

SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL/TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2025
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Le Grand City Council and Le Grand Township Trustees met in special session at 2:00 PM on December 18, 2025 at the Monet Center with Mayor Jodi L Abrahams presiding. Roll Call: Jodi L Abrahams, Judy Cecak, Don Weitzell. Todd Parrish Township Roll Call: Chuck Grove, Carl Rasmussen, Rob Schrader, Rhonda Hendricks, Township Clerk. Also Attending: KyLee Stone, City Clerk/Treasurer, Brad Weitzell, Assistant Fire Chief. Attending Virtually: Spencer Wolf- EMS Director, Tyler Humpfer- Assistant EMS Director. 5 citizens attending.

Cecak motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion regarding the FY27 Fire Budget. Clerk supplied Township and Council with the Fire and EMS budget worksheets that had been submitted to her, as well as her worksheets. Weitzell stated that the amounts for certain line amounts have been shifted to maintain the budget. Mayor Abrahams informed that the Fire Department requested budget amount is the same as FY26 request, which is \$43,000.00. Hendricks questioned why there was more money put in the uniform line. T Parrish stated that the funds were taken from the pay line and placed in the uniform line to allow for the purchase of the t-shirts and sweatshirts for current members. B Weitzell questioned the longevity pay that the State is offering. The Clerk mentioned that she had spoken with other clerks and no one really has a clear answer on how the program works, but if the information that has been gathered is correct, then the program may not be beneficial to the City. B Weitzell said this program now has a portal, and he will email the link for the City to review. Two sets of bunker gear are typically budgeted for annually. There are three volunteers that are needing bunker gear replaced. T Parrish stated that a maintenance item that would be coming up is tire replacements. They run around \$600 for each tire, and the current tires are 23-year-old and are not able to be rotated. Mayor asked if there were any more questions or concerns regarding the FY27 Fire Department Budget. D Weitzell made a motion to approve the FY27 Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$43,000.00. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: Cooling-Y, Cecak-Y, Weitzell-Y. T Parrish - Abstains because he is on the Fire Department and if elected, will be the new Fire Chief. 3-1. Carried. Mayor opened the discussion regarding the FY27 EMS Budget. Mayor confirmed that they are requesting \$10,800, which is the same amount as FY26 EMS Budget. R Schrader with the Township asked for clarification on the difference between Operational Equipment Repair and Minor Equipment. T Humpfer stated that Operational Equipment Repair is for the maintenance and service on the Tahoe, and the minor equipment would be more for things like medical supplies. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the FY27 EMS Budget. L Cooling motioned to approve FY27 EMS Budget in the amount of \$10,800.00. Seconded by T Parrish. Roll Call: Weitzell-Y, Cecak-Y, Cooling-Y, Parrish-Y. 4-0. Carried.

J Cecak mentioned that she would like to see any funds received from controlled burns go back to the City and into an account for Fire Equipment. R Schrader with the Township asked if the volunteers were getting paid for a controlled burn. T Parrish stated that a controlled burn is for training purpose, but not counted as a training for volunteer pay. T Parrish stated that they also do not invoice for controlled burns they just ask for a donation. Mayor mentioned that the current Fire Equipment Fund is in the Capital Reserve Fund, and the funds would have to be activated at budget time. Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. J Cecak motioned to adjourn. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 2:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone City Clerk/Treasurer. Minutes published prior to approval.