MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2024

PRESENT: Kim Cole, Brad Fritcher, Dale Goodrich, Jody Hartley, Laude Hartrum, Jim Herrema, Chris Jones, Troy Maloney, Craig Mast

ABSENT: Jim Coleman and Craig Hardy

STAFF: Ray Hasil, Todd Myers, Chris Ernst, Connie Blaauw

GUEST/CITIZENS: Garry McKeen

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Mast at 10:01 a.m.

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

Motion by Goodrich and supported by Cole to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:
February 2024 minutes were presented as part of the Board packet.

Motion by Maloney and supported by Jones to approve the February 2024 Board minutes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hartley presented the Treasurer's report for February 29, 2024.
Total Revenues – February 29, 2024: $39,897.62
Total Expenditures – February 29, 2024: $117,004.23
Fund Balance as of – February 29, 2024 $1,793,330.58

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Fritcher to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the payment of claims for March 2024 in the amount of $122.78. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:
The Finance Committee met today before the Board meeting. Hartley gave an overview of the discussion of a 911 and Public Safety technologies millage. After much discussion a motion was made to move the conversation on to the full Board with no recommendation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Personnel

- Part-time Telecommunicator Rebekah Pawlowski was recognized with Mason-Oceana 911's Agency Commendation for her work on a fatal fire in Mason County. It is our highest form of recognition.
- Our new part-time employee is progressing in our training program as expected.
- Mason-Oceana 911 Director Ray Hasil, Deputy Director Todd Myers, Operations Manager Chris Ernst and Supervisor Stacy Gregwer were four of eight persons named "Michigan Interoperability Person of the Year" for their work at the Electric Forest Festival where they were instrumental in designing and conducting a communications exercise within (and during) the 2023 Electric Forest Festival. The exercise allowed 33 public safety professionals from all around Michigan to complete the final step of a three-part certification process for one of five Michigan-recognized communications positions.

Collaboration Projects

- **Lake County CAD collaboration-** our agreement to share our CAD with Lake Co has been signed. The project is expected to take approximately one year to implement.
- **2024 Electric Forest Fest (EFF)-** we are in contact with the promoter regarding geo-routing 911 calls to the Unified Command at EFF, and also regarding a 911 employee at the Unified Command that will answer 911 calls originating within the EFF grounds.
- **CentralSquare Unify (CAD2CAD)-** 911 has been offered a 10% discount for Unify if we sign our contract by the end of the month. The project is going to be far more expensive for Life EMS and I have been informed that Life EMS will be able to commit before the end of the month.
- **Mid Mitt Viper Multinode-** Todd, Ray and Chris met with Newaygo and Meceola 911s to discuss the need to replace our equipment this year. Todd has done a lot of legwork to understand the upgrade, options and costs. All six multinode partners will meet April 4 to discuss plans for this expensive upgrade.
- **Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) Grant-** Michigan's State 911 Coordinator sent a last-second e-mail on Friday 3/15 regarding an OHSP grant opportunity that could help pay for a $900,000 Mid-Mitt multimode upgrade. The grant was due at close of business on Friday and we were in the unique position of having a proposal ready to go. Ray was on the road all afternoon; Todd and Chris did a great job of jumping through a LOT of last-second hoops to apply in time.

Radio Communications Updates

- **Limited Access Dune Community Coverage-** Chris will begin identifying a Mason Co venue and a guest speaker.
- **Encryption on Law Enforcement Talkgroups-** no update

Other Updates

- **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)-** new guidance and information was received on 3/14. We will look to see what projects we would like to see funded at Mason-Oceana.
- **911 & Public Safety Technologies Millage-** two options for ballot proposals were provided to the 911 Finance Committee this morning. 911's legal counsel will be available for questions regarding the ballot measure and the wording.
- **Facility upgrades**
    - **Generator Replacement-** our generator contractor has been working on arrangements to use an excavator to remove the old generator and place the new one.

OLD BUSINESS:

911 and Public Safety Technologies Millage

After much discussion the Board agreed they would take no action on a millage at this time. The possibility of a millage or surcharge increase will be something that will be discussed in the future.

NEW BUSINESS: None

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be April 17, 2024 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: 5/15/2024