

MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2021

PRESENT: Kim Cole via Telecom
Jim Duram via Telecom
John Forner
Brad Fritcher
Dale Goodrich

Craig Hardy
Jody Hartley
Laude Hartrum
Jim Herrema
Tim Kozal

Craig Mast
Ron Christians
Matt Murphy

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Ray Hasil
Todd Myers
Chris Ernst
Connie Blaauw

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Mast at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was presented as part of the Board packet. Mast asked to move citizen participation under new business.

Motion by Hartley and supported by Goodrich to approve the agenda with above change. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

August 2021 minutes were presented as part of the Board packet.

Motion by Hartrum and supported by Hartley to accept the August 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hartley presented the Treasurer's report for August of 2021.

Total Revenues – August 2021: \$275,297.56
Total Expenditures – August 2021: \$107,400.42
Fund Balance as of August 2021: \$1,497,416.01

Motion by Kozal and supported by Hartrum to accept the Treasurer's report, and approve the payment of claims for September 2021 in the amount of \$583.60. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Communications Committee

Goodrich reported that the Communications Committee met September 1, 2021. The minutes of the meeting were included in the Board packet. There was a motion from the meeting to discontinue the Life EMS call intake trial, with two members voting yea and two members voting nay. This issue will be passed on to the full Board to address. Encryption was discussed however; we are waiting on cost from Motorola. The committee also discussed a request from Oceana County EM to use the 911 Motorola VHF paging transmitter at Star Hill. Hasil will contact Chrouch to look into compliance issues before a decision is made.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Personnel

- We have one trainee in the final 'shadow' phase of training and we expect her to fully complete our training program this weekend.
- Two new part-time telecommunicators began training.
- We have a full-time staff member on quarantine due to being a COVID close-contact.

Collaboration Projects

- CAD AVL- (Todd Myers)

Radio Communications Updates

- Lakeshore Coverage- we will meet with new Motorola rep Lindsay Schleicher on Monday, September 20 to discuss lakeshore coverage and encryption.
- Newaygo Co 800 MHz Paging- no update
- The August storms that caused a 911 internet outage took out 911's non-emergency phone lines, MCT connections and Active911 feeds. In response, we recently placed the following communication equipment in service:
 - Sierra Wireless AirLink MP70 LTE router on FirstNet with an AirgainConnect AC-HPUE Multi-Band High Power LTE Antenna-Modem. The modem will be configured to serve 911 as its primary internet connect with traditional fiber fails. The combo can also be deployed in 911's Expedition for data coverage on incidents and planned events with low or no signal.
 - Three (3) iPhone 12 smartphones on FirstNet. These phones will allow 911 to make and take phone calls when 911's non-emergency lines go down.
- FirstNet has made great coverage gains in Oceana County. Todd, Chris and I are comfortable recommending all Oceana County agencies consider switching to FirstNet with an HPUE antenna. HPUE, which stands for High Power User Equipment, allows up to 10 times the transmit power normally allowed by data modems. 911's HPUE equipment is available for agencies to test.
- Encryption- Ray recently spoke with the former 911 coordinator for the Kent Co Sheriff Office and discussed issues they faced with implementing encryption.

Other Updates

- We need to set committee meeting for 911's 2022 budget.
- 911 Local Telephone Surcharge Sunset- Representative Calley has introduced HB 5026 and Ray will be engaging with our legislators to talk about the bill. The 911 Act sunsets on 12/31/21. Without an extension, there will be no authorization for 911 to operate in Michigan
- Chart of Accounts- (Connie Blaauw)
- FCC 911 Fee Diversion Legislation- (no update)
- UPS replacement- the new UPS has been ordered and we are working with the vendor and C&I Electric on how to best install the new unit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Uniform Chart of Accounts

Blaauw gave an update under Director's report. Our auditor made two-line item changes since our last meeting. The changes required BS&A to revert up back to step 5 in the 8-step process. We are currently at step 6, with hopes to go live in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

GUEST/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Dwight Fuehring, Angie Schiller, Mark Meijer, Stephanie VanSickle, James Becker, Angela Cerna and Rex T.

Life EMS call conferencing trial

Mast asked for citizen participation to identify themselves and make a comment, if they choose. A few participants made comments requesting Mason-Oceana 911 to take back the call intake on all medicals. Mark Meijer with Life EMS was present to answer any questions the Board and citizens had. A motion was heard.

Motion by Goodrich and supported by Hartley to end the trial period with Life EMS and return medical call intake to Mason-Oceana 911.

Following the motion further discussion was held followed by a roll call vote.

Forner – yes; Fritcher – yes; Goodrich – yes; Hardy – yes; Hartley – yes; Hartrum – yes; Herrema – no; Kozal – yes; Mast – yes. Cole and Duram were not present in person so no vote. Motion carried.

Disposal fee for Hazmat material to Conservation District in both Counties

Hasil explained that the last two years we have paid the Conservation District in both Counties \$50 annually for Hazmat disposal. Hasil requested the Board approval for the payments.

Motion by Kozal and supported by Hartrum to approve the payment of \$50. to both Counties Conservation Districts. Roll call vote.

Forner – yes; Fritcher – yes; Goodrich – yes; Hardy – yes; Hartley – yes; Hartrum – yes; Herrema – yes; Kozal – yes; Mast – yes. Cole and Duram were not present in person, so no vote. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:21am.

NEXT SCHEDULED meeting will be October 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mason-Oceana 911 Conference room, located at 9160 N. Oceana Drive, Pentwater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Blaauw, Secretary