WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes
September 2, 2025 - 9:00AM
Hosted by Ann Arbor Fire Dept

Ann Arbor – Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Music, Witt
Belleville – N/A
Chelsea – Arbini
Clinton – N/A
Dexter Area – Armstrong
Green Oak Twp – N/A
Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – Kouba
Milan Area – Carpus
Northfield Twp – Bishop
Pittsfield Twp – M. Chevrette, Girbach
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle
Scio Twp – N/A
Sumpter Twp – Brown
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – McInally
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Densmore, Wallgren

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Becky & Scott), MCA (Henderson), Washtenaw County (Swenson), Emergency Management (Pinette N/A), MJ White & Son (Gregg), DNR (Beachnau), 1800BoardUp (Hughes)

1. Meeting Called to Order (Rachwal) – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:05AM. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
   a. Livingston Fire Protection – Nikolai Morschakov / portable extinguisher specialist. (734)834-6366
3. Adoption/Changes of Agenda
   a. Add Fred Lucas
4. Treasurer Report (Houde) – Rachwal provided report, as Houde was unable to attend today's meeting.
   Chase Bank account balances, as of August 29, 2025:
   Checking $80,929.69
   Savings $37,305.33
   Approved unanimously.
5. Medical Control Report (Henderson) –
   a. TBI & markers for head injuries – protocols
   b. BLS kits and Narcan dosages
   c. Handed out pedi-tapes to Region 2 South.
6. Training Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Nicholai highlighted his report. FY25 is wrapping up. County-Training Survey has been submitted. NFIRS Status Reports.
7. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically, prior to today's meeting. Girbach reviewed recent team callout to Ypsilanti. Team training calendar.
8. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report was sent electronically for reference. Chevrette highlighted June & August trainings. Rope rescue training is taking place in September. Joint training w/Western Wayne in October.
   Chevrette read detailed proposal to formally transfer all swift water assets to Ann Arbor, Dexter Area & Scio Twp, due to grant funding dwindling & lack of use. Discussion followed. Motion to disband swift water rescue team and to distribute the assets to three member departments. Motion by Kennedy, second by V. Chevrette. Discussion. Motion did not pass. Rachwal requested that further details be brought back to this association.
9. MABAS Report (Rachwal) – MABAS exercise occurring this October. Interlocal agreement was shared.
10. HVA Dispatch (Torres)

a. Going live CAD/CAD integration w/Jackson County
b. Consolidating comm centers with Battle Creek

11. HVA Operations (Scott)
    a. Academies update
    b. UM football games
12. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) –
    a. Two major projects – replacement of 911 system & replacement of CAD. CLEMIS getting out of CAD business.
13. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Drafted recommendations policies & forwarded to this group. Policies were unanimously adopted by this association. Next meeting is Sept 16th.
14. Blue Card (Nicholai) – report sent electronically for reference. Lots of progress made over the summer. Schedules and stats provided.
15. HART Report (Simpson) – Six callouts in June, one in July & one in August.
16. WAMAC (Kennedy) – Officially a Governmental Entity, as all required docs have been approved & signed. EIN assigned to WAMAC. Moving toward dissolving WAMAA next after the assets are transferred. Rachwal recognized Chief Kennedy for all his work on this endeavor. Rachwal introduced attorney Fred Lucas. Motion by Rachwal to move forward with hiring attorney Fred Lucas as our attorney on record. Unanimous approval.
17. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (Pinette) – N/A
18. DNR (Crawford, Beachnau) –
    a. Tracking weather and dry season – possible wildfire
    b. Reminder if you respond to a fire on state land, please reach out.
19. Food Truck Inspections (Densmore) – Wallgren provided update, as the system is working great and is successful.
20. Old Business -
21. New Business –
    a. Chevrette is acting chief for Pittsfield
    b. Carpus is chief of Milan
    c. Timeline to dissolve WAMAA. Discussion. Motion to move toward officially dissolving WAMAA and hold elections in January. Motion by Rachwal, seconded by V. Chevrette. Carried unanimously.
22. Good of the Order –
    a. Denny Hughes (1800BoardUp/Belfor) reminded everyone of the Asset relocation service, heading up to Twin Lake Fire Dept (just south of Houghton).
    b. Hazmat golf outing – September 22nd at Barton Hills.
    c. Washtenaw 100 – Annual Dinner Oct 23rd. Grant checks to be presented during the dinner. FFOY & LEOY applications due tomorrow. www.Washenaw100.org
    d. WAMAC.us is our new site.
23. Next Meeting – October 7th – Van Buren Twp Fire - Station #2 (7981 Belleville Rd)

    Remaining 2025 Meeting Schedule (1st Tues, 9:00AM)
    Nov 4 – Ypsilanti Twp
    Dec 2 – Salem
24. Adjournment – 10:15AM