

Minutes of January 19, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting

6PM start, In Person and Virtual

Located at 9925 Grubbs Rd., Wexford, PA 15090

Attendees:

James Bonomo, Chairman

Rob Pizzica, Vice Chair

Mark Sullivan, Treasurer

Steve Solman, Secretary

Brian Zydel, Board Member

Adam Frisch, Board member

Brian Kelm, Board member

Other Attendees:

Attorney Michael Witherel

Victoria Pongrace, President Bradfordwoods Council (Virtual)

Nick Giorgetti, Town of McCandless Liaison

Chris Dell, Chief

Norm Prycl, Captain

Michael Wholihan, Financial Coordinator

Michele Gnoth, Administrative Coordinator

Public:

Joe Wall-McCandless Twp Council

No public comment.

Call to order:

Attorney Michael Witherel called the meeting to order with The Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.

Attorney Witherel ran the meeting through the election of a new Chair.

Election of officers for calendar year 2026:

A motion was made by Mark Sullivan to nominate James Bonomo as Board Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by James Bonomo to nominate Rob Pizzica as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously. 4

A motion was made by James Bonomo to nominate Mark Sullivan as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by James Bonomo to nominate Steve Solman as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Zydel and seconded by Adam Frisch for all appointments to remain the same as previous year. The motion passed unanimously

Appointments for Calendar year 2026:

Depositories: First National Bank

Official Publication: Post Gazette. An alternative publication is being pursued for after May 2026.

Medical Director: Dr. Alan Shapiro

Associate Medical Director: Dr. Adam Frisch

Legal Council: Michael Witherel

Auditor: Herbein

New Board Member, Brian Kelm introduced himself and told the Board Members a little about himself and his family. Brian is a resident of Pine Township. He occupies one of the five seats of Town of McCandless.

Nick Giorgetti was introduced as the new Town of McCandless Liaison.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mark Sullivan and seconded by Brian Zydel to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources:

Chief Dell informed the Board that a wheelchair van driver has resigned. The open hours will be filled by two part-time employees at this time, instead of immediately hiring someone.

Pay raises were in the last paycheck for all employees.

There have been many call-offs lately. Essentially, employees are getting sick from transporting sick patients.

Operations Report:

Chief Dell reviewed the KPI Report and Operations Report with the Board. (Call Locations and Types of calls).

The CQI report was reviewed by the Board of Directors. CQI focus this month is Intubation review. 5

Training hours are still high. 288.5 student training hours in December. Just shy of 3000 training hours for MFPAA staff for 2025.

There have been no reported workplace injuries.

Financial Report:

Chief Dell reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

Total Revenue: **Actual** \$915,695 **Budget** \$329,250 **Difference** \$ 586,445) (including \$474K Bequeath)

Total Expenses: **Actual** \$323,886 **Budget** \$280,058 **Difference:** \$ 43,828 (including vacation payouts)

Amount written off to subscriptions- **Actual** \$7,062 **YTD** \$228,015

Total disbursements were \$ 386,299.06

A motion was made by Mark Sullivan and seconded by Adam Frisch to approve the monthly disbursements. The motion passed unanimously

Facilities:

Chief Dell has a meeting coming up with AHN Wexford Hospital. He states he is optimistic there will be good news regarding the space at the hospital.

Chief Dell also reports we are trying to get a grant for an exhaust extraction system at Station 2.

Old Business:

Allegheny County EMS Council Opioid Funding passed the County budget in the amount of \$1 million dollars. Each EMS agency in Allegheny County has a chance to receive approx. \$31,000 from this. This is still a work in progress.

Two staff members from MFPAA, Christina and Dirk, completed the American Association of PA'S Leadership Development Program.

Michael Wholihan explained the Community Paramedic Program to the Board:

5 Paramedics from MFPAA have been trained as Community Paramedics. We get referrals from UPMC East and UPMC Presby for patients that were released from those hospitals with cognitive difficulties.

The Paramedics visit the patient and care givers. They are given a personal health record reviewing medications, resources available in Allegheny County for them, and an Envelope of Life packet, among other things.

There is no cost to the patient and confidential.

Two new hospitals will come on board in the summer...Shadyside and McKeesport.

Michael is tracking all expenses associated with this program. The program is 100% grant funded.

Dr. Frisch reviewed a new apprentice program based on the Freedom House Ambulance Model in the Hill District. It's called Freedom House 2.0. Funded by UPMC. Participants have their training paid for and get paid to work at MFPAA. Once everything is completed, they are already groomed to find jobs in EMS as an EMT. 6

Chief Dell informed the Board that an EMT class has started at MFPAA on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have one employee as a student in the class.

New Business:

EMS Awareness Event to be held before the Board meeting on March 16, 2026 beginning at 5pm, immediately prior to the BOD Meeting.

Chief Dell and Michael Wholihan are finalizing the invite list.

A motion was made by Brian Zydell and seconded by Mark Sullivan to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:29PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting is set for Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6PM.

Prepared by:



Administrative Coordinator

Submitted by:



Secretary