MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2025

PRESENT: Dale Goodrich, Craig Hardy, Jody Hartley, Laude Hartrum, Jim Herrema, Chris Jones, Troy Maloney, Derrek Wilson

ABSENT: Kim Cole, Randy Jordan, Craig Mast

STAFF: Todd Myers, Chris Ernst, Connie Blaauw

GUEST/CITIZENS: Garry McKeen

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

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

Motion by Maloney and supported by Goodrich to approve the agenda. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:
June 2025 minutes were presented as part of the Board packet.

Motion by Hartley and supported by Goodrich to approve the June minutes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hartley presented the Treasurer's report for August 31, 2025.
Total Revenues – August 31, 2025: $254,383.85
Total Expenditures – August 31, 2025: $155,194.09
Fund Balance as of – August 31, 2025 $1,685,384.73

Motion by Hardy and supported by Jones to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the payment of claims for September 2025 in the amount of $241.72. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Personnel

- 911 held a staff meeting and training on August 26. The meeting and training centered around 911's MERS Defined Benefit retirement plan. Employees were provided training on what "defined benefit" means, costs, and using all of the online tools available to them.
- Ray and Supervisor Abe Merten are attending Michigan's annual 911 Technology Forum Monday-Wednesday this week. Ray is presenting on radio encryption, which continues to be a major topic of discussion in Michigan.

Collaboration Projects

- **Lake County CAD collaboration (Todd)-** no update.
- **Mid Mitt Viper Multinode (Todd)-** we are waiting for a new circuit that needs to be built for the upgrade.
- **School Safety-** 911 had to halt and revisit their school safety incident notification process. Todd and Chris are working on a different solution that would be better to comply with personal privacy law.
- **Cybersecurity Grant-** a second update was released stating there is still no award date information available yet.

Radio Communications Updates

- 911 deployed the mobile tower and repeater to SERT training on 9/11.
- 911 deployed the mobile tower on a SERT callout last week.
- 911 will be staffing Supervisor and Incident Tactical Dispatcher (INTD) Stacy Gregwer at SERT training this week. Stacy was the first state-recognized INTD in Michigan and is working towards assisting Ray with instructing and certifying other INTDs in Michigan. An INTD is specially trained in the NIMS/ICS structure to dispatch outside of 911 centers at incidents and planned events.
- **Encryption (placeholder)-** all radio purchases should include ADP/DES/AES and multikey. Agencies are encouraged to encrypt their car-to-car talkgroups. Agencies should check with 911 before any template changes are pursued.

Other Updates

- **2026 Budget-** meetings could not be scheduled in time for a 2026 budget approval at the October meeting and we will instead work towards passing the budget at the November 19 board meeting.
- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) & 911-** Ray, Chris & Todd are looking at an AI product that would allow quality assurance reviews on all 911 calls.
- **Ludington Tower-** no update.
- **August, 2026 Millage Renewal (placeholder)-** plans for our August, 2026 millage renewal on (or before) the April 15, 2026 911 Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: De-commission Tornado Sirens
Maloney gave an update having reached out to the Township/Villages in Oceana County. Maloney discussed the response received with Hasil and is recommending having the Communication Committee address

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Maloney to have this issue addressed by the Communications Committee. Then bring a recommendation back to the full Board. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be October 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mason-Oceana 911 Conference room, located at 9160 N. Oceana Drive, Pentwater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Blaauw,
Secretary

Approved: 11/19/2025