WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes
December 2, 2025 - 9:00AM
Hosted by Salem Twp Fire Dept

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

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Torres, Rock), MCA (Henderson), 1800BoardUp/Belfor (Hughes), MJ White (Greg), Dingell's Office (Alexa)

1. Meeting Called to Order (Rachwal) – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM.
2. Roll Call (WAMAA / WAMAC) - Pledge of Allegiance followed.
3. Approval of the Agenda –
    a. Motion made by Rachwal to accept today's agenda. Second by Kennedy, with request to add HVA topic as item 17D. Carried.
4. Approval of November's Proposed Minutes – Motion to approve by Rachwal, seconded by V. Chevrette. Rachwal requested these minutes be amended to confirm that New Business item be added confirming that the dissolution of WAMAA occur at the December meeting officially moving to WAMAC. Unanimous approval.
5. Public Comment - None
6. Call to the Public
    a. Medical Control - Henderson reported
        i. Retirement of Dr. Lowell
        ii. Elections on the advisory board in January
        iii. New lights & siren usage policy
        iv. Disciplinary review hearing coming up this Thursday – open to the public
        v. Medical control corporation's annual meeting occurring Thursday
    b. HazMat Report - Girbach sent report electronically prior to today's meeting. He reviewed the highlights from that report. He also reminded everyone that dues invoices will be sent soon.
    c. HVA Dispatch Report - Torres reported that there is a lot of training happening. She mentioned the availability of road crews. Rachwal noticed the lack of salt trucks last Saturday following the UM game. Kennedy suggested calling WC Road Commission.
    d. HVA Operations - Rock reported if anyone uses them for Ped certification, they are changing over to a new system. More to come.
    e. HART Report - Simpson reported there were three callouts last month. Baskets to be delivered Dec 24th.
    f. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (Pinette) – N/A
    g. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Witt reported that Survival Flight is updating system.

h. DNR (Crawford, Bechneau) – N/A

7. Correspondence (V. Chevrette) – Nothing to report
8. Treasurer Report - Houde reported -
    A. Chase Bank account balances as of December 1, 2025:
    Checking $80,669.37
    Savings $37,306.53
    Motion by Rachwal to accept today's financial report, seconded by V. Chevrette. Carried.
9. Training Report - Nicholai sent this report electronically for reference. He provided highlights from that report. Rachwal reminded everyone to send alternates if the primary can't make these meetings.
10. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report was sent electronically for reference. No incidents to report. Last month's training was large truck extrication & stabilization in Manchester. This month's training on Dec 10th in Pittsfield. Relocating Swiftwater equipment from Ann Arbor. Interviews with two candidates to occur next week. Mike expressed his gratitude to this organization for allowing him to work with this team over the past 10 years. Kennedy provided details behind the decision to remove AAFD members from this team.
11. MABAS Report (Rachwal) – Agreements need to be resubmitted. Recent exercise was very beneficial. After action report is available, just reach out to Rachwal for copy.
12. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Next meeting on Dec 16th.
13. Blue Card (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically. Majority of central dispatch is now certified. Next scheduled SIM Lab Dec 17-19.
14. WAMAC (Kennedy) – Nothing to report at this time. Rachwal expressed his gratitude to Kennedy for his diligence and work behind the scenes.
15. Food Truck Inspections (Densmore) – Wallgren provided report. Three dates coming up this Spring. Working with webmaster to post on the site. Meeting with Health Department in the near future, ensuring we're all on the same page. More to come.
16. Old Business – None
17. New Business –
    a. Dissolving WAMAA and moving to WAMAC – Rachwal read the two motions:
        i. I move that the 501(c)(3) Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association (WAMAA) assets as listed in the Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council (WAMAC) Interlocal Agreement, Exhibit A, to be transferred to the WAMAC in accordance with the Michigan's MCL 162-1982-8, *Dissolution of corporation by action of shareholders or members: recommendation; exceptions; approval or authorization; notice; voting; certificate.*
        Second by McInally. Discussion. Carried. See individual votes above in attendance lists.
        ii. I move that the 501(c)(3) Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association (WAMAA) be dissolved in accordance with Michigan MCL 450.2804, *Dissolution of corporation by action of shareholders or members: recommendation; exceptions; approval or authorization; notice; voting; certificate.*
        I further move that all assets to include but not limited to monies, equipment and resources be moved to Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council (WAMAC) as a governmental agency.
        Second by Houde. Discussion. Carried.
    b. Voting in the new WAMAC Officers – Discussion. Rachwal requested nominations for the positions of Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary). Positions to be voted on in January. Motion by Rachwal to keep the existing WAMAA board in their current position on the WAMAC board. Seconded by Hobbs. Unanimous support.

c. Accepting nominations for officers – Action.
   - Rachwal accepted the nomination to remain as President for WAMAC.
   - M. Chevrette accepted the nomination as Secretary for WAMAC.
   - K. Hobbs accepted nomination as Vice President for WAMAC.
   - A. Houde accepted nomination as Treasurer for WAMAC.

d. HVA - Kennedy congratulated Chief Arbini for their millage efforts. He then expressed concern regarding Chelsea's experience with obtaining that millage and HVA's tactics against those millage efforts. Chief Arbini provided insight. Discussion.

e. TRT Team Leader – Motion made by Sperle to require that the director of TRT be a chief officer. Second by Armstrong. Much discussion followed. Roll call vote followed but motion did not pass. See individual responses above, listed as third response next to the agency.

f. Meeting locations – Linda will reach out to Washtenaw Community College to see if they can be a consistent host location. Second choice is WC Learning Center. More to come.

18. Good of the Order –
    a. Ypsilanti FD – Annual Christmas Party Dec 14th 4PM at the Fire Museum

19. Next Meeting – January 6, 2026 – Location TBA, pending response from WCC.

2026 Meeting Schedule (1st Tues, 9:00AM)

Jan 6
Feb 3
Mar 3
Apr 7 – Van Buren Twp
May 5
June 2

No Meetings July & Aug
Sept 1 – Ann Arbor
Oct 6
Nov 3 – Ypsilanti Twp
Dec 1 – Salem Twp

20. Adjournment – 10:25AM Motion by Rachwal, seconded by V. Chevrette. Carried.