



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes February 12, 2022

Directors Present: Craig Baloga, Margaret Marchwinski, David Martin, Melanie Most, Jane Mount, Linda Schoonover, Harold Stieber, Dennis Szymanski, Jerry Thiel, Lois Whipple;

Excused: Susan Bryson, Lucy Burby, Jerry Freeman, Steve Gartland, Steve Lawrence, Kathy O'Connor, Leonard Verlinden, Rosemary Wieczorek, Terry Wiggins;

Guests and Members Present: Mike Balan, Jacqueline Beyer, Pat Binder, Joe Bosy, Artie Bryson, David Bryson, Jacob Bryson, John Dickson, Shelly Dickson, Stephe Francis, Mike Galvin, Allyn Gerds, Susan Gerds, Kathy Harrison, Dave Kardynal, Sandy Kardynal, Peggy Krispin, Kurt Marchwinski, Cher Neumann, Dan Neumann, Jim Neumann, George Rose, Ken Roth, Ruth Roth, Julie Schatzberg, Joanne Shirkey, Alice Szulborski, Norb Szulborski, Skip Tornow, Sue Tornow, Mark Verschaeve, Bob Wasil, Linda Wasil.

Craig Baloga brought the meeting to order at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall at 9:31 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The November 2021 meeting minutes were presented. **Jerry Thiel made the motion to approve the November 2021 meeting minutes, David Martin seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Harold Stieber presented the November and December 2021 Treasurer's Reports, and also the January 2022 Treasurer's Report. Harold reported that the balance in the checkbook for January 31, 2022 was \$38,029.35, with total cash on hand being \$114,757.33. 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 November and December 2021 treasurer's reports and the January 2022 treasurer's report, Jerry Thiel seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, reports to be placed on file.

Secretary Report: Margaret reported that she is in the process of updating the membership list, and will be coordinating the mailing out of 700 membership renewals / annual letter. Again this year, the printer will be handling all of the postage and mailing activities on behalf of the HISCFA. **Harold Stieber made a motion to approve funds not to exceed \$1,500 for handling and postage for coordination of sending the annual letter; David Martin supported; all in favor, motion carried.** This year's edition of *The Delta News* is underway, and if anyone is available to assist, please reach out to Margaret. Unfortunately, with supply chain issues this year and the continual increase of the cost of doing business, it may be necessary to increase advertising charges to ensure the HISCFA doesn't lose money on the printing of the publication. If that can't be accommodated, the HISCFA must look at other ways to offset costs. There was much discussion about how to effectively come out of this in a positive way, so the committee will discuss and bring it back to a future meeting once a decision is reached.



Communications: A thank-you card was received from the family of Denise Most for the donation made to St. Jude's in her name after her passing.

Browne's Field: The cord for the pump was accidentally pulled out of the pump itself and the pump was destroyed as a result. A new pump has been acquired and will be installed as soon as the thaw occurs. DTE Energy finally fixed all the bulbs at the field and also the Park-n-Ride. It was noted that the lights that illuminate the advertising sign board have been out or are timed inappropriately, and also the digital board has some issues as well. Dennis Szymanski will reach out to Norman Rhodes to address those issues.

Government Affairs: Lois Whipple had nothing to report at this time.

Guest Speaker, Clay Township Supervisor Artie Bryson: Supervisor Bryson reported that Bates Highway, Middle Channel Dr., and parts of North Channel Dr. are being newly surfaced this summer. Additionally, there will be a total reconstruction of Golf Course Rd. this year. The Old Club will also be doing a special assessment on their private road from the turnaround to their entrance gate. This spring/summer there will be 3 or 4 emergency sirens placed on the Island so that the entire township is ultimately covered. Clay Township received a grant for the engineering of a birding platform at the proposed nature park / kayak launch near the Schoolhouse Grille, but the township is still currently awaiting a DEQ/EGLE permit. The birding platform will be ADA-compliant and will be marketed heavily by the Audubon Society once it is put in place. Every year, a water-reliability study needs to be done at the township level, and EGLE always come back with three things for the township to address: fix Colony Drive issues, a required second line for the Island, and to fix the water main on M-29. Last year, the Colony Drive issues were resolved, and the engineering for the M-29 portion is currently underway. At the same time, a second feed to the Island is also being investigated. A lot of work is being done for the Clay Days bicentennial celebration taking place May 5-8, 2022. Additional information on this event will be published on social media.

Guest Speaker, Clay Township Fire Chief George Rose: Chief Rose reported that he did not attend any meetings in the month of December, but he was working on an AFG grant for new portable radios. The grant will be a regional grant including Marine City Fire, IRA Fire, and Algonac. The grant needed to be submitted by January 21, 2022. Downriver Goodfellows activities were as follows: for the month of December; paper sales on December 4, 2021, Meijer to purchase clothing for needed families December 10, 2021, Algonac Lions Bowl-a-Thon December 11, 2021, food giveaway December 20, 2021, and clothing and toys handed out to the families December 21, 2021. There was not much participation this year; around 30 families.

Again in January, Chief Rose didn't attend any meetings but reported that the AFG Grant was submitted on January 21, 2022. The ferry was shut down twice in January due to large ice floes in river and personnel were in place for the closures. He would like to replace Fire Boat #1 in the future, and has been checking on any grants that may be available. The Clay Township Fire Department responded to Russell Island twice in the month of January with the new airboat. The police were taken over to Russell Island due to receiving a call of a suspicious person walking around the island, and the Fire Department responded due to a resident working on a cottage and his boat had broken down. They are very pleased with their new airboat which rides nice in rough water. The fire department responded to 1,565 runs for 2021 for both stations. There was recently a fire in a home on Green Drive and the homeowner ultimately notified the fire department and they were able to recover the property. The CTFD has hired one new firefighter: Courtney Lezuchowski has Firefighter 1 and 2 training and is currently a State of Michigan certified EMT.



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.
- *Pantry in the Park:* In the May 2021 HISCFA Meeting Minutes, there was a motion to approve the installation of a "Pantry in the Park" at Browne's Field at a team-decided location based on the master plan for the field. There was discussion about where would be the best location to place this feature, and it was determined that adjacent to or near the barn, facing the ball field, would be best. It would be important to take into consideration the location of the pantry and the direction of the sun's impact.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Pavilion Contract Updates:* Margaret took the 3-page contract and broke it down to 2 pages, and simplified the choices to streamline the process. The biggest change was to eliminate the half-day rental option so that the entire rental process is less confusing going forward and that there are no two rentals in the same day.
- *Pavilion Rental Support:* Rosemary Wiczorek has resigned from the role of handling Browne's Field Rentals. Margaret indicated that there are several tasks that go along with this role, but the HISCFA is in dire need of someone to step up to support. Margaret is handling this role in the interim, but she already has many responsibilities with her Executive Secretary role and needs some support with this role specifically.
- *Car Show Registration – PO Box/Ferry Tickets:* This year, there will be pre-registration in order to guarantee that entrants will be paid-for in advance in order to get those funds up front to support the success of the show. It is advantageous for them (as participants) to pre-register because the HISCFA will mail them a ferry ticket for the discounted rate. Otherwise, if they don't pre-register, they will pay the ferry on their own and will still be able to register the day of the event. This event will take place on July 16, 2022. There was also discussions of other types of potential fundraising events to take place in the spring of next year, ahead of next year's event in order to get the ball rolling.
- *Advertising Sign Support:* There was discussion over which director(s) will have responsibility for handling this responsibility since the previous director who managed it has retired off the Island. Craig Baloga will be the point person for fielding requests about the advertising sign, and he will work with Lucy Burby and Margaret Marchwinski on settling the contracts. Dennis Szymanski will work with Norman Rhodes on getting the sign(s) created and posted when there is demand.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Linda Schoonover donated an anchor light from the Save Our South Channel Lights organization to the Harsen's Island Lions, so Dennis Szymanski wanted to thank Linda on behalf of the Lions.
- ✓ Dennis Szymanski wanted to thank Champion Auto Ferry for running an extra ferry for the Muskrat Dinner this past Tuesday, since the event was extremely well-attended and there was a lot of traffic to accommodate.



- ✓ Linda Schoonover indicated that she's already getting requests for vendors for Field Day. Linda can provide the vendors with the date, but the time of day is still TBD while plans are being worked out for this August 6, 2022 event.

Next meeting will be Saturday, March 12, 2022 at **9:30 am** at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall.

Jerry Thiel made the motion to adjourn; Dennis Szymanski seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary

MelanieM@hiscfa.org



APPENDIX

Fire Department Incident Reports for Harsen's Island (December 2021)

Fire Department Incident Reports for Harsen's Island (Complete Year 2021)

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



Clay Township Fire & EMS

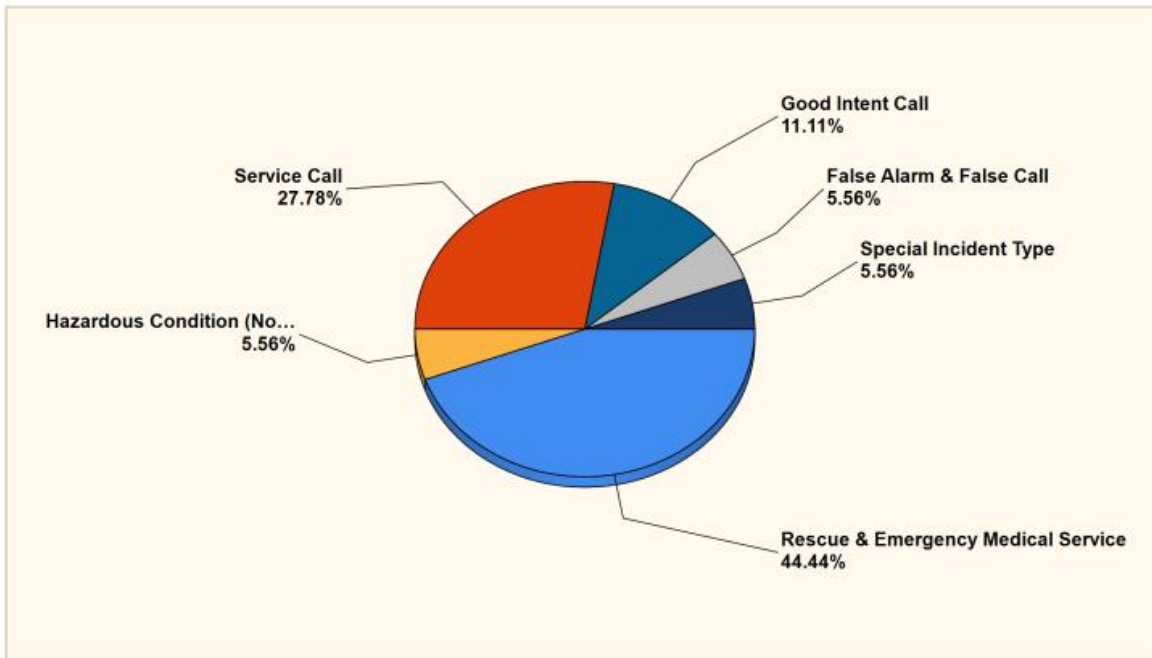
Clay Township, MI

This report was generated on 2/7/2022 10:17:59 AM



Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): 3 - HARSENS ISLAND | Start Date: 12/01/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	8	44.44%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	5.56%
Service Call	5	27.78%
Good Intent Call	2	11.11%
False Alarm & False Call	1	5.56%
Special Incident Type	1	5.56%
TOTAL	18	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	5.56%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	7	38.89%
444 - Power line down	1	5.56%
500 - Service Call, other	3	16.67%
554 - Assist invalid	2	11.11%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	11.11%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	5.56%
900 - Special type of incident, other	1	5.56%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	18	100%



Clay Township Fire & EMS

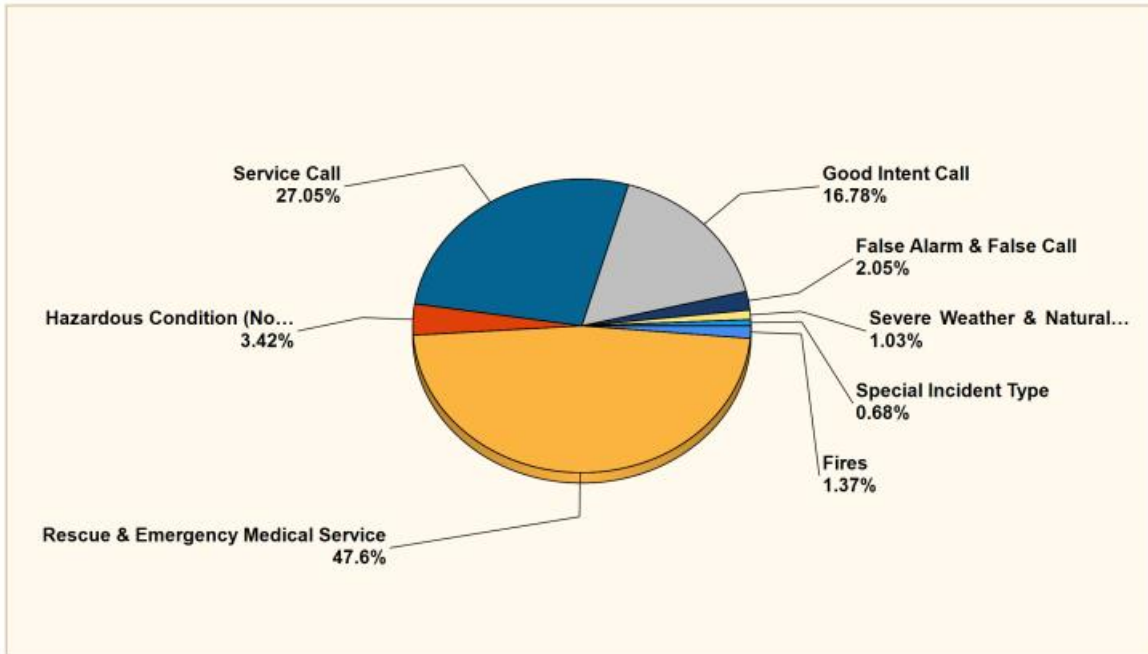
Clay Township, MI

This report was generated on 2/7/2022 10:18:55 AM



Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): 3 - HARSENS ISLAND | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	4	1.37%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	139	47.6%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	10	3.42%
Service Call	79	27.05%
Good Intent Call	49	16.78%
False Alarm & False Call	6	2.05%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	3	1.03%
Special Incident Type	2	0.68%
TOTAL	292	100%



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	1	0.34%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3	1.03%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	24	8.22%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	4	1.37%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	103	35.27%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	0.68%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2	0.68%
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	4	1.37%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.34%
444 - Power line down	8	2.74%
460 - Accident, potential accident, other	1	0.34%
500 - Service Call, other	14	4.79%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.34%
540 - Animal problem, other	1	0.34%
550 - Public service assistance, other	3	1.03%
553 - Public service	3	1.03%
554 - Assist invalid	11	3.77%
561 - Unauthorized burning	4	1.37%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	42	14.38%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	0.34%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	16	5.48%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	30	10.27%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	0.68%
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	2	0.68%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.34%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	3	1.03%
813 - Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	3	1.03%
900 - Special type of incident, other	2	0.68%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	292	100%



Clay Township Fire & EMS

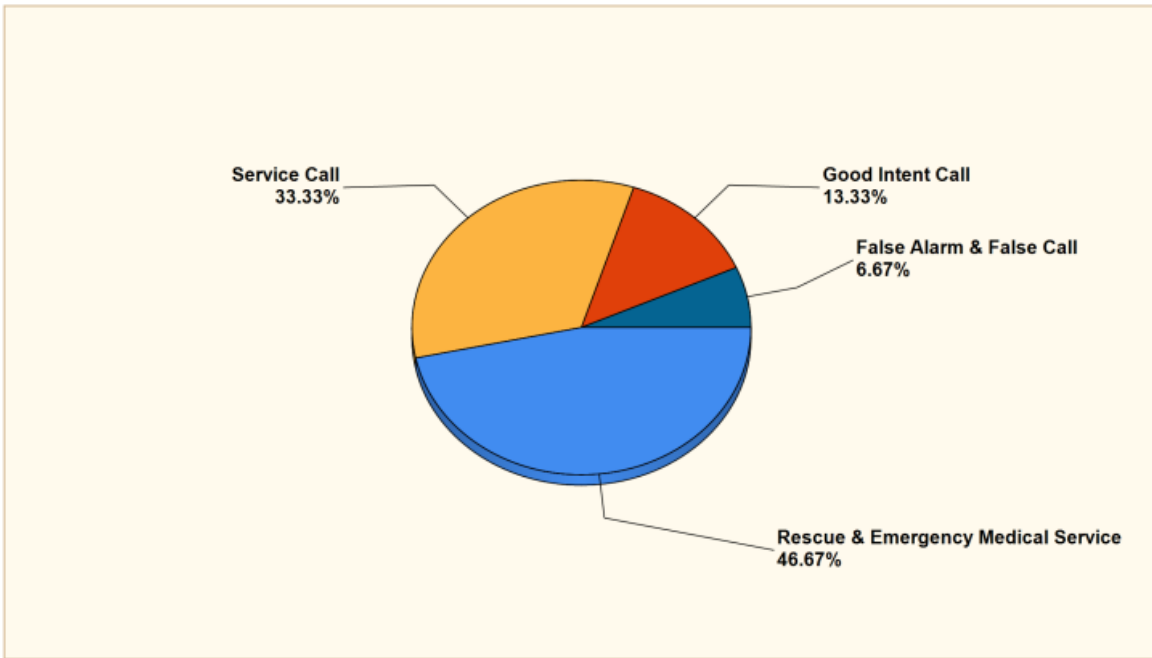
Clay Township, MI

This report was generated on 2/7/2022 10:15:24 AM



Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): 3 - HARSENS ISLAND | Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 01/31/2022



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	7	46.67%
Service Call	5	33.33%
Good Intent Call	2	13.33%
False Alarm & False Call	1	6.67%
TOTAL	15	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	13.33%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	4	26.67%
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	6.67%
500 - Service Call, other	3	20%
554 - Assist invalid	2	13.33%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	2	13.33%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	6.67%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	15	100%