

Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2024 Board of Directors Meeting

September 19, 2024, 2024

2024 Board of Directors:

President Fiona Witkowski (FW)	Present	Director Robert Franz (RF)	Present
Vice President Seth Fischer (SF)	Present	Director Eric Kramer (EK)	Present
Secretary Brian Canty (BC)	Present	Director Lehti Laas (LL)	Phone
Treasurer James Mallilo (JM)	Present	Director Betty Wood (BW)	Present
Chief William Connolly (WC)	Present		

Guests: Meg Callinan, David Kaufman

Meeting called to order at: 19:00hours.

For disposition of new members see the Secretary's Report.

Motion by Brian Canty and seconded by Robert Franz to approve the minutes of August 22, 2024 **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUS**

Proposals-

Additional Paramedic

2025 HCAD Budget

Paint and Sip Amendment

Transfer Funds

Motion for additional paramedic

Motion by Chief Bill Connolly and seconded by Seth Fischer to schedule an additional medic for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 08:00-20:00. The second paramedic will ride in an ambulance with a driver. An additional paramedic is needed because of increased call volume and signal 24's. These days have 5 signal 24's each for August 2024. The Chief will present a report at the November Board of Directors Meeting.

HCAD funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUS

Approve 2025 budget

Motion by Treasurer James Mallilo seconded by Secretary Brian Canty to approve the tentative budget of \$2,049,366 for submission to the Town of Huntington.

No funds..... MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUS

Paint and Sip Amendment

Motion by Lehti Laas and seconded by Brian Canty to amend the Paint and Sip motion from the August 22, 2024 BOD meeting to include:

-Friday Day Captain Eve Pollack will be responsible for the event and will collect \$10 per guest by check. Checks will be made out to Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

-Post 215 members will be included in this event.

No funds..... MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUS

Discussion Topics from President Witkowski:

Quarterly Allowance – the Board of Directors had a discussion on what to do about the quarterly allowance. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to do away with the quarterly allowance. Eric was to rewrite the SOP.

Barry Winter is asking permission for those who want to donate their Holiday Card to CP and asks if it is ok to post something on the board. The consensus of the Board of Directors was that this would cause issues with other charity organizations and the Board does not endorse it. Barry can speak individually with members.

Treasurer's Report – James Mallilo

Motion made by Secretary Brian Canty, seconded by Treasurer James Mallilo to accept the Treasurer's report as reported as presented:

HCAD CDJ – 52 Checks and 1 Direct Debit Totaling \$ 112,137.65

HCFAS CDJ – 2 Checks & 1 Direct Debit Totaling \$ 5,494.63

Project Account – 0 Checks & 1 Direct Debit Totaling \$ 286.20

Transfer to the TOH from M&T completed for the billing period of Aug 2024 \$ 214,004.89; 411 PCRS processed

Monthly contracted amount of \$156,617.50 TOH payment of should hit TD Bank Friday 9/20/24

HCFAS has received the final check from the grant of \$150,000

Eric Kramer would like to have any voided checks noted on the CDJ distributed to the Board of Directors.

NO Funds MOTION APPROVED

..... YES (SF,BC,JM,WC,LL,RF,BW)

..... NO (EK)

Transfer Funds

Motion by Treasurer James Mallilo seconded by Secretary Brian Canty to approve the transfer of \$75,000 from Charles Schwab to Bethpage Federal Credit Union Account.

HCFAS Funds MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUS

Chief Report – William Connolly

Equipment & Vehicles –

16: In quarters.

17: In quarters. New front tires

18: In quarters OOS waiting for replacement part (electronic panel)

19: In quarters. Awaiting for repair on bumper

20: In quarters.

21: In quarters. Scheduled for electrical repair (Windshield wipers)

80: In quarters

81: In quarters.
82: In quarters.
88: In quarters
89: In quarters

Paramedic Program- Lead Medic Report - Michael Moccaldi

• **Shift coverage/gaps**

Coverage of the schedule is about 68% covered. Time period from last board meeting until meeting (8/22/24-9/19/24). Current chronic openings are full day Saturday and Sunday including overnights.

• **New personnel, resignations, and current rolls**

The current Paramedic staff is 13 employees. 12 Paramedics and 1 Lead Paramedic.

Employment flyer was re-submitted to SCEMS for publishing on the employment section of their website last month. I have requested them to highlight it as UPDATED, which they have. So far, we have received 1 resume. We will be interviewing her next week. I am requesting that if she interviews well, and all of her background checks come back positive, that a vote can happen via email to accept her, and get her on boarded ASAP.

I would like to thank the Board for the substantial pay raise. In my opinion, it has helped with the staff moral, as well as them picking up shifts.

Equipment: New ALS Safes are currently awaiting scheduling with Proliner and Third Deputy Stevens

Events/Projects Fall festival October 12 & 13.

Secretary's Report - Brian Canty

New members

Motion by Chief William Connolly and seconded by President Fiona Witkowski to accept EMT Madison Burke as new probationary member #1749. Shift: Tuesday 1100 in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

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Motion by Chief William Connolly and seconded by Robert Franz to grant the following Status Change:

Emily Schaffert #1248 – Active Operational to Associate effective 09/04/2024.

2/3 Vote Required **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Status Change Peter Nakelski #681 – Inactive Associate Member to Deceased September 1, 2024

Motion by Secretary Brian Canty and seconded by Chief William Connolly to grant the following Leaves of Absences:

Member #	Last Name	First Name	Day & Shift	LOA Start	LOA End	Type of LOA
1670	Bayer	Alexander	Sunday 2300	8/19/2024	12/15/2024	ELOA
1603	Bram	Jonathan	Thursday 1100	5/10/2024	5/10/2025	ELOA
1710	Kalina	Brianna	Tuesday 1100	8/19/2024	12/12/2024	ELOA
1679	Naeatsaari	Veera	Thursday 1900	8/26/2024	12/20/2024	ELOA
1607	Rosselli	Kathleen	Monday 0700	5/5/2024	12/13/2024	ELOA
1707	Serpe	Mary Kate	Sunday 1500	8/11/2024	12/19/2024	ELOA

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Return to Duty						
Memb #	Last Name	First Name	Day & Shift	LOA End	Type	RTD Date
1635	Rivas Argueta	Landry	Friday 1100	12/20/2024	ELOA	8/30/2024
1704	Ryga	Stephen	Monday 1100	5/14/2024	MLOA	9/9/2024
1549	Savaglio	Joseph	Tuesday 1500	8/21/2024	ELOA	8/27/2024
962	Sisinni	Mary	Sat 1500	7/24/2024	MLOA	9/6/2024

Director Bob Franz Report

Insurance

-MVA

– August 8, 2024: 2-5-19 driver side mirror side swiped the mirror of a truck going in the opposite direction. HCFAS paid \$705 to replace 19's mirror and \$ \$2,110 to replace other driver's mirror.

-September 11, 202: 2-15-16 scrapped the left gate arm while entering Biltmore Circle. 16 has a left side scrape from oxygen door to middle of 2nd door. Incident not reported to our insurance carrier.

Group Life – A motion will be presented at the October meeting to continue our coverage with VFIS – Combine Life Insurance Company of New York for 2024/2025 year. Rates remain stable. Claims paid:

For 2024 - \$0; 2023 - \$ 100,000; for 2022 -\$135,000 and for 2021 - \$65,000.

VFIS – Accident Policy – Renewal is a work in progress and motion should be available for the November meeting. No increase in rate is anticipated for 24/25 year.

Workers' Compensation VAW & Employee – Renewal is a work in progress and motion should be available for the November or December meeting. Due to our high claims, I anticipate that our experience modification will be +100% resulting in higher premiums.

Legislation Update NYS

It has been fairly quiet this summer as to EMS legislation. As of today, two of the three EMS bills that passed the Senate and Assembly have been delivered to the Governor and signed on 9/17/24.

Bill S8486 / A9102 - Authorizes Medicaid reimbursement to EMS agencies for providing Treatment in Place (TIP) to a patient at the point of response; as well as Transportation to an Alternate Provider (TAP) other than a hospital. Currently agencies are not paid and must absorb the cost.

Bill S6226 / A5789 - Allows prehospital blood transfusion in ground ambulances;

NYS Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association - Legislative Town Hall Meeting

On Saturday evening October 19, 2024 there will be a Legislative Town Hall Zoom Meeting at 5:30pm head lined as "Looking Ahead to 2025: What's Happening in EMS Legislation".

A copy of the NYSVARA's email with a link to the zoom meeting is available this evening.

This meeting will be held in person at the Rochester Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom South during the NYS DOH BEMS & TS Vital Signs in Rochester, NY (October 16-20, 2024).

NYS DOH EMSATS Policy Statements:

24-06 -Certification Period: Certifications issued by the Bureau after July 1, 2024, are valid for 48 months from the last day of the month in which the certificate was issued. They expire at 11:59 PM on the date indicated on the document.

Town of Huntington Resolution 2024-497

On 9/10/24, the Town Board passed a resolution adopting a policy titled Volunteer Emergency Responder Leave.

Policy: Employees who are active volunteers in fire and medical response departments within the TOH are permitted to respond to a fire or emergency during their normal I workday without any reduction in their normal pay. This policy applies to emergency situations only ...

Thank you, Chief Connolly, for issuing letters for our members who are town employees to give to their department heads confirming that the member is a volunteer with HCFAS.

Suffolk REMSCO Meeting – Operations Information (Chief Paul Marra):

- The EMS Division would like to confirm that we will be merging with Suffolk County Fire Rescue tentatively on January 1, 2025. We would like to clarify that all services currently supplied by the Division will continue without interruption. This is just clearly a move from the Health Department to Fire Rescue. We will continue to have direct access to the Health Commissioner at all times and the finer details of the transition are currently be worked on. We currently work with the leadership and staff and believe that this partnership will enhance what we do.
- Controlled Substances: We continue to have issues with documentation of controlled substances. Agencies should be versed in the Part 80- Rules and Regulations on Controlled Substances. Agencies that need assistance, should contact myself or Deputy Chief Keegan for assistance. We have 4 agencies have their controlled substances pulled in the last 4 weeks during their state inspection. I am in the process of putting together a presentation on controlled substances for Agency Leadership and Agents.
- The telemetry services were updated today (9/10/24) at Suffolk County Medical Control, the new system will allow for digital transfer of 12 lead EKG's to receiving facilities and built in redundancy of E-Bridge in the event of another cyber incident.
- Part 800 Regulations went out for public comment on 800.24, 25, 26: Equipment regulations, specialty use vehicles, Equipment for EASV's. (Proposed items may affect your budget).

SEMSCO Meeting 9/18/24

A motion was made by William (Mike) Masterton to extend the sunset of EMT-CC from July 2027 to 2030. The vote was 2 Yes and 20 No.

The NYSDOH EMS Bureau and Trauma Services is exploring the change from a Bureau to a Department within NYS government. The Department would have three sections – Operations, Communications and Administrative.

NYSVARA Annual Meeting and Election of Officers – October 2024

District 7 has nominated Mary Catherine Dolan for the office of Vice President.

I ask that you consider casting your vote for Mary in the upcoming election.

Old Business—

- Search for an Investment Manager –
- Conversion to Paycheck Flex – their system is really not the best for our needs
- Director Wood asked for any final comments on the Employee Handbook
- Treasurer Mallilo presented a list of patients that CAC has not been able to collect from

New Business—

- Discussion on Fees for Standbys – it is the consensus of the Board of Directors that we do not do standbys for any for profit organizations or private entity.
- Discussion regarding nonperishable Donations given to the squad.
- Discussion regarding the status of the ACL Program – we have 19 people who are current ACL's. Chief Connolly will look into it and get back to us at the next Board meeting.
- Discussion regarding the delay in interviewing prospective candidates. There was a problem with people accessing the spreadsheet, but it seems it has been resolved.

Projects / Events—

Motion by Eric Kramer second by Treasurer James Mallilo to enter into executive session at 21:05

.....**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Out of Executive Session at 21:19

Motion by Vice President Seth Fischer and seconded by Betty Wood to adjourn the meeting at 21:19 hours.

.....**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Canty
Secretary

Draft sent to Board members: 10/20/2024

Amended and approved: 10/24/2024

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

To: Erik Kramer, Special Event Board Liaison, Board of Directors
From: Brian Canty, Special Event Chair
Date: August 4, 2024

Recap of 2024 Picnic

	A -Over 12	C 6 to 11
Total Signed Up	140	32
NO SHOWS	19	1
Add Ons/No Guests	0	0
Max Total attending	121	31
Total paid	125	25

Catering/Ice Cream	278 \$9,281.89
Camp Use	\$5,000.00
Misc	\$352.00
Total Cost	\$14,633.89
Avg Adult Cost PP W/O Park	58.83
Avg Child Cost PP W/O Park	40.00
Avg Cost PP for Park Use	35.00

No Shows/Adds/Changes

Name	Memb #	12+	6 - 12	A	C
Eric Bantz	1638	1	0	-1	
Paul Bayer	1505	4	0	-2	
Suzi Biagi	1251	1	0	-1	
William M. Billups	793	2	0	-3	
Michael Gallagher	1728	4	0	-1	
Joseph Grant	1304	2	1	-2	-1
Chelsea Keatley	1721	2	0	-1	0
David Neubert		2	0	-2	
Total No Shows				19	1

Adds

Kenny Cadet 1

Kevin McCann 2

Devin Dinato 1

Steven Morrell 1

Changes

Seth Fischer -2

Vasken Kazandjian -2

Sue Manning -2

Angie Mata 1

Total Change 5