



# GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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November 27, 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 Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI.

## **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  
Steve Apostal, Asst. Chief-OPS

Robin Ehardt, Accountant  
Jen Ritter, Fire & Life Safety Public Educator

**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:** The minutes stand approved with no changes.

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

**Budget Adjustments-Approval of Resolution #2018-07:** **Motion** by Friend, supported by Nelson, to approve Resolution #2018-07. Roll call: Korn, yes; Walters, yes; Lile, yes; Friend, yes; Nelson, yes; Zollinger, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** **Motion #1:** **Motion** by Nelson, supported by Friend, to approve the G.T. Diesel claims in the amount of \$490.13 (check #15834). Roll call: Lile, yes; Friend, yes; Nelson, yes; Korn, yes; Zollinger, yes; Walters refrained. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion #2:** **Motion** by Lile, supported by Korn, to approve the prepaids and regular claims (minus GT Diesel check #15834) in the total amount of \$127,428.54 (check #15774-15876). Roll call: Friend, yes; Nelson, yes; Korn, yes; Walters yes; Lile, yes; Zollinger, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion #3:** **Motion** by Friend, supported by Nelson, to approve New Engine 11 Claims in the amount of \$14,185.09 (check #1113-1119). Roll call: Nelson, yes; Korn, yes; Walters, yes; Lile, yes; Friend, yes; Zollinger, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.



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## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

See the Cost Recovery Report for October.

Final copy of the Metro calendar that was approved last month (December meeting was changed).

## **REPORTS**

**CHIEF:** See Chief Report. Parker reported that our purchasing and bid policy states that contracts shall be for a three-year period. We have been with Haider and CMDA since May of 2015. Do we extend or go out for proposals? The Board said to send an RFP out the beginning of next year.

**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. Belcher was out of town, and Jen Ritter, Fire and Life Safety Public Educator, went over her report.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Study Session Status on Articles of Incorporation:*** Zollinger reported that the last study session on October 31<sup>st</sup> was cancelled -- Schwind to send out a “Doodle” request for another study session as soon as we can in December. Zollinger reported there is an article in the Record-Eagle today about Metro/Garfield and asked the board to look at it if they have not yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

***COLA Adjustment:*** See Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority 2018 COLA Analysis 2019 Budget, dated 11/20/18. Parker would like to propose that the Board approve a 2.5% cost of living wage increase for 2019. Korn reported he was at a meeting at Economic Outlook Breakfast and they had a speaker from Chemical Bank who compared wage increases averages from across the country to cost of living. Wages are far outstripping cost of living so if we are just doing COLA we are not keeping up. He recommends next year we look at something other than just COLA. and said he would like Metro to look at something other than COLA next year, perhaps into merit based.

**Motion** by Nelson, supported by Lile, to approve a 2.5% wage increase. Friend asked about the health care/dental and vision that was budgeted for 2019. In light of the savings Metro had with the health care, she recommended the board consider going to a 3% increase. Discussion. Roll call: Korn, yes; Walters, no; Lile, yes; Friend, no; Nelson, yes; Zollinger, no. 3 yes; 3 no. Motion failed.



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**Motion** by Friend, supported by Zollinger, to adjust the 2019 budget for a 3% increase in Personnel Services Cost Center. Discussion. Roll call: Walters, yes; Lile, yes; Friend, yes; Nelson, yes; Korn, yes; Zollinger, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Parker asked the Board if they could set the study session meeting as soon as they could.

*Any Suggested Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings:* None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeane Blood, Garfield Treasurer and Metro Board alternate, addressed the Metro Board.

There being no objections, meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Jay Zollinger at 9:57 a.m.

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Chairman Jay Zollinger

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Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind