

# WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



## WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 - 9:00AM

Hosted by Ann Arbor Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor – Kennedy  
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai  
Augusta Twp – 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 – Heavener, M. Chevrette  
Putnam Twp – Ruf  
Salem Twp – Rachwal  
Saline Area – Sperle

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

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Torres, Rock, Morell), 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 – N/A
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved unanimously, with the addition of adding Blue Card as a permanent agenda item.
4. Treasurer Report - Houde reported -
  - a. Chase Bank account balances, as of May 31, 2024:  
Checking \$31,866.28  
Savings \$22,801.61  
Motion to approve by V. Chevrette, supported by Sperle. Approved.
  - b. FY25 budget to be presented and hopefully adopted by early-fall
5. Medical Control Report - Henderson reported –
  - a. Protocols reminders
  - b. Advisory Board – Lance Baird has stepped down. Need a new rep. Rachwal proposed that we send an email out requesting a replacement. If anyone is interested, please reach out to.
  - c. VP Harris coming to Michigan this week, expect road closures
  - d. Required reports to the MCA – suggest that your personnel set a reminder in calendars re: attendance reports, and Q/A & Q/I.  
Kennedy mentioned that AAFD just went through their state inspection and provided some of the challenges related to EEOC policies. Henderson requested that if you experience anything like that, please let him know.
6. Training Report - Nicholai's report was sent electronically prior to today's meeting, for reference. He highlighted the following:
  - a. Training survey was submitted to the State with 100% compliance
  - b. Wed, June 12<sup>th</sup> – next Training Committee meeting
  - c. Lines of Ladders class was held back in May – low attendance
  - d. Upcoming training classes are either full, or very close. If you have personnel who still want to attend, please reach out to Nicholai as he may be able to get them into the class.
  - e. AAT has a VFIS drivers training program coming up

7. HazMat Report – This monthly report was prepared by Girbach and sent electronically for reference. Rachwal reviewed the report and provided feedback from their recent exercises. He noted that Jordan Burns (Superior Twp) fulfilled the open team leader position.
8. TRT Report - Chevrette sent this report electronically for reference. He gave a brief overview of the team’s recent activities. Rachwal mentioned the recent horse rescue.
9. MABAS Report - Rachwal asked Mike Chevrette to report on their upcoming scenario-based exercise coming up in September. Chevrette provided details of the drill, with the goal of seamlessly meshing with other teams. Rachwal provided further insight into the overall mission.
10. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Torres provided brief update on requested reports and upcoming training. Rock introduced new ops manager Scott Morell. He provided update on transit units. His contact info: [SMorell@emergenthealth.org](mailto:SMorell@emergenthealth.org). Cell 734.277.4212
11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Swenson reported on the millage will be placed on the November ballot, and explained some of the controversy that’s expected due to other millages that will be on the same ballot. Discussion.
12. Officers Committee Report - Nicholai gave brief report, as their next meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9AM at AATFD. Rachwal commended this committee for their work on Blue Card, as POC has agreed to fund the Blue Card training.
13. Blue Card - Nicholai provided update and timeline of overall training plan. He urged everyone to continue to answer surveys and questions as they come.
14. HART Report - Simpson reported that there were no callouts in May. He stated that they need a place to store their trailer.
15. Old Business – None
16. New Business –
  - a. Dexter FD’s annual picnic – Rachwal expressed his gratitude to Dexter for hosting this event for so many years, but they are looking to pass it on to another FD.
  - b. Rachwal met with county commissioner Scott and provided details of the discussion surrounding the ordinance and information requested and distribution of that info. Also asked for support in finding a building to store vehicles. More to come.
  - c. Federal engineering study – Rachwal provided update as the report has not been shared yet. Kennedy provided insight.
  - d. NFPA magazine had an interesting article on Hoarding.
  - e. Box Cards policy – Rachwal reminded this group of requirements per the policy. Nicholai offered further details.
  - f. Washtenaw County Hazmat Golf Outing – V. Chevrette made a motion to sponsor \$2,000. Second by Sperle. Carried unanimously. Linda will send check.
17. Good of the Order –
  - a. WAMAC Agreements – Kennedy provided update as all communities have signed, and it’s at the Governor’s Desk for approval.
  - b. No Meetings held in July & August
  - c. Homeland Security EM has announced significant funding cuts – Kennedy provided details on the profound impact. Much discussion followed.
18. Next Meeting – September 3 – Hosted by Ann Arbor (to be held at Cobblestone Farm)  
Remaining 2024 Meeting Schedule (9:00AM)  
Oct 1 – Ypsilanti Twp  
Nov 5 – Superior Twp  
Dec 3 – Salem Twp
19. Adjournment – 9:56AM