

# WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



## WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Hosted by Salem Twp Fire Dept

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

Hamburg Twp – N/A  
Manchester Twp – Scully  
Milan Area – Stevens  
Northfield Twp – Bishop  
Pittsfield Twp – M. Chevrette, Girbach  
Putnam Twp – N/A  
Salem Twp – Rachwal  
Saline Area – Sperle

Scio Twp – Houde  
South Lyon – Thorington  
Sumpter Twp – Brown  
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette  
Van Buren Twp – McInally  
Ypsilanti – Hobbs  
Ypsilanti Twp – Copeland

Associates: HART (Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), HVA (Rock), Belfor (Hughes), Washtenaw County (Swenson), MJ White & Son (Neal)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:01AM. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – Rachwal received email from Dr. Tsu (Pulsepoint). More to discuss later during the meeting.
3. Adoption of Agenda – Approved.
4. Treasurer Report (Houde) –
  - a. Chase Bank account balances, as of November 30, 2022:  
Checking \$18,229.65  
Savings \$33,597.58
  - b. Membership Invoices were emailed to each community on November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - c. FY23 Budget – Houde distributed FY23 proposed budget, and explained to this group how our income does not support our expenses in the FY23 budget. Motion by V. Chevrette to accept & approve the FY23 proposed budget. Second by Kennedy. Motion carried.  
Houde also distributed docs related to increasing membership dues and explained the need and the calculations. Rachwal provided further insight and details. M. Chevrette offered information related to funding the TRT, as related to the proposed increase in fees. Much discussion followed. Houde, Kennedy & M. Chevrette will continue to work together to finalize recommendations of membership dues and bring back to this group.
5. Training Report (Nicholai) – report to be sent electronically for reference. Nicholai highlighted some of the bullet points from his report, focusing on the scheduled FY23 programs. V. Chevrette mentioned a Fitness Program, and his recent visit with risk management/insurance company. He explained how Schoolcraft runs a Fitness T-t-T program (SMOKE approved). He will forward the information to the Training Committee.
6. HazMat Report (Girbach) – Russ provided an update on grant funded items. There was one drone call-out since last month's meeting. Rachwal explained the benefits of utilizing the drone on this recent call-out. Girbach reminded everyone that dues invoices will be sent out soon.
7. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report to be sent electronically for reference. Mike gave a report on last month's swiftwater training, and D4H training session. Next month's work-day will be held on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. New rope equipment anticipated to arrive this month. Always looking for new team members. Approached by Deputy Director Greg Payeur, working with Kalamazoo DPS for a simulated tornado

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exercise. Our participation with this March 12, 2023 drill will be beneficial. More to come as this is still in the working-stages, and we understand it's a long distance.

8. MABAS Report (Rachwal) – Salem Twp purchased ICS software Mission Manager, and Jim provided feedback on this licensed program. Very user-friendly with completing required reimbursement forms, and scene management. Asked us to consider developing an IMAT team, and he provided details and benefits.
9. Dispatch Report (HVA) – VanDaele sent email to Rachwal
  - a. Time stamps being setup on web portal
  - b. Communications policy – dealing with some issues of the policy not being followed
  - c. Command mode in the tablet
  - d. CAD / CAD integration – Swenson provided insight, as they are moving forward with initial discussions with CLEMIS. Discussion followed
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Roger reported that Chief Kennedy will be appointed to the Oversight committee tomorrow, to replace Chief Wagner. Mentioned the Orange Button usage and related theories. Nicholai explained the Officers' Committee recommendation.
11. Medical Control Report (Henderson) – Kevin reported on the following:
  - a. Looking into grants for training up to the Paramedic level. Kennedy attended the recent webinar and explained several issues related to this MDHHS funding opportunity.
  - b. EMS CE Consortium -over 75 individual credit-generating events.
  - c. ALS to BLS hand-off protocol going to the State this month. He explained the benefits of matching the protocol to the practice, as it makes sense.
  - d. Naloxone Leave-Behind Program
  - e. Fellows are available
  - f. Training calendar on the website received no feedback, so it was removed. Recently asked to start this back up.
  - g. Thursday is the Med Control Corporation meeting. Kennedy asked if there was a sunset period set for the co-director implementation. Henderson provided insight, as he anticipates the meeting on Thursday may provide clarification. More to come.
  - h. PulsePoint requested a rep from WAMAA sit in on their committee. After brief discussion, Chief Nicholai will represent WAMAA.
12. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report sent electronically for reference. Mark reviewed the report and highlighted some of the bullet points. He reviewed the decision to charge \$215 fee to each dept for their accountability board. Linda will follow-up with departments regarding this invoice. If they paid it, but didn't need another board, they will be offered a refund. Committee continues to work on policies.
13. HART Report (Simpson) – Roger reported there were two callouts last month, though both were cancelled on the way. They are distributing baskets again this year, delivery expected to be Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.
14. DNR (Beaudoin) – N/A
15. Old Business -

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- a. Grant Activity Update (Wiggins) – Chris provided a brief report, as FEMA is so focused on recent hurricane deployments, that grants have taken a “back seat.” WAMAA still has several grants out there, but nothing to report at this time.
- b. WAMAA Charter Update (Rachwal) – Chief Kennedy provided a report, as it’s being reviewed by several different attorneys. He provided some of the reasons behind the delay.

## 16. New Business –

- a. Election to the board – Rachwal explained the board elections will be delayed due to the charter status.
- b. Henderson sent email to Maxwell / MCC re: FD representation during the MCC meetings. More to come.

## 17. Good of the Order – N/A

## 18. Next Meeting – Tues, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Northfield Twp - 9:30AM

Future 2023 Meeting Schedule / Locations:

Jan 3 Northfield Twp  
Feb 7 Van Buren Twp  
Mar 7 Superior Twp  
Apr 4 Augusta Twp  
May 2 Sumpter Twp

Jun 6 Ypsilanti  
Sept 5 Ann Arbor  
Oct 3 Pittsfield Twp  
Nov 7 Ypsilanti Twp  
Dec 5 Salem Twp

## 19. Adjournment - 10:25AM