

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Hosted by Augusta Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Music, Witt
Belleville – Loranger
Chelsea – Arbini
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 – Dorian, 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 & Guests: HART (Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), HVA (Domeier, Rock), Tri County Supply, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell

1. Meeting Called to Order - Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
 - a. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell
 - b. Fishing Tournament - Paul Wagner
 - c. Tri County Supply
3. Adoption of Agenda - approved
4. Treasurer Report (Houde) –
 - a. Chase Bank account balances, as of March 31, 2023:
Checking \$13,118.36
Savings \$33,598.94
 - b. Proposed budget – Still working on the proposed fees.
Motion to approve by V. Chevrette, support by Stevens. Motion carried.
5. Training Report (Nicholai) – report sent electronically for reference. He provided the following highlights, as the committee met recently:
 - a. County training survey is due back by June 1st
 - b. Various trainings and exercises, as well as upcoming schedule
6. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report sent electronically for reference. Russ had nothing more to report. He did state they are requiring physicals for the team members this year. Membership dues invoices were sent out back in December. Rachwal mentioned the reports that the Washtenaw County Drain Commission receive, which will be shared with local fire departments.
7. TRT Report – M. Chevrette sent report electronically for reference. Mike reported on last month's scenario in Kalamazoo, approximately 75 participants. After action report expected by the end of this week. This month's training on April 12th (grain bins). Last month swift water conducted testing. Tomorrow's training to be held in Scio Twp.
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported on the recent Dundee tornado touchdown, and the benefits of the drone. Anticipate many more trainings & exercises in the future. Ensure box cards are updated.

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9. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Karl introduced Becky Torres as the new communications director. Reminder that the annual FY24 dispatch adjustments will be mailed out this coming week. VanDaele is working on a service release re: LOGIS.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium – Swenson reported on the following:
 - a. Preventive maintenance starting this week. Craig reviewed the anticipated schedule and expectations (i.e. batteries).
 - b. Everbridge status and update, including SOG's & SOP's. Rachwal encouraged participation as there is value.
 - c. Public Safety Emergency Communications System – very robust system.
11. Medical Control Report – Henderson reported:
 - a. Marty Anderson now on advisory board
 - b. Rescue pump during CPR – Yes.
 - c. AirQ3 – tabled, as not a lot of interest
 - d. Protocol ALS, BLS & MFR – in process
 - e. Fentanyl test kits
12. Officers Committee Report – report sent electronically for reference. Nicholai reviewed:
 - a. WAMAA funded equipment for accountability has been distributed
 - b. Recent meeting included finalizing protocols & procedures. Versions for approval expected to be brought to this group at our next membership meeting.
 - c. Next meeting is April 25th 9AM.
 - d. Kennedy reminded this group to offer guidance to this committee.
13. HART Report – Simpson reported they had one callout. Still in need of volunteers. Also need a cage for an LPT tank.
14. DNR – Beaudoin no longer our rep. New rep TBA.
15. Old Business -
 - a. Grant Activity Update (Wiggins) – N/A. Armstrong said they just completed AFG reviews last week. Discussion followed on PPE grant, as V. Chevrette mentioned items are starting to arrive.
 - b. WAMAA Charter Update - Rachwal thanked everyone for their patience, as it's a slow process working with 17 attorneys. Rachwal expressed his gratitude to Chief Kennedy for his work on this project. Kennedy provided update. He explained the current situation, and asked everyone to anticipate a full day meeting in September. Discussion followed.
16. New Business – None
17. Good of the Order –
 - a. Hobbs – received a request from a woman who wants to donate baby boxes. Discussion followed on the legality. Sperle provided insight.
 - b. Houde –
 - i. provided details re: Homeland Security Task Force
 - ii. I-PAUSE / Emergency alert system thru cell phone. Kennedy offered details. Discussion followed. Distinct difference from E-Bridge. Please provide feedback.

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- c. Kennedy – DTE update and notifications system. Details provided on current situation and the requests and suggestions the fire service has offered to DTE. Discussion followed on their reporting system and process of directing resources.
- d. Vic Chevrette thanked everyone for their condolences.

18. Next Meeting – May 2nd hosted by Sumpter Twp

Future 2023 Meeting Schedule / Locations

June 6 Ypsilanti (held at Firehouse Museum)

Sept 5 Ann Arbor

Oct 3 Pittsfield Twp

Nov 7 Ypsilanti Twp

Dec 5 Salem Twp

19. Adjournment – 10:40AM.