



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes August 13, 2022

Directors Present: Craig Baloga, Lucy Burby, Steve Gartland, Margaret Marchwinski, David Martin, Melanie Most, Kathy O'Connor, Linda Schoonover, Harold Stieber, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Lois Whipple;

Excused: Rosemary Wiczorek;

Unexcused: Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Steve Lawrence, Terry Wiggins;

Guests and Members Present: Mike Balan, Fred Cardinali, John Dickson, Shelly Dickson, Kathleen Harrison, Dianne Huber, Chuck Kukawka, Dan Leeber, Dawn Mead, George Rose, Joanne Shirkey, Jim Stieber.

Craig Baloga brought the meeting to order at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall at 9:02 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The July 2022 meeting minutes were presented. **David Martin made the motion to approve the July 2022 meeting minutes, Leonard Verlinden seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Harold Stieber presented the July 2022 Treasurer's Report. Harold reported that the balance in the checkbook for July 31, 2022 was \$78,580.97, with total cash on hand being \$140,731.86. Harold covered the financial report of the Car Show, with the overall profit from this event being approximately \$6,300. The financial report for Field Day will be covered next month. There is currently around \$60,000 designated specifically for the restrooms fund. Full copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available by contacting Harold Stieber at HaroldS@hiscfa.org.

David Martin made the motion to approve the July 2022 treasurer's reports, Dennis Szymanski seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried, reports to be placed on file.

Secretary Report: Margaret Marchwinski reported that we received three new memberships within the last week. July was an extremely busy month with The Delta News, the Car Show, and Field Day. Only a portion of The Delta News copies were printed for handout, and many members came out to pick up their copy to save on the high cost of postage to mail them out. As such, there was a temporary shortage, and Margaret reached out to the printer in order to acquire more books to hand out directly to keep mailing costs low.

Margaret regretfully informed the Board that she needs to take an extended leave of absence from her position (estimated at a few months, at this time). She is permanently stepping down from being editor-in-chief of The Delta News and will also no longer be in charge of pavilion rentals at Browne's Field.

Communications: No official communications have been received this month.



Browne's Field: Dennis Szymanski reported that Susan Bryson took care of completing the brick paver memorial near the pavilion and surrounding the flagpole, and it looks wonderful. Regrading near/around the pavilion was discussed, to take place in the fall sometime. It has been maybe 8-10 years (or more) since the last time this has been completed. Dennis provided a magazine/catalog that had benches intended for installation at Browne's Field when the time is right - the committee needs to identify which benches will be selected to keep that project on track and finalized in the spring. Tony Mastro has been spraying the ball field and playground for weeds and it has been really looking great lately. The old swim platform in the pond has been removed.

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

Guest Speaker, Clay Township Supervisor Artie Bryson: Supervisor Bryson was not in attendance, but Craig Baloga passed on the message that there will be an Oktoberfest event taking place in downtown Sans Souci. This will be a block party style event, possibly with musical acts, vendor tents, and the street will be closed so people can mingle or bring chairs to relax in a safe environment. The township will be releasing more details as they become available.

Guest Speaker, Clay Township Fire Chief George Rose: During the month of July, Chief Rose attended three meetings: the Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association, St. Clair County Chiefs Association, and the US Coast Guard. The Clay Township Fire Department (CTFD) have been planning for their next event, which is Raft-Off, being held today, August 13, 2022. The CTFD has been working on getting permission to use property for Medical Staging and the command post, along with Bryson's barge. They will also be tasked with balloon deployment and markers, among other things to assist with this unsanctioned event.

The CTFD took Fire Boat #1 to the North Channel Yacht Club: they discharged water for the kids and answered questions about the vessel.

Chief Rose would like to thank the Clay Township Police who responded to a call on Anchor Bay Dr and assisted us with a CPR run.

He regretfully informed the board that the Island station will not be manned as much as he would like for the month of August: three firefighters have resigned from full-time firefighting positions. He has been concentrating on manning the weekends as they are the busiest. Some additional applications have been received and they will be going through another hiring process soon to try to backfill.

Chief Rose also indicated that the pancake breakfast will be taking place Sunday, September 4th from 8am-12pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Grant Update*: The HISCFA is still awaiting feedback about a determination on the grant that was recently applied for. The total for the grant request was for \$430,000. A request for update is still being shown as submitted but there has been no feedback yet as to a determination. This grant was submitted on May 9, 2022. Harold will be following up with some additional resources in order to get a response back on this specific grant.



NEW BUSINESS

- *Fall Bonfire & BBQ*: Volunteers are needed for this event, taking place on Saturday, September 17th. Again this year, “Better Brad’s BBQ” will be utilized, and limited tickets will be sold for this event. Tickets are not yet available, but watch social media for further details. A committee meeting will take place to sort out this event, including printing the limited number of tickets available.
- *Volunteer Sign-up System*: An online sign-up system will be utilized going forward for events like the Fall Bonfire and BBQ, in order to help solicit help on a greater scale.
- *Nomination of Directors - Ballot*: Directors and guests are welcome to write in their names on the ballots for next year’s directorship. The ballot is due prior to the beginning of the September 10th meeting. Please vote for all the people on the ballot and it is possible to write a name(s) in if someone is willing to come forward and join our Association. We are currently working with a bit of a skeleton crew, and we need new directors who are willing to step up and help out.
- *Water Station*: Last month, the water station sprung a leak beneath the pavement/floor of the main water station. The Water Department came out to shut off the water and they were unable to locate the actual shutoff. The following day, they brought in an excavator and installed a new shutoff valve. DeLude Construction was requested to come out to make the repair of the floor, which required digging up the entire floor with their crew, a hole approximately 3’ x 5’, but they were still unable to locate the shutoff. They bored a new hole in order to locate the new shutoff. Supplies were ordered and the job was completed in approximately one week. New piping and fittings were installed in accordance with the current code. Everything is back up and running, and the entire cost was \$8,300 from DeLude. We have a \$250 deductible, and the policy will not pay for the water piping, but the invoice was structured such that water piping was just over the cost of the deductible, and the rest of the labor and floor refinishing should be covered by insurance. The drain issue will still need to be addressed, but no agency will officially claim responsibility for this so that is impeding how promptly this project can be completed.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Jim Stieber and Kathy Harrison mentioned that they both got flat tires as a result of parking near the fence at Browne’s Field during the Car Show. It is suspected this was from when the Island Cleanup event took place, and perhaps there was debris that didn’t make it into the dumpsters. Dennis Szymanski committed to running a magnet roller to try to pick up additional debris as soon as he is able.
- ✓ Dennis Szymanski mentioned that the Turkey Shoot event schedule will be released in the next couple of days, and as always, any little bit helps. Please consider volunteering your time for this worthwhile cause.
- ✓ David Martin mentioned that a few replacement canopies or pop-up tents are needed for events. Some of the existing tents are damaged. **David Martin made a motion to purchase new tents/canopies for HISCFA events, not to exceed \$800; Dennis Szymanski seconded; all in favor, motion carried.**

Next meeting will be Saturday, September 10, 2022 at **9:00 am** at the Harsen’s Island Lions Hall.

David Martin made the motion to adjourn; Kathy O’Connor seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.



Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary

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APPENDIX

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



Clay Township Fire & EMS

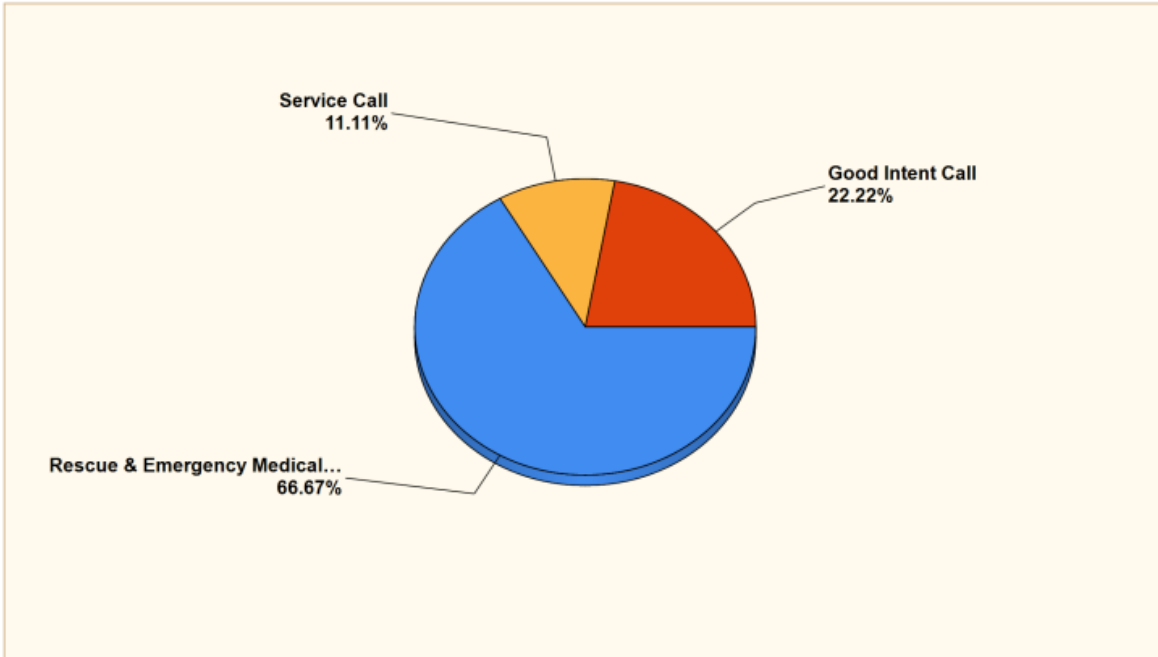
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): 3 - HARSENS ISLAND | Start Date: 07/01/2022 | End Date: 07/31/2022



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	24	66.67%
Service Call	4	11.11%
Good Intent Call	8	22.22%
TOTAL	36	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	22	61.11%
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	2.78%
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	1	2.78%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	2.78%
554 - Assist invalid	1	2.78%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	5.56%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	5.56%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	6	16.67%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	36	100%