

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

Minutes

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

9:00AM Via Zoom

PRESENT:

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp - Nicholai
Augusta Twp - Music
Belleville - Loranger
Chelsea - Arbin
Clinton - N/A
Dexter Area - Smith

Green Oak Twp - Gentry
Hamburg Twp - N/A
Manchester Twp - N/A
Milan Area - Stevens
Northfield Twp - N/A
Pittsfield Twp - Gleason
Putnam Twp - N/A
Salem Twp - Rachwal

Saline Area - N/A
Scio Twp - Houde
South Lyon - Vogel
Sumper Twp - N/A
Superior Twp - N/A
Van Buren Twp - McNally
Ypsilanti - Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp - Copeland

1. Call to order – President Rachwal called today’s meeting to order at 9:00AM.
2. Correspondence – Rachwal mentioned the Snow Plan from the sheriff’s office. Smith attended the meeting and said they updated contact info.
3. Adoption of Agenda - Rachwal requested the addition of Grant Update to New Business
4. Treasurer Report –
 - a. Statement of Activity distributed
 - b. Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against October bank statement:
Checking \$61,605.42
Savings \$16,082.06
 - c. FY21 Proposed Budget – status report.
 - i. Gen Ops - \$24,000
 - ii. TRT \$29,000
 - iii. Training
 - d. Membership Dues – Invoices for 2021 membership dues will be sent via email mid-November.

Motion to accept financial report - Approved by Smith, seconded by McNally. Motion carried.

5. Training Report – Report by Nicholai was distributed via email to members. The State approved FY2021 (approx. \$1500 less than previous year), committee meeting to be held November 17th at 6PM to develop plan. Fire Academy held live fire training at Oakland County, which was very well run. EMT program is currently running at Pittsfield. Smith requested that we look at Fire Instructor 1. Kennedy provided further insight to the requirements and adopted curriculum. Much discussion followed on Fire Officer series, and pre-reqs.
6. HazMat Report – Russ Girbach said last month’s training was cancelled. He provided a brief activity report. This month’s training is to be held on the 18th. Football games are back on the schedule.

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7. TRT Report – Report by Chevrette was distributed via email to members. He highlighted the training schedule. This month’s training date is TBD. He thanked all chiefs who added new members to the team. Budget was submitted to the executive board for their approval.
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported on the engine exercise from last month, as they learned quite a bit. Draft plan will be sent to you for feedback very soon. Rachwal continues to work with MABAS Exec Director Trent Atkins.
9. Dispatch Report – Kristin said that Kevin had nothing to report. The Fire DRC/Pro QA updates continue to move forward and stay on track. She continues to revise policies. Working on a field feedback form, as well as field responder orientation. More to come. Staff training starts next week. Rachwal said HVA is changing their response posture related to COVID protection, due to uptick. Domeier provided further insight to these precautions. Along county borders, cell phone calls are being routed incorrectly which causes delays. The issue is recognized and being worked on. Swenson provided further information as this is the cell phone’s company issue, as they are not upgrading their equipment to the newest technology.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Swenson has a request to MPSCS to make all inter-ops channels statewide. More to come. Swenson provided further details to the Drop Pager form, as this is an effort to improve. Discussion followed on the status of talk groups.
11. Medical Control Report – Domeier had nothing to report at this time.
12. Officers Committee Report – Nicholai had nothing to report, at the last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is Nov 10th.
13. HART Report – Simpson provided a brief report, as there were a couple call outs. Training in AA Twp coming up this Sunday.
14. Old Business
 - a. Adoption of budget policy – tabled motion from last month’s meeting. No discussion.
 - b. Adoption of reimbursement policy – tabled motion from last month’s meeting. Rachwal requested feedback on the policy that was distributed to the members. Discussion followed on a few terms in the policy (i.e. urgent, reimbursement, department heads). Rachwal agreed to make revisions to the documents as discussed. He will forward to the members for their feedback prior to next meeting.
15. New Business
 - a. Sheriff’s towing policy – Rachwal recommended everyone review and consider.
 - b. Grants – Chevrette provided an update on the COVID grant/PPE. Once everything is finalized for this first round, you’ll receive an invoice for your match. Rachwal requested that the Officers Committee review the process and try to get ahead of it.
 - c. Ypsilanti Twp recent major apartment fire – Copeland thanked everyone who responded.
16. Next Meeting – Tuesday, Dec 1, 2020 via Zoom
17. Adjournment – 9:40AM