



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes March 12, 2022

Directors Present: Craig Baloga, Lucy Burby, Steve Lawrence, Margaret Marchwinski, Melanie Most, Linda Schoonover, Harold Stieber, Dennis Szymanski, Jerry Thiel, Leonard Verlinden;

Excused: Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Steve Gartland, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor, Rosemary Wiczorek, Lois Whipple, Terry Wiggins;

Guests and Members Present: Cheryl Balan, Mike Balan, Jacob Bryson, Mike Galati, Allyn Gerds, Susan Gerds, Thomas Hellstrom, Donna Krispin, Jim Laethem, Kurt Marchwinski, Doreen Miller, Jane Mount, Harold Remlinger, George Rose, Ken Roth, Ruth Roth, Joanne Shirkey, David Sluka, Diane Sullivan, Rich Sullivan, Mark Verschaeve, Bob Wasil, Linda Wasil.

Craig Baloga brought the meeting to order at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall at 9:33 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The February 2022 meeting minutes were presented. **Jerry Thiel made the motion to approve the February 2022 meeting minutes, Steve Lawrence seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Harold Stieber presented the February 2022 Treasurer's Report. Harold reported that the balance in the checkbook for February 28, 2022 was \$36,260.58, with total cash on hand being \$108,848.71. Full copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available by contacting Harold Stieber at HaroldS@hiscfa.org.

Dennis Szymanski made the motion to approve the February 2022 treasurer's report, Jerry Thiel seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, reports to be placed on file.

Secretary Report: Margaret Marchwinski reported that February was a busy month. The newsletter and advertisers letter were printed and mailed, and social media posts were placed. The Delta News committee will be getting together soon to be putting it together.

Communications: There were no communications received this month.

Browne's Field: Dennis Szymanski reported that the automatic lights are back on and will be reset for the upcoming time change. The digital board will need to be replaced soon because it is not able to be fixed any longer. Materials and labor for a new board will be around \$700. Another upgrade that is needed to support a new sign changing from DSL to Broadband would be to update that technology and get a new modem. The cameras at Browne's Field can be supported by this updated technology and the field is already prepped for it. Dennis Szymanski entertained a motion



to upgrade the digital sign at Browne's Field not to exceed \$1,000. **Linda Schoonover made the motion to approve the aforementioned proposal; Lucy Burby seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

Government Affairs: Lois Whipple submitted a report that indicated that the \$400 auto insurance checks are scheduled to hit mailboxes starting this week and are to be mailed by May 9, 2022. It is \$80 per historic vehicle. If you are eligible for a refund, your auto insurer will send it automatically.

Guest Speaker, Clay Township Fire Chief George Rose: During the month of February, Chief Rose attended one meeting, the St Clair Flats Association on Harsen's Island. Last month, the Clay Township Fire Department (CTFD) responded to the new DTE Power plant in St. Clair for a fire in the penthouse area of the plant.

The CTFD used the new airboat to transport Fire and EMS personnel back and forth to Harsens Island, due to the ferry shutting down due to ice. The new airboat handles traveling across the ice very well and the CTFD are very happy with it.

The CTFD was authorized by Clay Township to purchase new AEDs which will replace the units currently located at the Lions Hall, both Island churches, and one at Browne's Field. There will also be a LUCAS 3 machine that will be kept at the Island fire station that will be able to do chest compressions. CPR classes will be held in the month of April but no dates have been chosen yet.

Chief Rose indicated that there will be a controlled burn taking place in the near future on a calm day across the street from Kroger, so the smoke from that fire may impact residents on the North Channel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Browne's Field Restrooms / Fundraiser:* Craig Baloga indicated that Steve Gartland is assisting with getting bids for contracted work to complete this project. Some contractors have provided no-quotes, and several have just not followed up at all. The goal is to break ground in late summer if it's possible. The committee will need to decide exactly where it will be placed on the field since there are a few opposing viewpoints. Initial estimates for this project show that the total cost of the entire project will cost approximately \$150,000 as a budgetary figure. Dennis Szymanski recommended that the Browne's Field Committee re-group and decide on the proposed plans. Harold Remlinger came forward with some helpful information to share with the group regarding structures and building codes.
- *Grant Update:* There are grants available with significant dollar amounts, so much so that it is critical to get the application submitted to take advantage before they're gone. There is some urgency to get the plans for Browne's Field quickly so that the information can be used to submit for the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Membership / Director Drive:* The Board is looking at ways to drum up new members and fill director roles in the future. Initially, the thought is that a late spring/early summer social event(s) would be best to get the ball rolling. Announcements will be made via the newly-designed website and social media in the future.



Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Linda Schoonover mentioned that she has begun emailing applications for vendors for Field Day and one application has already come back. It is important to identify the actual time of day for this event to be able to tell potential vendors what they are committing to.
- ✓ Jerry Thiel mentioned that the Car Show website has been updated with the correct information and we should be seeing advanced registrations coming in soon. The date for this year's event is July 16, 2022.
- ✓ Steve Lawrence asked whether a calendar of events is available, and it was noted that it is available on the newly-redesigned HISCFA website (<http://www.hiscfa.org/>).
- ✓ Margaret Marchwinski asked whether the Association could get the licensing initiated for the events which require them, in order to get started on raffle tickets for all of the events this year. **Dennis Szymanski made a motion for the Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association's application for a special license to serve alcohol on the dates of August 6, 2022 and September 17, 2022; both events to take place at Browne's Field on Harsen's Island, Michigan. Linda Schoonover seconded. Ayes: 10. Nays: 0. Absent: 8. All in favor; motion carried.**
- ✓ Doreen Miller from The Reader's Cove mentioned that their library is open 10a-1p on Saturdays and they are willing to assist with selling of The Delta News if they are provided an inventory and tracking sheet.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 9, 2022 at **9:30 am** at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall.

Jerry Thiel made the motion to adjourn; Steve Lawrence seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary

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APPENDIX

Fire Department Incident Reports for Harsen's Island (February 2022)



Clay Township Fire & EMS

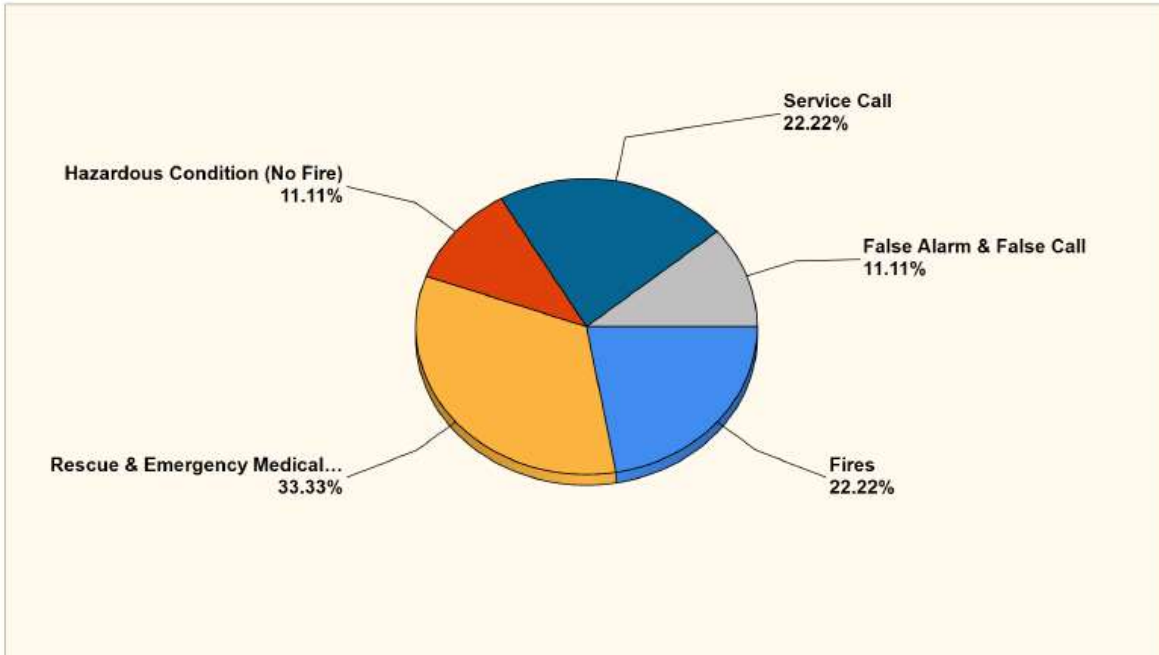
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): 3 - HARSENS ISLAND | Start Date: 02/01/2022 | End Date: 02/28/2022



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	2	22.22%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	3	33.33%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	11.11%
Service Call	2	22.22%
False Alarm & False Call	1	11.11%
TOTAL	9	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	2	22.22%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	11.11%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	11.11%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	11.11%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	11.11%
500 - Service Call, other	1	11.11%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	11.11%
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	11.11%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	9	100%