



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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The special study session of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jay Zollinger at 897 Parsons Road, Traverse City, MI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: recited

The following Board members were in attendance:

Beth Friend, East Bay	Glen Lile, East Bay
Jay Zollinger, Acme	Darryl Nelson, Acme
Chuck Korn, Garfield (excused)	Dan Walters, Garfield

Also in attendance were:

Pat Parker, Chief	Molly Agostinelli, Garfield
Tracey Bartlett, East Bay	Matt Courtade, 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 Lile, supported by Friend, to approve the September 17, 2018, Special Study Session minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

COUNSEL’S MEMO DATED OCTOBER 11, 2018:

- 1) **Entering into Contracts or Agreements** – (page 2). It was the Attorney’s recommendation to amend Article XVII as follows: “The Authority may enter into contracts or agreements with any municipality, public agency, or other governmental entity, pursuant to Act 57; The Urban Cooperation Act, Act 7, Public Acts of Michigan 1967, as amended; Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended; or any other applicable Michigan law for purposes of, among other things, providing emergency services to such municipality, public agency, or governmental entity. Any such contract or agreement shall raise sufficient funds to pay for the services provided by the Authority.”
- 2) **Term Limits of the Metro Chair** -- (page 3). It was the Attorney’s recommendation to amend Article VIII to include the following: “Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Chairperson shall not service more than two (2) consecutive terms in his/her capacity as Chairperson of the Board.”



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- 3) **Interpretation Regarding the Time Period Available to the Incorporation Townships to Review, Consider, Comment, and Approve the Annual Budget** -- (page 4). It was the Attorney's recommendation to amend Article XII as follows: "The Board shall adopt the proposed budget by a majority vote of the members of the Board in such a manner as to assure submission of the proposed budget to the incorporating municipalities no later than **July 31** of each year. (Amended language emphasized.)

Discussion continued on the open issues:

- 1) **The Makeup of the Board** — Discussed a 7th member at large and having one (1) affirmative vote from each Township on budget items.
- 2) **Tax Tribunals** – Discussed raising Metro's fire millage to pay out tribunal cases or have Metro become a Taxing Authority.
- 3) **Capital Improvements** – Discussed whether Metro or the Townships pay for capital improvements on Township owned buildings.

Molly Agostinelli, Tracey Bartlett, and Matt Courtade gave input into the discussion.

OUTCOME: After much discussion, the Metro Board reps will take these three issues back to their respective Township Boards for discussion.

Metro Chief to come up with the criteria for a 7th member at large.

Schwind will set up another Metro study session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Chairman Jay Zollinger

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind