

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes  
January 20, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular January 20, 2022 meeting was called to order by Eric Renken at 4:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Matt Remmo (Bertrand Township), Gary Mihills (Pokagon), Christine Vella (Niles Township)\*, Tim Ganus (City of Buchanan), Eric Renken Co-Chair (Milton Township Township), Bill Kasprzak, Chairman (Howard Township), Brad Huebner (Buchanan Township),

\*Attended via video conference

**ABSENT:** Ric Huff (Niles City),

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Scribner (Executive Director), Josh Kay, Operations Manager, Al Dibrito, (Lakeland Spectrum)

**ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

Brian Scribner requested that the Annual Audit Report be moved to the first item following minutes approval.

**Motion by Kasprzak, second by Renken, to approve the requested change to the agenda. Voice Vote (7-0)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16, 2021**

**Motion by Ganus, second by Remmo, to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes. Voice Vote (7-0)**

**PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL AUDIT**

Joel Fredrickson of Siegfried Crandall PC presented the SMCAS 2020 – 2021 Financial Audit.

**Motion by Remmo, second by Kasprzak, to approve the 2020-2021 financial audit. Roll call vote Gary Mihills (yes), Chris Vella (yes), Tim Ganus (yes), Eric Renken (yes) Matt Remmo(Yes) Bill Kasprzak (Yes) Brad Huebner(yes) Motion carried (7-0).**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Safety Committee:*

There was no Safety Committee Meeting this month.

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*Finance Report:*

Scribner presented the December 16, 2021 Financial Report.

**Motion by Huebner, seconded by Mihills to accept the December 2021 financial reports as presented. Roll call vote Gary Mihills (yes), Chris Vella (yes), Tim Ganus (yes), Eric Renken (yes), Matt Remmo (Yes), Brad Huebner (Yes), Bill Kasprzak (Yes) Motion carried (7-0).**

*Approval of Checks:*

The board reviewed the check register as presented.

**Motion by Huff, second by Mihills, to # 27373 - # 27434 totaling \$125,186.78. Roll call vote Gary Mihills (yes), Chris Vella (yes), Tim Ganus (yes), Eric Renken (yes) Matt Remmo(Yes) Bill Kasprzak (Yes) Brad Huebner(yes) Motion carried (7-0).**

**Aging Report**

Josh Kay presented the aging report. MHR is a bit behind due to the influx of MAB infusions but they are catching up.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Scribner presented the directors report for December. Staffing remains a challenge. People are getting tired and moral is low. There remains a challenge across the nation with shortages of EMS personnel. We will need to find long term solutions. This will need to involve increases in wages and improvement in work environment.

This year we will need to renew our Special Assessment District (SAD). Scribner suggested that it is time to increase the amount collected from the SAD. Discussion regarding the path forward with this process.

MAB therapy has slowed down considerably due to a lack of availability of effective Monoclonal drugs.

SMCAS responded to 180 Priority 1

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Approval of the 2020-2021 financial audit (see Item 1)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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None

**COMMENTS**

Chris Vella thanked Brian for helping get a patient get scheduled for a MAB infusion. Gary thanked Josh for taking great care of his wife when she needed an ambulance.

Motion to Adjourn at 16:52 by Renken Voice vote (7-0) Motion Carries