



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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September 27, 2011

The regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Wayne Kladder at 897 Parsons Road, Traverse City, MI.

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
Terry Flynn, Asst. Chief
Meredith Hawes, Public Educator
Robin Ehardt, Accountant

Brian Belcher, Interim Fire Marshal
Tony Posey, Sta 1 Captain
Adam Drewery, Sta 1 Lt.
Rob Hentschel, County Liaison

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Featherstone, supported by Lile, to approve the August 23, 2011 minutes as e-mailed. All ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: See financial report as presented. Ehardt reported on the debt balances (see bank debt summary dated 9/22/2011). She would like to pay off the outstanding debt balances with cash from the PIF account and then pay back the PIF account from the general fund. This would save \$12,000 in interest over the next three years. She would also run this by the attorney and the auditors. **Motion** by Korn, supported by Zarafonitis, to proceed if there is no prepayment penalty. Roll call: Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Featherstone, yes; Korn, yes, Kladder, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Parker reported that they were setting up a PayPal account for donations toward the Trade Center artifact and not through our own account. An artifact website exists already -- GT911artifact.com.



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CLAIMS: **Motion** by Lile, supported by Featherstone, to approve the prepays in the amount of \$50,926.74 (check #7127-7173 with no voided checks) and the regular claims in the amount of \$56,344.20 (check #7174-7236 with no voided checks). Roll call: Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Featherstone, yes; Korn, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Kladder, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lile, supported by Zarafonitis, to pay the regular claims for Station 12 in the amount of \$128,017.29 (check #1108-1110 with no voided checks). Roll call: Strait, yes; Featherstone, yes; Korn, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Kladder, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: See letter to Michael Dillenbeck dated 9/15/11 regarding the Soil & Erosion permit that is still open.

The grant through the GT Band was turned down (see letter dated 9/19/11).

See the World Trade Center Artifact brochure and pictures from the 9/11 memorial service.

Local teacher, Jodi Scott, received the first annual Teacher of the Year award from the Michigan Fire Inspector Society for her dedication and partnership with the GT Metro Fire Department and the Grand Traverse Risk Watch Coalition (see news release dated 9/21/11).

See special tributes from the State of Michigan for the grand opening of Station 12 and 9-11/artifact.

R E P O R T S

CHIEF: See Chief Report.

ASST. CHIEF/FIRE PREVENTION: No report.

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

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

2012 Budget Approval at 2.1: Discussion. **Motion** by Korn, supported by Featherstone, to approve the Amended 2012 Budget. Roll call: Featherstone, yes; Korn, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Kladder, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: ***Cap on Health Insurance:*** (Kladder moved this item up due to Accountant needing to leave early). See Senate Bill No. 7 from the State of Michigan which is waiting for the Governor's signature. The bill states for medical benefit plan coverage years beginning on or after January 1, 2012 a public employer shall pay not more than 80% of the total annual costs of all the medical benefit plans it offers or contributes to for its employees and elected public officials, or have a cap of \$5,500 for single, \$11,000 for married, or \$15,000 for family. Discussion on opting out. Ehardt did a scenario with the two approaches (see Impact of Senate Bill No. 7 dated 9/22/2011). The Board said to get health care proposals from different people.



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OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of GTMESA Sta12 Bldg Committee Actions: Strait reported that they had a committee meeting to finalize everything. See Building Committee meeting minutes dated 9/17/11. **Motion** by Strait, supported by Zarafonitis, to approve Change Order #16 which confirms a new and final contract sum for Station 12 in the amount of \$2,250,341.94 with the general contractor; and to accept and approve all prior actions of the GTMESA Station 12 Building Committee in the administration of the Station 12 building contract with Hallmark Construction. Roll call: Korn, yes; Zarafonitis, yes; Lile, yes; Strait, yes; Featherstone, yes; Kladder, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Prevention Ordinance: Discussion on the draft ordinance. The Board said to set up a study session to go over the changes in the Fire Prevention Code and to have the interim and/or new Fire Marshal in the meeting.

Cost Recovery Ordinance: Parker reported on the proposed Cost Recovery Ordinance (see Emergency Services Charges Ordinance). Discussion. Parker is still working on getting more information from other entities and will bring back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

NGO Fundraising at Metro Stations: Parker reported that NGO organizations want to hold fundraisers for the public at our stations. Judson said it was legal. Discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No other business. **Motion** by Korn, supported by Zarafonitis, to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wayne J. Kladder

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind