



(COMU WG) since January 2022 and will be speaking about the many initiatives being spearheaded by the COMU WG in 2023.

#### Collaboration Projects

- **Lake County CAD-** Lake Co has formally requested consideration to join the Mason-Oceana-Newaygo Co CAD. They would be joining with RMS & JMS modules. A communications committee meeting is needed to consider this proposed consolidation.

#### Radio Communications Updates

- **Lakeshore Coverage-** no update.
- **Radio Encryption on Law Enforcement Talkgroups-** new radio orders currently take 4 months for delivery, and templates are taking at least 4 months to create, meaning around 8-12 months to implement after the last radio needed has been ordered. With Chris back and able to help work with agencies on new radio needs, we will begin engaging with departments to firm up new radio needs.

#### Other Updates

- **Facility upgrades**
  - The majority of construction work on the new garage is complete and Todd assisted digging a trench to bury electric service to the garage. Longtime Mason-Oceana electric contractor C&I Electric was hired to run electric from our facility to the new garage. Metal electric conduit and outlets were run inside along all 3 walls. Three lanes of indoor LED lighting were installed, and electric runs were made to the front in-between the garage doors for door openers. Automatic outdoor lights were installed as well. Todd and Chris have begun ordering shelving, work bench kits and garage door openers.
- **New Office-** the 'safe' room is being converted into a new office for Operations Manager Chris Ernst. Part of converting the room is going through decades of stored records, many of which need to be shredded.
- **ASHER Communications Drill-** Ray represented the COMU in a drill hosted by Osceola Co Emergency Management and Michigan's EMHSD. The drill simulated the need to deploy a Communications Unit Leader and Communications Unit Technician for the 3 days of 24/7 recovery efforts immediately following a simulated active assailant.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Local Surcharge renewal in both Counties

Hasil gave a brief overview that our Board has to approve an annual rate for the local 911 surcharge and pass that on to both County Boards for approval before the request is passed on to the State of Michigan SNC Office. Hasil is requesting to remain at the same rate as last year, which is \$2.09.

**Motion by Maloney and supported by Hartley to keep our local surcharge at the current rate of \$2.09. A roll call vote was taken: Coleman, yea; Fritcher, yea; Goodrich, yea; Hardy, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Herrema, yea; Maloney, yea; and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.**

Lake County letter to join Mason-Oceana and Newaygo's CAD

Hasil discussed the letter of request from Lake County to join in on our CAD. Hasil asked for a Communication's Committee to discuss and make a recommendation to the full Board

Maturing CD with Choice One Bank

Hasil stated that our current Choice One Bank CD will mature on 2/18/23 and we need to decide where to move those funds, \$252,736.56. After a discussion a motion was heard.

**Motion by Hardy and supported by Hartley to move the above funds to MI CLASS. A roll call vote was taken: Coleman, yea; Fritcher, yea; Goodrich, yea; Hardy, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Herrema, yea; Maloney, yea; and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be March 15, 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