

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA MINUTES Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:00AM Via Zoom

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp - Nicholai
Augusta Twp – N/A
Belleville – Loranger
Chelsea – Arbin
Clinton – N/A
Dexter Area – Smith
Green Oak Twp – Gentry

Hamburg Twp – Miller
Manchester Twp – Scully
Milan Area – Stevens
Northfield Twp – Wagner
Pittsfield Twp – Gleason, Girbach
Putnam Twp – Ruf
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Hoeft

Scio Twp – Houde
South Lyon – Vogel
Sumpter Twp – Januszyk, Luke
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – McInally
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – N/A

ASSOCIATES: HART (Armstrong, Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), Emergent Health (Kasten, VanDaele), Paul Davis Restoration (Milliken), Washtenaw County (Swenson), Wiggins

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:01AM. He asked for a moment of silence for Craig Sidelinger (AAFD), who passed away yesterday morning.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
 - a. CISM Presentation – Ann Daws-Lazar gave a brief presentation. She answered several questions. Her ppt will be shared via email after today's meeting. Feel free to contact her directly: dawsa@washtenaw.org
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Treasurer Report – Kennedy reported on the following, and clarified the format for future reporting:
 - a. Statement of Activity – financial report distributed to members
 - b. Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against December 2020 bank statement:
Checking \$67,147.04
Savings \$19,332.49
 - c. Outstanding Invoices as of January 4, 2021 (\$2,600 Total):
Ann Arbor Twp Fire Dept \$1,000
Clinton Fire Dept \$1,000
Washtenaw County Sheriff's (CISM Classes) \$600
Rachwal called for a motion to accept today's financial report. Motion carried. Report was accepted & will be filed.
5. Training Report – Nicholai reviewed the report that was distributed via email to members. He continues to move forward scheduling future training dates.
6. HazMat Report – Girbach provided a brief report, as they performed some maintenance back in December. He did mention that they've ordered replacement PPE. Thanks to Chief Stevens for adding new members to the team. Smith asked Girbach to explain the dues payment fees.
7. TRT Report – Mike Chevrette reported on last month's incident (no activation was required). Training was canceled last month due to COVID. He provided details for this month's anticipated training, and future trainings. The TRT report was distributed via email to members prior to today's call.
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported that MABAS is looking to do exercises sometime in 2021.
9. Dispatch Report – VanDaele reported on ProQA, as they're waiting for an update to be completed before going live in February. Discussion followed.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Swenson provided a brief report. He reminded everyone of the lost radio policy.
11. Medical Control Report – Henderson reported that the monthly activity reports are no longer needed. They are working towards a different type of reporting. For those interested in electronic reporting,

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please let him know. He is hoping to offer credits for training sessions. More to come as he's waiting for a reply from the state. Discussion followed. Henderson appreciates everyone's help with easing him into the Washtenaw area.

12. Officers Committee Report – Nicholai reported on their Dec 15th committee meeting. He did send out those meeting minutes for everyone's review. They are looking at dispatch tones. More to come. Bulk of the meeting was based on grant possibilities.
13. HART Report – Simpson reported on the SWAT callout in Dec. They delivered Christmas baskets to this group. Special thanks to Paul Davis Restoration & Sam's Club for their help with coordinating this effort. Hoeft made a motion to donate to HART for the same amount that we did last year. Linda confirmed amount was \$2,000. Support by Gleason, seconded by Rachwal. Motion carried/
14. Old Business – Rachwal provided historical info on the following, as these docs been in draft format for several months now. Gleason reiterated the importance of moving forward with adopting.
 - a. Budget policy – Rachwal will send this policy out for everyone to review and vote on next month.
 - b. ByLaws – Rachwal proposed that we re-vote, as we didn't get a 2/3's approval last time. Gleason made the motion to adopt the bylaws as presented. Discussion followed. Chief Smith reiterated his concerns as there are still several gaps and issues. He provided language that he'd like to see added to this document. Gentry (as our legal counsel) provided feedback and recommendations. Hoeft suggested that we contact VFIS re: coverage requirements. Much discussion followed. It was agreed that this will be considered a live document and can always be updated. The Executive Board members each stated their support of this current document and then requested a call for the vote. Rachwal agreed to look into Chief Smith's concerns, as well as contacting VFIS re: insurance. Roll Call Vote followed to adopt the bylaws as presented. 17 Yes's / 2 No's (Chelsea & Dexter). Motion to adopt the bylaws was approved.
 - c. WAMAA Mutual Aid Agreement – It was confirmed that this has already been adopted. No further discussion.
15. New Business
 - a. Grants (Wiggins) – Wiggins reported that the grant period opened yesterday. He stated that the list of projects that was provided to him has been reviewed. He opened the floor to answer any questions. Rachwal reminded everyone to get their feedback ASAP, instead of waiting until the last minute. Wiggins will continue to keep us posted on the status.
 - b. Fire Investigation Coordination (Kennedy) – Kennedy said that AAFD does not have a fire investigator at this time. He asked for input from this group. Discussion followed on the possibility of a county-wide investigation team, and background of previous team. Smith is interested in pursuing this farther. It was recommended that Smith should reach out to Don Dettling for more information. Kennedy will work with Smith to move forward. More to come.
 - c. COVID vaccinations – The county is doing another round for firefighters.
 - d. Election process - Nominations of WAMAA officers. After much discussion, Gentry clarified that this process isn't necessary as elections are handled in the even-numbered years.
16. Roundtable –
 - a. Chief Kennedy thanked everyone for their support over this past week surrounding Craig Sidelinger's passing. AAFD will be asking the City of Ann Arbor City Council for their support in dedicating the training trailers in Craig's name. He requested this group's support. Discussion followe. Motion made by Gleason to name the training trailers in dedication of Craig Sidelinger. Supported by Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Kennedy explained the future plan for a dedication ceremony. Details will be shared as they are confirmed.
 - b. VBTFD - McInally was recently sworn in as the official Fire Chief of Van Buren Twp Fire Dept. Congratulations!
17. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 9:00AM via Zoom
18. Adjournment – 10:31AM