

Southwest Shiawassee Emergency Services Alliance

Serving Residents as Perry Area Fire Rescue

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Official Special Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2026
Perry Township Hall

Call to Order

Chairman DeLau called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Parmalee to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Second by Mr. Porter . All in favor. Motion carried.

Attendance

SSES Board Officers: Chair-Tim DeLau (City of Perry), Vice Chair-Tom Deming (Burns Township), Secretary - Lori Godfrey (Antrim Township) and Treasurer-Troy Parmalee (Perry Township)

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

Member at Large: Cindy Garber (Bennington Township)

Also Present: Chief of Emergency Services Trent Atkins, Deputy Chief of Fire Scott Grinnell and Legal Counsel Norm Shinkle

Absent: Trustees Nick Spaniola (City of Durand) and Susan Bannister (Vernon Township)

Public Comment

- None

Business

- The legal opinion and approval of possible settlement

Motion made by Mr. Parmalee to enter into closed sessions to discuss legal opinion and allow Chief Atkins, Deputy Chief Grinnell, Legal Counsel Norm Shinkle and Burns Township Clerk Shirley Riley to attend. Second by Mr. Fraser. A roll call vote resulted in ayes from all voting members present. Motion carried.

Entered into closed session at 7:08 p.m.

Returned from Closed Session at 7:53 p.m.

Action as a result of closed session: Motion by Mr. Parmalee to instruct Attorney Shinkle to proceed as discussed in closed session. Second by Mrs. Garber. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Yeas: 6

Lori Godfrey, Troy Parmalee, Phyllis Dickerson, Cindy Garber, Bob Peterson and Tim DeLau

Nays: 3

Mark Fraser, Tom Deming and Bob Porter

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

Nick Spaniola and Susan Bannister

Motion passed.

• **Repairs to Engine 1**

- Westshore provided an estimate for repairs to Engine 1 due to accident on February 22, 2026 ○ Cost is \$57,340.83
- A claim was filed with the insurance company. Considered destruction of property due to the Engine being parked when it was struck by the semi truck.
- Parts will take approximately 8 weeks and would be completed by August or September

Motion made by Mr. Parmalee to accept the bid and allow Chief Atkins to move forward with repairs. Second by Mr. Porter. A roll call vote resulted in ayes from all voting members present. Motion carried.

• **Approval of the subrogation with trucking company**

- State of Michigan law allows subrogation with trucking company.
- If the company does not pay, insurance will cover it.

Motion by Mr. Parmalee to continue to run subrogation through Attorney John Gormley with Old Republic of Canada Trucking Company with Attorney fees wrapped into the process. Second by Mr. Deming. A roll call vote resulted in ayes from all voting members present. Motion carried.

Public/Board Comments

- None

Adjournment

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Godfrey, Secretary

