had a quote from Fox/Grand Traverse Ford, and he reported that the Michigan Purchase Program does not do state purchasing on the criteria that he needed. Discussion. **Motion** by Lile, supported by Zarafonitis, to authorize the Chief to purchase the vehicle from Fox/Grand Traverse Ford in the amount of \$34,947. Roll call: Dunville, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Korn, yes; Blood, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Strait, supported by Lile, to declare the old vehicle as surplus and sell it by sealed bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Zarafonitis, supported by Dunville, to accept the bid for the radios, lights/sirens from Grand Traverse Mobile Communications in the amount of \$11,478. Roll call: Dunville, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Korn, yes; Blood, yes. Motion carried.

Enforcement of Fire Prevention Ordinance: Discussion on doing the enforcement of the Fire Prevention Ordinance through the individual townships or through the Authority and the Prosecutor.

Motion by Strait, supported by Dunville, to table this issue until the next meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Township Valuation: The Board gave Metro some feedback on the tax tribunal cases and their opinion is that it is not getting better for at least the next couple of years.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Lile, supported by Zarafonitis, to adjourn . All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Vice Chair Chuck Korn

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind