



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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November 22, 2016

The regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairperson Beth Friend at 897 Parsons Road, Traverse City, Michigan.

A moment was taken in silence to remember Bob Featherstone, a Garfield Twp. Trustee and Metro Board member, who had recently passed away.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - recited

Roll call – 6 members, a quorum

Chuck Korn, Garfield (excused)

Glen Lile, East Bay

Jay Zollinger, Acme

Jeane Blood-Law, Garfield Alternate

Beth Friend, East Bay

Paul Scott, Acme

Lanie McManus, Garfield

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Parker, Chief

Brian Belcher, Asst. Chief-Fire Marshal/FP

Steve Apostal, Asst. Chief-OPS

Robin Ehardt, Accountant

Nick Lemcool, Lt.

Spencer Scanlon, FF

Chris Comeaux, Lt.

Kyle Clute, Lt.

Adam Drewery, Lt.

Steve Meek, Lt.

Daren Mansfield, FF

PUBLIC COMMENT: Parker introduced Daryl Case the new manager of NorthFlight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Zollinger, supported by Scott, to approve the agenda as emailed. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Stand as approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial report as presented.

CLAIMS: **Motion** by Zollinger, supported by Lile, to approve the prepays in the amount of \$46,798.51 (check #13401-13429 – with no voided checks) and the regular claims, ***amended to include additional claims, in the amount of \$57,851.98 (check #13430-13497 – with voided checks: Check #13374-company changed legal name when they changed banks. Had to reissue check in new name and check #13365 –fire boots returned for less expensive pair). Roll call: Lile, yes; Zollinger, yes; McManus, yes; Scott, yes; Blood-Law, yes; Friend, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.



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CORRESPONDENCE: See letter and certificate of appreciation from the Michigan State Police, dated October 31, 2016, for participating in the 2016 Prepare Fair at Target on September 8, 2016.

See Record-Eagle article, dated 11/20/16, regarding getting a Court conviction and restitution on an arson case where a Grand Traverse County condominium was set on fire.

REPORTS

CHIEF: See Chief Report. Parker read a thank you note from Peggy Featherstone for the flowers and support from Metro. He also reported that the ISO Slayer will be here on December 11-14th.

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

ASST. CHIEF/FIRE MARSHAL: No Asst. Chief/Fire Marshal- Fire Prevention Bureau Report due to vacation. See Fire and Life Safety Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Station 9 Accommodations/Sleeping Quarters Update: See drawings from Cornerstone Architects. Belcher reported that Option 1, that was more inclusive for the future, came in very high (\$160,000-\$200,000) so they went back to the Architect to scale back. Option 2 came in \$35,000-\$40,000 but would be a very short term solution. Option 2 also would depend on what East Bay EMS's plans are going to be for the future. They would like to take Option 1 and revamp with less changes. East Bay has committed to helping with some of the costs. Discussion. Metro will sit down with Tim Newton, East Bay EMS, to find out what his plans are for the future. Metro would like to reinstitute their residency program and have a firefighter live at the station.

EMS Status: Parker will bring the EMS transport plan to the December board meeting. He is working on collaboration with EMS. They have 9 items they are working on. Daryl Case, NF manager, spoke and said that NF is looking at every possibility. Discussion. Parker said that Metro needs to move forward or put this issue away for a few years.

Tax Tribunal Adjustments (tabled from last meeting): See "Other Accrual-Tax Tribunals" dated 11/21/16 and Resolution 2012-03 Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of GTMESA. Friend reported that while looking at the funding in the Articles of Incorporation it was noticed that there was an amendment that was passed which allowed for tax tribunal adjustments. The Articles of Incorporation had a finite number amount to contribute to Metro. Chuck Judson, Atty, went through that in his memo dated 2011. In 2012, the amendment (Resolution 2012-03)



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(Tax Tribunal Adjustments – Con't)

was passed to allow for any tax tribunals that were successful to allow the Townships to go back to Metro for reimbursement for their portion of that amount. The Resolution when adopted by the Metro Board did not go out to all of the three townships for approval, therefore the Articles of Incorporation were not officially amended. The two options are: 1) continue to allow for the tax abatements and take the Resolution to the three Townships to be passed and amend the Articles, or 2) rescind the amendment/Resolution if it is not the route we want to take anymore. Discussion. **Motion** by Blood-Law, supported by McManus, that the Resolution 2012-03, the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for Metro which deals with special assessments and tax tribunals, be forwarded to the three townships for formal approval. (A five minute recess was taken 10:42-10:47 to allow for viewing the Resolution). Discussion on Bullet #1 in the Resolution. The County makes the Townships whole so why are they going for reimbursement. The wording was confusing. Roll call: Zollinger, no; McManus, yes; Scott, no; Blood-Law, yes; Lile, no; Friend, no. 2 yes, 4 no. Motion failed.

Discussion. **Motion** by Lile, supported by Zollinger, to rescind Resolution 2012-03. Roll call: McManus, no; Scott, yes, Blood-Law, no; Lile, yes; Zollinger, yes; Friend, yes. 4 yes, 2 no. Motion rescinded. From this day on there will not be any reimbursement for tribunal adjustments. McManus said that she was informed by Chuck Korn that they all had to agree or disagree since this deals with money. If one did not want this to happen, then it does not. Friend said that the motion stands as approved but if this is an incorrect motion, it will come back to the Board. They will have Metro's Attorney investigate the Resolution & Articles of Incorporation on the motion and the wording of the Resolution and will bring back the legal opinion to the Board in December.

LIAA Contractor Fees for Videotaping: The Metro Board was ok with making the payments upfront to LIAA for videotaping of \$1,400.00.

2017 COLA Wage Increase: Parker reported that 2% for labor was budgeted for 2017. Discussion on the COLA index. The Board made a motion earlier in the year to use the State of Michigan inflation rate multiplier as our guide. **Motion** by Lile, supported by Blood-Law, to give the wage increase of 2% for the Metro employees for 2017. Roll call: Scott, yes; Blood-Law, yes; Lile, yes; Zollinger, yes; McManus, yes; Friend, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANY SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:
Election of 2017 Officers and clarification on Resolution/Articles of Incorporation



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PUBLIC COMMENT: Sue Courtade, East Bay Twp Clerk, addressed the Board. Adam Drewery, as a representative for the full-time suppression firefighters, thanked the Board for the 2% cola increase for 2017.

There being no objections, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chairperson Beth Friend at 11:20 a.m.

Chairperson Beth Friend

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind