



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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June 28, 2011

The regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority Board was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Chairman Wayne Kladder at Station 12, 2025 E. Silver Lake Road N, Traverse City, MI 49684.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll call – 6 members, a quorum
Wayne Kladder, Acme
Chuck Korn, Garfield
Glen Lile, East Bay

Frankie Zarafonitis, Acme
Bob Featherstone, Garfield
Butch Strait, East Bay

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Parker, Chief
Robin Ehardt, Accountant
Troy Holliday, Captain-Station 12

Rob Hentschel, County Liaison
Steve Ball, City Fire
Mike Onthank, City Fire

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Korn, supported by Strait, to approve the May 24, 2011, minutes as e-mailed. All ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: See financial report as presented. Ehardt reported they received the 1st payment invoice from Cherryland Electric for the new chassis.

2011 Budget Amendments: **Motion** by Korn, supported by Lile, to accept the 2011 budget amendments as presented. Roll call: Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Featherstone, yes; Korn, yes; Kladder, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: **Motion** by Lile, supported by Strait, to approve the prepays in the amount of \$53,618.98 (check #6817-6868 with no voided checks) and the regular claims in the amount of \$117,196.34 (check #6869-6938 with no voided checks); and the prepays for Station 12 in the amount of \$72,931.89 (check #1090-1093 with check #1090 voided – Garfield Zoning Bond not required) and the regular claims for Station 12 in the amount of \$34,720.75 (check #1094-1095 with no voided checks). Roll call: Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Featherstone, yes; Korn, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Kladder, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.



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CORRESPONDENCE: See the Record-Eagle article on the water line hookup dated 6/1/11, and the pension rate of return by investment for the period 5/1/10-4/30/11 for the Metro full-time employees. Parker reported that Metro will be offering the deferred compensation program (457) to the part-time employees in July.

REPORTS

CHIEF: See Chief Report. Parker reported he is working with the Road Commission for right of way to build the memorial for the WTC artifact at Parsons Road. After the Cherry Festival, Metro will be creating a website to try to raise funds to create the monument. Parker also reported that he talked with Wayne Schmidt regarding the health care question for public employer's insurance cap (House Bill 4572). Schmidt said they will be discussing this bill today and that he thinks it may go through; however, it would not take effect until January 2013. The House Bill 4572 states that a public entity shall pay no more of the annual premium than \$5,000 for single, \$10,000 for two person, \$13,000 for family, or have an 80% cap. Parker reported that the Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal position has been posted in the Record-Eagle on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and the Record-Eagle put the ad on Monster.com. He also had the ad put in the Michigan Fire Chief Magazine.

ASST. CHIEF/FIRE PREVENTION: Position currently vacant.

ASST. CHIEF/OPS-TRAINING: See Assistant Chief-OPS Report and July Training Schedule.

PUBLIC EDUCATOR: See Fire & Life Safety Public Education Monthly Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Station 12 Update - Status of Construction: Advantage Design had the #10 draw for payment (see letter from Jack Knol dated 6/3/11). They expect two more draws. Discussion on applying for the 5% draw money from the Feds. Parker reported that Atty Chuck Judson is checking into this matter. He also reported that we received the Certificate of Occupancy from Garfield Township, and we are waiting for LEED certification.

Enforcement of Fire Prevention Ordinance: The Metro Board had a special meeting on Wednesday, June 15th, to discuss the fire prevention ordinance. Parker said a redraft of the ordinance was pending due from this meeting. Parker recapped the main points of the special meeting and said he will have a proposed ordinance for the next board meeting.



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NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Preliminary Budget: Ehardt went over the timeline for the 2012 budget (see 2012 Budget Timeline dated 6/23/11) and the assumptions (see 2012 Budget Assumptions/Issues dated 6/23/11). The Board said to set up a special budget meeting in July after the Cherry Festival.

Requests for Non-related Services: Parker informed the Board that Metro periodically gets miscellaneous, non-fire related requests from the public from changing the flag on their flagpoles and taking cats out of the tree to filling their swimming pools. He just got a call the other day from a lady who had a duck in her fireplace. Parker has been informing them that we cannot do those types of calls as we are an all hazards dept and cannot do it unless it is a true emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No other business. **Motion** by Korn, supported by Zarafonitis, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wayne J. Kladder

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind