



# GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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## AMENDED MINUTES

April 9, 2019

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 Admin Office, 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	Steve Duell, Garfield (excused)
Molly Agostinelli, Garfield Alt.	

Also in attendance:

Pat Parker, Chief	Brian Belcher, Asst. Chief-Fire Marshal/FP
Steve Apostal, Asst. Chief-OPS	Robin Ehardt, Accountant
Jean Aukerman, Acme Bd Trustee	Lanie McManus, Garfield Bd Trustee
Tracy Bartlett, East Bay Bd Trustee	Jeane Blood-Law, Garfield Bd Trustee
Sue Courtade, East Bay Bd Trustee	Haider Kazim, Metro Atty.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-March 25 and 27, 2019 special board minutes:** Motion by Korn, supported by Lile, to approve the March 25 and 27, 2019 special board minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **This special board meeting was held for continued review of the Articles of Incorporation on the open issues.**

Zollinger reported that the excel spreadsheet on the Articles of Incorporation was updated and the two issues remaining are the voting and the funding.

Korn went back to the Garfield Township Board after the last Metro board meeting of March 25<sup>th</sup> to work on some language that they would feel comfortable with on the affirmative vote that would go into the Articles of Incorporation. He passed out a document with the proposed language that showed the current language and an Option 1 and Option 2. Option 1 was the preferred option by Garfield Township. When asked if Garfield Board would approve Option 2, Korn said that he believes it is acceptable by his Board. Under Option 2, there was a change made from the previous meeting. Number “C” went from .75% down to .50%. Korn said he would like



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these put into the Articles of Incorporation, not By-Laws. Nelson asked if the .50% was changed to .75%, would Garfield Township go along with it. Agostinelli was quite sure that the Garfield Board would go along with it. Discussion on whether it should be put in the Articles of Incorporation or into By-Laws, which the By-Laws would still have to be created. Nelson suggested as a compromise to leave the funding issue as is and put 100% of Option #2 (which is the same as the Summary from the March 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting) in the Articles of Incorporation with the .50% going to .75%. Discussion. Friend said she would agree to all the items in the Summary be put in the Articles of Incorporation with the .75% being changed to 1% and leave the funding the same. Korn said he would take it back to his Board at their meeting tonight. Lile asked Garfield if they would rescind the Resolution to Withdraw from Metro at their meeting tonight contingent upon the three Townships agreeing. Agostinelli said if they all agreed today at the Metro board meeting, they could rescind the Resolution tonight at their Township Board meeting if their Board is in agreement, and contingent upon the other 2 townships agreeing. The consensus of the Metro Board was to take this back to all three Township Boards.

## **OUTCOME:**

The Metro Board members will take the proposal back to their Township Boards of leaving the funding issue as is and putting the Summary from March 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting with  $\frac{3}{4}$ % changed to 1% and putting all of the items in the Articles of Incorporation. Garfield Township Board will consider rescinding their Resolution to Leave Metro contingent upon the other two townships agreement of this proposal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeane Blood-Law, Garfield Twp Treasurer, addressed the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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Chairman Jay Zollinger

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Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind

(4-26-19 Amendment to Minutes – Added Atty. Haider Kazim to “Attendance” and changed all 50% and 75% to .50% and .75%)