



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

FIRE OFFICE 897 Parsons Road – Traverse City, MI 49686

Phone: (231) 947-3000 Fax: (231) 947-8728 – Website: www.gtmetrofire.org Email: info@gtmetrofire.org

August 23, 2016

The regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairperson Beth Friend at Acme Township, 6042 Acme Street, Williamsburg, Michigan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - recited

Roll call – 6 members, a quorum

Chuck Korn, Garfield (late)

Glen Lile, East Bay

Jay Zollinger, Acme

Jean Blood-Law, Garfield Alternate

Bob Featherstone, Garfield (excused)

Beth Friend, East Bay

Paul Scott, Acme

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Parker, Chief

Robin Ehardt, Accountant

Troy Holliday, Capt

Steve Meek, Lt

Chris Comeaux, Lt.

Adam Drewery, Lt.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Friend moved EMS, Station 8, and mutual aid from the “Chief’s Report” to “Old Business.” **Motion** by Zollinger, supported by Lile, to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Stand as approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Parker presented Troy Holliday with a plaque after receiving his certificate for successfully completing the two year Managing Officer Program through the U.S. Fire Administration’s National Fire Academy.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial report as presented.

Budget Amendments: **Motion** by Zollinger, supported by Blood-Law, to approve the budget amendments as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: **Motion** by Lile, supported by Scott, to approve the prepaids in the amount of \$18,580.92 (check #13116-13136 – with no voided checks) and the regular claims in the amount of \$39,777.11 (check #13137-13193 – with no voided checks). Roll call: Lile, yes; Zollinger, yes; Scott, yes; Blood-Law, yes; Friend, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

FIRE OFFICE 897 Parsons Road – Traverse City, MI 49686

Phone: (231) 947-3000 Fax: (231) 947-8728 – Website: www.gtmetrofire.org Email: Info@gtmetrofire.org

MESA MINS/Page 2

August 23, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE: See the letter dated August 5, 2016, from Michigan Township Participating Plan (MTPP) approving a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for video equipment for the vehicles.

See the EMW Turndown letter dated August 10, 2016, from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Chuck Korn arrived.

REPORTS

CHIEF: See Chief Report.

ASST. CHIEF/OPS-TRAINING: See Asst. Chief/OPS Report.

ASST. CHIEF/FIRE MARSHAL: See Asst. Chief/Fire Marshal- Fire Prevention Bureau Report and Fire and Life Safety Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

EMS Transport: Parker met with Supervisor Glen Lile and Tim Newton, Ambulance Director for East Bay, and talked about some collaborative efforts they may be able to do. They will have a planning meeting after the September 12th meeting takes place with NorthFlight (Mark, Sue and the new NF director Daryl Case). Lile said they broke it down into 2 steps: Is getting into the transport business possible and what would it look like; and then what would the cost be. The subcommittee will meet after the September 12th meeting and before the regular Metro Board meeting. Discussion.

New Station 8: Parker and Zollinger met with Paul Soma and Catherine, Bldgs & Property and Capital Supervisor, from TCAPS. They walked through and around the Bertha Vos School building to see if it can be retrofitted or should it be torn down. It has tribal water next door and county sewer in front and sits on five acres. The Chief's recommendation would be to get with John Dancer, our architect, and spend a minimal amount of money to see what we could do for a fire station. Discussion. Regarding the tribal site, they have to set up another meeting with the tribe to see where they are with the process. They have a new tribal board and are operating as a new board. Zollinger has briefly talked with the new tribal chairman, Sam, about our interest. We need another meeting with them to see if they are willing to move ahead or not. The tribe originally brought the site to us before the new tribal board took over. Discussion. Parker to create a spreadsheet with the different locations that they are looking at, with no parcel identification, and bring it back next month.

Mutual Aid Cost Recovery: We billed the City and they responded with a letter that stated unless we amend our mutual aid agreement they won't pay the bill. Parker sent the letter to Metro Attorney Haider and he agrees with the City Manager. We will amend our mutual aid agreement with the City and then send them the bill. We will identify the mutual aid agreements we have with the other fire departments by October and then update them also.



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

FIRE OFFICE 897 Parsons Road ~ Traverse City, MI 49686

Phone: (231) 947-3000 Fax: (231) 947-8728 ~ Website: www.gtmetrofire.org Email: Info@gtmetrofire.org

MESA MINS/Page 3

August 23, 2016

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANY SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS: Station 8 land acquisition, mutual aid agreement updates, and Station 8 accommodations/sleeping quarters. Discussion on Station 8 sleeping quarters.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Parker reported that the Fallen Firefighters Foundation sent a thank you to the Board for the purchase of a brick at the Fire Academy in Terry Flynn's name. The brick will go in the ground this October.

He also reported there will be no official 9/11 ceremony this year since it falls on Sunday. A press release will go out that the GT Metro 9/11 Memorial Park is open for anyone who wants to stop by for reflections of the day.

Parker reported we received an invoice last month from the City of Traverse City for \$1,185 for the HazMat fee. We have a very qualified HazMat team so we are not going to pay this anymore. Discussion.

EQUIPMENT DEMO: A live burn demo will be done after the meeting.

There being no objections, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairperson Beth Friend at 10:22 a.m.

Chairperson Beth Friend

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind