

MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2023

PRESENT: Kim Cole
Brad Fritcher
Craig Hardy

Jody Hartley
Laude Hartrum
Jim Herrema

Chris Jones
Craig Mast
Tom Trenner

ABSENT: Jim Coleman and Troy Maloney

STAFF: Ray Hasil
Todd Myers
Chris Ernst
Connie Blaauw

GUEST: Brad Fowler with Mika Meyers Attorney's Office

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was presented as part of the Board packet. Mast asked to have two items under New Business; Closed Session to review Attorney-Client Privileged Communication and Consideration of Appeal of FOIA request from David Shafer moved to follow Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion by Cole and supported by Hardy to approve the agenda, with the above noted changes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Fritcher to accept the August 16th, Board Meeting Minutes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Closed Session request to review Attorney-Client Privileged Communications. All minutes during the closed session will be take by Mika Meyers Attorney's office.

A roll call vote was taken to go into closed session at 10:05 am

Motion by Cole and supported by Hartrum to go into closed session. Roll call vote was taken: Cole, yea; Fritcher, yea; Trenner, yea; Hardy, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Herrema, yea; Jones, yea; and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hardy and supported by Hartley to conclude the closed session at 10:42 am. Roll call vote was taken: Cole, yea; Fritcher, yea; Trenner, yea; Hardy, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Herrema, yea; Jones, yea; and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.

Following the closed session, a Motion was made regarding the FOIA appeal request.

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Jones to deny the FOIA appeal request. Roll call vote was taken: Cole, yea; Fritcher, yea; Trenner, yea; Hardy, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Herrema, yea; Jones, yea; and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.

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

Total Revenues – August 31, 2023: \$296,948.96

Total Expenditures – August 31, 2023: \$118,344.30

Fund Balance as of – August 31, 2023 \$ 415,293.26

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Trenner to accept the August Treasurer's report and approve the payment of claims for September 2023 in the amount of \$563.56. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Hartley made a request that the Board allow the Treasurer, Chairman and Director to move up to \$50,000. To and from our liquid funds account with MI CLASS and Fifth Third Bank as needed. After a discussion a motion was heard.

Motion by Jones and supported by Cole to allow the Treasurer, Chairman and Director to move up to \$50,000. to and then back to our liquid funds account with MI CLASS and Fifth Third Bank as needed for expenses. A roll call vote was taken: Cole, yea; Fritcher, yea; Trenner, yea; Hardy, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Herrema, yea; Jones, yea; and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: none

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Personnel

- Both are progressing well and one will complete training this Friday, 9/22/23.
- We met individually with floor personnel to discuss short- and long-term goals. It was a great way to interact with and understand our floor staff's interests in moving up or helping in one of our specialist positions like training officer and TAC.
- We have a supervisor retiring at the end of this year and we are working through the process to identify a replacement. We are posting internally for the position of full-time public-safety telecommunications supervisor.

Collaboration Projects

- **Lake County CAD collaboration-** a first meeting date is set for this Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 1PM at Mason-Oceana 911.
- **NICE Radio IP Logger-** Mason-Oceana and Newaygo came to terms with a 3-year agreement to share Mason-Oceana's NICE Radio IP Logger. The agreement saves both organizations thousands per year. Mason-Oceana will receive \$6,403, \$6,626 and \$6,861 respectively from Newaygo over the next 3 years.
- **MABAS-** 911 is working with Oceana County fire departments as they implement a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). MABAS puts the request, notification and agreements in place to large volumes of mutual aid resources from outside our area, including outside states.

Radio Communications Updates

- **Lakeshore Coverage-** we have received quotes from AT&T on an over-the-top solution that allows the use of 4, 6 or 8 talkgroups. 911 plans on budgeting for the solution for 2024.
- **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

- **911 & Public Safety Technologies Millage-** Ray is working to assemble a proposal that would seek funding a new, 1 mil "911 & public safety technologies" millage that will replace the existing .14 millage

and the \$2.09 local telephone surcharge that occurs monthly on every phone that has a billing address in Mason or Oceana County. The millage/funds would be broken down in two areas:

- **911 Funding-** 0.7 mil would be earmarked for 911 operations and replace both the existing 0.14 mils and the local 911 surcharge, which is currently \$2.09 per device per month. Only residents with a telephone billing address in Mason or Oceana Co pay the surcharges. Millage-based funding better includes non-homesteaded properties (they currently pay the 0.14 but no local 911 surcharges). Using 2022's taxable values, 0.7 mils would generate \$2,474,082.
- **Public Safety Technologies Millage-** a new 0.3 millage would go to fund public safety software and hardware technologies. Using 2022's taxable values, 0.3 mils would generate \$1,060,321.
- **Facility upgrades**
 - **Generator Replacement-** the new generator should be received in early 2024.
 - **Garage gutters-** installers were here yesterday but had the wrong color.
- **Hazardous Waste Pickup-** we dropped off a trailer of electronics at this years' event.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Hasil gave a presentation of funding public safety technologies and 911. Hasil spoke about the issue with local surcharge funding, Mason-Oceana 911's history of consolidating and sharing costs/services, and expensive public safety technologies. Hasil asked the Board if they would support him to continue researching a possible millage in the future to assist with funding technologies for Public Safety and Mason-Oceana 911. If passed this would eliminate the current 0.14 millage and \$2.09 local telephone surcharge. Following Hasil's presentation, a discussion was held.

Scheduling of Committee meetings

Personnel will be on Wednesday, 10/4 at 10am

Finance will meet at Wednesday, 10/11 at 10am

TAC will meet at Wednesday, 10/18 at 9am

Communications meeting date on hold at this time.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be October 18, 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