



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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December 17, 2018

The special study session of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Jay Zollinger at Metro Station 12, 2025 E. Silver Lake Road N, Traverse City, MI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: recited

The following Board members were in attendance:

Beth Friend, East Bay
Jay Zollinger, Acme
Chuck Korn, Garfield

Glen Lile, East Bay
Darryl Nelson, Acme
Dan Walters, Garfield

Also in attendance:

Pat Parker, Chief
Steve Apostal, Asst. Chief-OPS
Steve Duell, Garfield
Haider Kazim, Metro Atty.

Brian Belcher, Asst. Chief-Fire Marshal/FP
Jeane Blood-Law, Garfield
Lanie McManus, Garfield
Andrea Hentschel, East Bay

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Nelson, supported by Lile, to approve the December 4, 2018, special study session minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

This special board meeting was held for continued review of the Articles of Incorporation.

The Articles of Incorporation Spreadsheet was updated to include the “Resolved and Open Items” column. Also, the preliminary definitions from Garfield and Acme on capital improvements/repairs was distributed to the Board members. Discussion continued regarding the open issues in the updated Articles of Incorporation Spreadsheet.

XIII- Property

Capital expenditures – Discussion. Haider reported that it is part of the lease agreement and the Articles of Incorporation does not need to be changed. He also reported that on Metro’s behalf if the Townships pay capital improvement: What is the role of Metro? Will they have a say? If Metro is using the facility, where does Metro fit in? Discussed needing a definition of capital improvement. Chuck wants to go back to the Garfield Township Board.



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XV: Financing the Authority

Taxable Value Schedule --- Handed out Zollinger's PowerPoint flow chart to show critical dates for budgeting. Discussed using GT County's Distribution & Settlement Report (ex: for the 2020 Budget, use the 2018 Distribution and Settlement Report that comes in March 2019). Haider does not think the Articles need changing. All Townships to take back to their Boards.

VIII – Governing Board

Affirmative vote from each Township -- Discussed having an affirmative vote from each Township and what issues would or would not require an affirmative vote from each township. Also, discussed material deviation in relationship to the budget. Haider said this would have to be changed in the Articles of Incorporation. One alternative is the language could be removed from the Articles and created as a policy. Friend said that East Bay Twp does not want the Articles of Incorporation changed. Friend from East Bay Township said if the Articles are opened, then they want to discuss Article #15 -Funding the Authority – What is the best practices out there to fund the Fire Dept.

OUTCOME: The issues that will be taken back to the Township Boards for further discussion: 1) Capital Expenditures for better definition; 2) Taxable Value Schedule using Distribution & Settlement Report; and 3) Governing Board issues on voting.

Schwind to send out a “Doodle” for another Metro study session to be held after January 14, 2019 and before January 22, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Chairman Jay Zollinger

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind