

# WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



## WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - 9:00AM Hosted by Northfield Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor – Kennedy  
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicolai  
Augusta Twp – Witt  
Belleville – N/A  
Chelsea – Arbin  
Clinton – N/A  
Dexter Area – Armstrong  
Green Oak Twp – N/A

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

Scio Twp – Houde  
South Lyon – N/A  
Sumpter Twp – Brown  
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette  
Van Buren Twp – McInally  
Ypsilanti – Hobbs  
Ypsilanti Twp – Densmore

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Morelli), MCA (Henderson), Washtenaw County (Swenson)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today’s meeting to order at 9:00AM. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
  - a. V. Chevrette- Contacted MTA re: status for turnout career. Guidelines expected sometime in February.
3. Adoption of Agenda - approved
4. Treasurer’s Report - Houde reported -
  - a. Chase Bank account balances, as of January 30, 2023:  
Checking \$38,418.74  
Savings \$22,800.85
  - b. FY23 WAMAA Revenue & Expenses Report distributed via email. Houde reviewed the report and highlighted the budget lines.Motion to accept today’s finance report by Chevrette, seconded by Sperle. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Medical Control Report - Henderson reported –
  - a. Discipline appeal at last meeting. Henderson provided brief update on this case. Be sure to follow protocol, properly document, and if talking with physicians be aware of the importance of documenting/”painting the picture” those discussions.
  - b. New protocols update. Reminder that 1 thru 6 have been approved but not implemented yet.
  - c. Inspections are currently based on the published protocols right now. Arbin stated that he just had an inspection and he was notified that he must provide an updated agreement. Discussion followed.
  - d. Naloxylone Leave Behind program still available, if interested.
  - e. Paper bag – Henderson provided insight on the discussion surrounding using paper bags being used as evidence collection.
6. Training Report - Nicolai sent this report electronically for reference. Highlights included:
  - a. Four training classes are locked in
  - b. Flyers to be distributed
  - c. Details of each class was provided
7. HazMat Report - Girbach sent the report electronically for reference. He highlighted the following:
  - a. Reviewed the callouts from last month

- b. Milan added a new member
  - c. Equipment & inventory
  - d. Training report review
  - e. Q-rae 3 area rae monitors need to be updated to new firmware. Reach out to Girbach to schedule the update.
  - f. Discussion brought up at last month's meeting to raise dues effective FY25. More to come.
8. TRT Report - Chevrette sent electronically for reference. He highlighted the following:
- a. Review of last month's training
  - b. This month's training is joint training to focus on natural disaster deployments
  - c. Sheriff's department has reached out to the drone team
  - d. Hosting ropes ops course (June 24-28)
  - e. Status of millage money – no status report received yet. Rachwal will spearhead
  - f. 17-6 (Swiftwater truck) permanently out of service. Hoping to receive replacement sometime this week.
9. MABAS Report - Rachwal reported -
- a. State is looking at streamlining MABAS requests, especially for specialty teams.
  - b. Draft plan (version P) was submitted to officer committee for feedback
  - c. Deployment exercise expected spring/summer
10. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Scott Marelli was in attendance but had nothing to report.
11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report - Swenson provided report:
- a. Project oversight committee gave tentative approval to proceed with Motorola re: replacement of backup system. Craig provided details, as enhancements to the system anticipated throughout full region
  - b. WAVE app – Rachwal asked if there is anything to report as they are moving away from this app to a new one. More to come.
12. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report to be sent electronically for reference
- a. MABAS deployment procedure under review, as Rachwal mentioned earlier
  - b. Next meeting Feb 20th
13. HART Report - Simpson reported there were three callouts in January. Nothing else to report.
14. Old Business -
- a. Grant Activity Update –
    - i. Regional Grants - V. Chevrette said that he heard from Wiggins who asked if anyone was doing a regional grant. M. Chevrette provided more insight.
    - ii. FEMA audit – Kennedy provided insight to the current audit (\$60k washers) he's dealing with right now. Reminder to save all documentation related to receiving grant funds just in case.
  - b. WAMAA Charter Update - Rachwal asked Kennedy to provide update.
    - i. Six sets of signed agreements needed from each community (one original for each Clerk's office, and AG). Must be "wet" ink.
    - ii. Please provide these by March Meeting deadline
15. New Business –
- a. Hazmat Authority Board (V. Chevrette) – three appointments needed as Houde and Music terms ended. Chiefs V. Chevrette, Andy Houde, and Chris Bishop offered to fill these positions.

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No others were interested. Rachwal will send a letter to the chairman confirming our reps. Kennedy provided details of the process.

## 16. Good of the Order –

- a. Active 9-11 – Rachwal reviewed some of the capabilities and benefits of the system.
- b. Joint meeting with Police & Fire Chiefs – Met with Dir. Harshberger (Pittsfield Twp) to see if there was any interest. Goal is to open up lines of comms. March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM, to be held Ypsilanti Library in Superior Twp. Official invite will be sent out shortly. Wonderful opportunity to build bridges and open lines of communication across the board.
- c. Washtenaw County EMS Commission – Kennedy reminded of the vacancy to fill. Henderson provided background. Heavener offered to fill this position. Unanimous approval.
- d. Sheriff's department has offered \$75K to both Hazmat Authority & TRT. Kennedy provided update as to the language of the millage.

## 17. Next Meeting – March 5<sup>th</sup> – Hosted by City of Ypsilanti (held at Firehouse Museum)

Remaining 2024 Meeting Schedule (9:00AM)

Apr 2 – Sumpter Twp  
May 7 – Pittsfield / Belfor  
Jun 4 – Ann Arbor Twp  
*No meetings July /Aug*

Sep 3 – Ann Arbor / Cobblestone Farm  
Oct 1 – Ypsilanti Twp  
Nov 5 – Superior Twp  
Dec 3 – Salem Twp

## 18. Adjournment – 9:51AM. Approved Unanimously.