MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2025

PRESENT: Kim Cole, Brad Fritcher, Jody Hartley, Laude Hartrum, Jim Herrema, Chris Jones, Randy Jordan, Troy Maloney, Craig Mast, Tim Beggs

ABSENT: Dale Goodrich

STAFF: Ray Hasil, Chris Ernst, Connie Blaauw

GUEST/CITIZENS: None

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 Herrema and supported by Hartrum to approve the agenda. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Maloney and supported by Cole to approve the January minutes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hartley presented the Treasurer's report for January 31, 2025.
Total Revenues – January 31, 2025: $42,483.33
Total Expenditures – January 31, 2025: $151,310.75
Fund Balance as of – January 31, 2025 $1,665,467.67

Motion by Cole and supported by Fritcher to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the payment of claims for January 2025 in the amount of $1,493.56. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Personnel

- Our part-time employee in training continues to progress very well.
- One of our long-time part time employees is cutting way back on her hours. A new part-time employee is being onboarded and will soon begin training.
- We are keeping a close eye on Michigan's Earned Sick Time Act and will comply with whichever legal requirements are enacted.
- Effective April 1, 2025, Ray is retiring from Pentwater Fire Department after 23.5 years of service. He has also stepped down as chair of Michigan's Communications Unit (COMU) Work Group but remains on as vice chair of the COMU and will continue spearheading education and training efforts for Michigan's COMU initiatives.

Collaboration Projects

- **Lake County CAD collaboration (Todd)-** on schedule to go live in fall 2025.
- **CentralSquare Unify (CAD2CAD)-** budgeted for 2025, awaiting Life EMS decision.
- **Mid Mitt Viper Multinode (Todd)-** equipment has arrived and all 7 PSAPs meet at Meceola 911 on February 4 for a project kick-off meeting.
- **School Safety Incidents-** Ray has sought a legal opinion regarding the sharing of personal information from 911 callers with trusted agents from area schools.
- **Cybersecurity Grant (Todd)-** no update.
- **911's RoIP-** unused devices have been collected. A new cache has been established and can be used in the event of an MPSCS outage.
- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (Chris)-**

Radio Communications Updates

- **Encryption on Law Enforcement Talkgroups (Ray/Chris)-** Mason County law enforcement is ready to go live but 911 is experiencing delays from Motorola on completing the installation of encryption on our backroom recorders. The last couple Oceana County agencies have received their radios and submitted templates.
- **MCRFA Request/Kenwood Radios-** MCRFA is struggling financially and has requested that 911 program Kenwood radios for them. They have offered to pay 911 for the cables and software needed. 911 recommends Motorola radios for agencies but there is no denying that other brands are far less expensive than Motorola. It is Ray's recommendation that 911 purchase the cables and software at no cost to MCRFA and offer Kenwood programming and template services.
- **Amateur Radio Antenna-** the VHF antenna at the top of our tower is damaged and unusable. The antenna has been there since 2003 and plans for a replacement are underway. We are also exploring the addition of an amateur repeater on 911's Ludington tower.

Other Updates

- **NICE Radio & Telephone Recorder (Todd)-** the 5-year NICE recording system update was completed.
- **Parking Lot Paving (Todd)-** Todd is reaching out to the Oceana Co Road Commission for an updated quote that would reflect 2024 rates.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MCRFA Request for 911 to program Kenwood Radios

Hasil requested the Board to approve Mason-Oceana 911 to be able to purchase the cables and software at no cost to MCRFA and offer Kenwood programming and template services, expected cost not to exceed $2,000. After a brief discussion a motion was heard.

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Cole to allow Mason-Oceana 911 to purchase the equipment needed to program Kenwood Radios for the Fire Depts as needed. Roll call vote was taken: Cole, yea; Jordan, yea; Fritcher, yea; Beggs, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Herrema, yea; Jones, yea; Maloney, yea and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.

COMU Training Fund
Hasil requested to set up a new Training Fund within BS&A for State of Michigan MPSCS COMU training. The State SNC and Brad Stoddard, Director MPSCS, both support the COMU training in the State. The Fund would be supported by class tuition fees. After discussion a motion was heard.

Motion by Maloney and supported by Hartley to create a COMU Fund with in BS&A to track training expenses and revenue. Roll call vote was taken: Cole, yea; Jordan, yea; Fritcher, yea; Beggs, yea; Hartley, yea; Hartrum, yea; Herrema, yea; Jones, yea; Maloney, yea; and Mast, yea. Motion Carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be April 16, 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: 4/16/2025