

Southwest Shiawassee Emergency Services Alliance

Serving Residents as Perry Area Fire Rescue

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Official Special Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2025

Perry Township Hall, 2770 W. Ellsworth Road, Perry, MI 48872

Call to Order

Chairman DeLau called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Attendance Roll Call

SSESA Board Officers: Chair-Tim DeLau (City of Perry), Vice Chair – Tom Deming (Burns Township) and Secretary-Lori Godfrey (Antrim Township)

SSESA Trustees: Bob Porter (City of Perry), Mark Fraser (Perry Township) and Phyllis Dickerson (Village of Morrice)

Absent: Treasurer, Troy Parmalee (Perry Township) and Trustees Nick Spaniola (City of Durand), Janet Sprague (Vernon Township) and Bob Peterson (Village of Morrice).

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mr. Deming to approve the agenda with removal of Committee Reports. Second by Mr. Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments (Time limit of 3 minutes)

None

Business

Chief Atkins presented the Memorial Healthcare Ambulance Service Contract. Legal counsel and the insurance company have reviewed the contract. Two areas that required attention were:

1. Indemnification - Municipalities cannot indemnify, therefore, the insurance company must cover the indemnification. Is covered at an increased rate of \$1,010/year.
2. Right of first refusal – SSESA has right of first refusal for all emergency and non-emergency transfers.

Questions asked:

- Who makes decision to refuse transfers? Captains have directions on acceptance of calls and only if ambulance is unavailable will refuse.
- What if there is an extended wait time at the hospital (over 2 hours)? Will see if this occurs frequently and may need to address in future.
- How are transfers going to be scheduled? Still working on plan. May have limited number of people assigned that can add to a master calendar to schedule transfers.
- How will staff receive communication for a transfer? Suggestion to see if hospital public safety frequency can be added to SSESAs radios.
- How to explain to Cooperating entities the contractual obligation of \$10,000/year from the hospital? Approximately 1800 transfer from Memorial Healthcare last year. If receive approximately 1200 calls revenue would be between \$500,000 to \$750,000 in revenue.
- When will rig be ready that is designated for the transfers? Right now it is getting lettered and then will be able to apply for license.
- Will the SSESAs staff have quarters while waiting for calls? Currently being discussed. May have office with private bathroom available while construction is being completed on new building.

*Motion made by Mr. Fraser to accept the contract with Memorial Healthcare to begin June 16, 2025. Second by Mr. Porter. A roll call vote resulted in ayes from all voting members present.
Motion carried.*

Public / Board Comments (Time limit of 3 minutes)

None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Mrs. Godfrey to adjourn. Second by Mr. Deming. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Regular Meeting – June 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Perry Township Hall, 2770 W. Ellsworth Road, Perry, MI 48872.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Godfrey, Secretary