



# GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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May 22, 2018

The regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jay Zollinger at Acme Township Hall, 6042 Acme Street, Williamsburg, Michigan.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - recited**

Roll call – 6 members, a quorum

Beth Friend, East Bay

Jay Zollinger, Acme

Chuck Korn, Garfield

Glen Lile, East Bay

Darryl Nelson, Acme

Dan Walters, Garfield

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Pat Parker, Chief

Brian Belcher, Asst. Chief-Fire Marshal/FP

Steve Apostal, Asst, Chief-OPS

Robin Ehardt, Accountant

Haider Kazim, Metro Attorney

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Stand approved with no changes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Financial report as presented.

**CLAIMS:** **Motion** by Korn, supported by Friend, to approve the claims as presented on the corrected sheet (Total Claims of \$155,084.72 – check #15195-15297). Roll call: Korn, yes; Friend, yes; Walters, yes; Lile, yes; Nelson, yes; Zollinger, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

See the Cost Recovery Report for April 2018.

See the two 2018 Grand Traverse County Tax Reports. The change in taxable value was up for the three townships.

See the MOU's between Metro and the GT Band- before and after signature. The changes made were in #VII- Liability.

Metro did a walk-through with the crews. They created a new box – 84 at Central Dispatch, and MMR will be responding instead of NorthFlight.



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## 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 & Life Safety Report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Station 9 Remodel – Budget Adjustment***: See “Metro Authority Board May 22, 2018 Agenda Item – Station 9 Remodel.” Parker reported that the contractor, Riggs Construction, is still available for the same price. There was a question about having an affirmative vote from each Township for a budget amendment. See Atty. Haider Kazim’s opinion letter dated May 15, 2018. Kazim reported on his opinion letter. Metro can find \$22,550 from line item 977.00 (Machinery and Equipment) and move it to line item 976.001 (Building Improvement). The remaining \$22,550 will come out of Fund Balance. Discussion. **Motion** by Friend, supported by Lile, to approve Resolution 2018-03-- 2018 Budget Amendment #2 with the modification of the General Fund - 970 Capital Outlay being modified to \$22,550 instead of the \$45,100. Korn said that it was the consensus of the Garfield Board that he should not support it and he should vote “no”, so he could not support this motion. Roll call: Friend, yes; Walters, no; Lile, yes; Nelson, no; Korn, no; Zollinger, no. 2 yes, 4 no. Motion failed. Friend asked why Garfield would not support it and what it would take for their support. She gave some alternatives to move this project forward and not hold it up. The Chairman said it would be appreciated if the Garfield Rep could come back with some clarification as to why he cannot support it, if his Board and he chooses to do so. Friend, Walters, and Parker gave their opinions on the remodel and the budget. They will have discussions at the Township level and come back to Parker if they want it on the agenda in the future.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

***Fire Truck Purchase***: Parker reported on the need for a new fire truck (see Metro Authority Board May 22, 2018 – Agenda Item – Fire Truck Purchase). He and Robin went out for the financing. He also reported that he talked with Tony at Cherryland Electric. We can go for a grant through the Rural Electric Co-op and can get the loan interest free. He asked the Board for approval to move forward with this project with the formal presentation in June. **Motion** by Lile, supported by Korn, to allow Metro to move forward and to bring back in June a formal proposal to purchase a new fire truck. Metro staff will research the funding and truck and bring back a recommendation. Roll call: Walters, yes; Lile, yes; Nelson, yes; Korn, yes; Friend; yes; Zollinger, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Darryl Case, NorthFlight, reported on the status of the NorthFlight vehicles and staffing.



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***Any Suggested Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings:***

Updating Mutual Aid charges to make appropriate for situation.

Townships are raising money under Act 33 and distributing under Act 57. Townships may have to change their assessments to the correct Act if necessary. Look for the original opinion from Chuck Judson. Haider will research this issue.

Capital improvement and leases. Discussion.

The Board wanted a special board meeting to be set up to discuss capital improvements and the leases. Schwind will send out some dates for the meeting by "Doodle."

Public Comment: Jeane Blood Law, Garfield Twp Board Member & Metro Board Alternate, addressed the Metro Board.

Equipment Demo: None

There being no objections, meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Jay Zollinger at 10:23 a.m.

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Chairman Jay Zollinger

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Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind