

## 911 Board Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2015

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 PM by Bean.

Present: Dawson, Drollinger, Trumble, Meyers, Bean, Sayre,

Absent: Thompson, Boettcher

Guests: Gank

*Motion by Sayre supported by Drollinger to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.***

Public Comment - None

*Motion by Drollinger supported by Dawson to approve the minutes of November 2015. **Motion Carried Unanimously.***

**Financial Report** – November and December 2015.

Overtime totals \$17,000 but missing wages equal it out. Per the accounting department, it is overall budget that counts, not specific line items.

*Motion by Sayre supported by Trumble to approve the Financial Reports of November and December 2015. **Motion Carried Unanimously.***

### **New Business**

- Christmas Storm: Val Craft and Dave Vitale were both called in to address communication issues due to lack of generator for the main server. This has become an issue. Due to a power spike, the Adam East (Mancelona Tower) went down as well.

Should a separate server be considered? Dawson stated that TAA had set up their own server for a cost of approximately \$3300 plus tech support. On-site is \$100 per hour and remote is \$35 per hour. Most felt that this was a good option as Dispatch was affected 15 times in 2015.

Further discussion took place regarding sheltering and power outages. The power outages will continue as the Ash and Beech Trees continue to fall.

### **Old Business**

- Rave Mobile Safety – Smart 911: The system is up and running. Rave recommended not doing a roll-out until after the holidays as most folks are distracted. News releases, social media and flyers will be utilized. All of the 911 Board will help and feel that with Fire, EMS and Police helping, it will get the publicity it needs.
- PFN: We have signed on with them. Waiting on the vendor from Toronto (this has taken about 4 months so far).

T-1 programming issue – interference appears to be fixed.

800 paging is now available. \$800 per pager and \$2500 per page group. In order to join this a new console is needed. We currently have a MC5500 and a MC 7500 would be required. Cost - \$360,000. A consolette is available for \$10k. In order to consider this, Central Lake would need a new tower. Most departments don't appear to be interested due to cost and battery life.

Since Grand Traverse County is going through the conversion process to 800 now, there will be lots of available equipment.

EMS departments are using Statewide 7, which could cause a problem with available space.

Sayre asked if there was going to be a cut-off as to when we determine that the radio issues cannot be fixed and go back to the previous communication system with Fire Departments.

Gank added that 2 of the problems appear to be fixed. The muffledness is gone.

The Mancelona Tower height may correct or improve Adam East. Cost: 85 – 90k.

It was determined that the current system would be given 3 months and if not satisfactorily improved, the old system will be restored.

Gank explained that once the State starts hosting fire and EMS paging, they have the right to terminate our use of the microwave system.

What is the plan of 911 if this happens? It was stated that the engineering study can help with this.

Meyers left at 2:23 pm due to a meeting with the SARA Title III officials at the state.

**Operations Update:**

Trainee David Abbott resigned.

**Member Comments:**

Trumble: No comment

Drollinger: No comment

Dawson: No comment

Sayre: No comment

Bean: No comment

Gank: No comment

Next Meeting: March 9, 2016 @1:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 1430

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Meyers, Secretary & Mike Gank, 911 Supervisor

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