MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 16, 2023, 2023

PRESENT: Kim Cole Jim Coleman Brad Fritcher Craig Hardy

Jody Hartley Laude Hartrum Chris Jones Troy Maloney Craig Mast Tom Trenner

- **ABSENT**: Jim Herrema
- STAFF: Ray Hasil Todd Myers Chris Ernst Connie Blaauw

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Mast at 10:00 a.m.

GUEST/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Garry McKeen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was presented as part of the Board packet.

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Maloney to approve the agenda, as presented. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

June 2023 minutes were presented as part of the Board packet.

Motion by Trenner and supported by Coleman to accept the June 14th, Board Meeting Minutes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hartley presented the Treasurer's report for July 31, 2023.

Total Revenues – July 31, 2023: \$107,710.78 Total Expenditures – July 31, 2023: \$180,264.64 Fund Balance as of – July 31, 2023 \$ 1,590,278.34

Motion by Cole and supported by Hartrum to accept the July Treasurer's report and approve the payment of claims for August 2023 in the amount of \$561.98. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: none

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Personnel

- We have two part-time trainees in training. One was hired with no public-safety experience and is progressing as expected. The second is a former part-time employee that is in an accelerated training process.
- We are meeting individually with floor personnel to discuss short- and long-term goals. This will allow administration to work with staff on developing the skills needed for them to realize future opportunities at Mason-Oceana 911.

Collaboration Projects

• Lake County CAD collaboration- Lake Co has formally requested the formation of a committee that would explore the addition of adding Lake Co to the NEMO CAD (see letter in meeting packet).

Radio Communications Updates

- Lakeshore Coverage- Ray and Chris recently visited Ottawa Co CD to view an, "over the top" PTT (pushto-talk) solution that allows agencies to talk on the MPSCS via smart phones. It is a solution that could be deployed in our area as well and would be a viable alternate for coverage issues along the Lakeshore.
- **Radio Encryption on Law Enforcement Talkgroups-** we continue to work with all law enforcement agencies to order all the radios needed to go live with ADP encryption.

Other Updates

• Facility Power Outage- on July 26, 2023 at approximately 11:00 AM, storms were going through the area. Ray saw lightning and after a couple seconds, heard thunder when the entire building went dark. Anything in the facility that required power to operate abruptly shut down. Over the next two hours, Chris and Todd worked to bring systems back online while trying to troubleshoot why our battery backup system failed. After an hour or so, another very brief interruption to power occurred and all systems went dark again. A call to our UPS provider had us scrambling to unscrew and remove every battery and power supply in our newer battery backup system. It was determined that the UPS went into a self-protecting bypass mode when three or more power surges occurred in rapid succession after the initial lightning strike. It first appeared that some facility hardware was damaged but everything except an old server was working as expected after a couple days. Last week, storms caused brief electric interruptions and our backup systems functioned as expected with no issues.

• Facility upgrades

- Generator Replacement- the new generator should be received in early 2024.
- Main Building Gutters- after years of seeking a company to repair the commercial gutters on our building, Todd and Chris purchased supplies and repaired our gutters. This included patching, riveting and caulking seams.
- Garage gutters- we are in an installation holding pattern until needed materials are received by the installer.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Suspension of dead deer removal in both Counties

Hasil discussed a recent letter from Oceana County Road Commission regarding their updated policy on the removal of dead deer from roadways, they will only remove deer that are in the travel portion of the roadway. In addition, Mason County Road Commission has stated they also will be following this same policy due to attempts to prosecute Road Commissions over disposal concerns.

Motion by Hartley and supported by Trenner to have Hasil write a letter from the Board to our legislator's addressing this issue. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Lake County committee request

Hasil gave an update on Lake County's request to join the Mason-Oceana-Newaygo CAD. Lake County asked to form a committee with representatives from all three PSAP's explore a CAD partnership. After a discussion a motion was heard.

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Fritcher to appoint to the Lake County CAD Committee, Hasil, Mast, Cole with Jones being Cole's alternate, and Maloney. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Millage Levy amount for both Counties

Hasil recommended that the Board approve the full .014 mills be levied in both Mason and Oceana County for the 2023 tax roll, this is no change from the previous year. After a discussion a motion was heard.

Motion by Fritcher and supported by Hardy to approve Hasil's recommended full .014 mills to be levied in both Mason and Oceana County for the 2023 tax roll. Roll call vote was taken: Cole, yea; Coleman, yea; Fritcher, yea; Trenner, yea; Hardy, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Jones, yea; Maloney, yea; and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be September 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Mason-Oceana 911 Conference room, located at 9160 N. Oceana Drive, Pentwater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Blaauw, Secretary