

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOCATION: Middletown
MONDAY, November 7, 2016
11:00 A.M.

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Attendance:

Members Present

Chairman Ross Andrew
Commissioner David Darling (SFD)
Commissioner Susan Bransfield (PFD)
Commissioner Carl Chisem (MFD)

Members Absent

Staff Present

Wayne Bartolotta – Director of Central Communications
Joe Kronenberger – Deputy Director of Central Communications
Deputy Chief Al Leary – Middletown Fire Department
Lt. Mike Desena – MPD
Lori Ruffino – Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andrew called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Andrew moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting held on October 3, 2016, Commissioner Darling moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

MONTHLY REPORT

- Wayne Bartolotta gave the monthly report – call statistics were handed out:
 - Activity for October is over 4,000 incidents, 1,800 911 calls, and over 8,500 administrative calls
 - In the process of replacing the generator
 - Temporary generator currently in place
 - Working through glitch
 - Water & rust in the fuel tank – waiting to hear back from vendor, Powers Generator, to resolve situation
 - Radio referendum gets decided tomorrow – voting day
 - Press releases out to the Middletown Press & Hartford Courant
 - Currently have three vacant dispatch positions, made conditional offers to two, and reposted the third.
 - In the process received retirement notice from another dispatcher who has served the city 24 years as a dispatcher and will be leaving mid-month making a fourth vacancy
 - Running out of overtime money
 - Will go back to the Common Council and take a look at - no other choice
 - Less than two years ago the 911 system was replaced – the cities and towns do not own the 911 systems, owned strictly by the state
 - Only real buy into the 911 system is the training of employees to use the system
 - AT&T has made a decision to replace the system – now going to a completely different, well-known platform called Viper and replacement expected to start happening just after the beginning of the year.
 - Middletown will be one of the first sites replaced because we are one of the fifty plus cites that was part of the original installs – Director Bartolotta stated that he will keep the commission posted on the progress
 - Will need to retrain employees & there will be no interruptions of service
 - Verizon still looking at the potential use of tower at Cross Street
 - Engineering studies and different factors weighing in as to whether Verizon can use the tower – basically selling space to them which will help offset some costs of towers that will need to be rented if the new system passes – Director Bartolotta will keep the commission posted
 - Have had several visits from their engineers looking at the tower
 - Chairman Andrew asked about the revenue that it would generate and Director Bartolotta stated about \$24,000.00 a year
 - Attended a couple of meetings in Westfield as Westfield Fire had questions about a proposed radio system
 - All issues resolved to date
 - If system passes vote it will be a process between many city agencies
 - Chairman Ross stated there is still one concern in Westfield and it concerns paging and that the people responding will not be able to hear as they do nowadays
 - Director Bartolotta stated that they made a decision to go back to the fire commission and put funds aside to obtain pagers to do what they did
 - Commissioner Bransfield stated that the Portland Fire Department has communicated with Director Bartolotta as well and asked if the Portland Chief wanted a meeting

- Director Bartolotta stated that the Portland Chief would call him to set up a meeting once he figured out what they wanted to do and also stated that he expects coverage to be about 30% better in building than what they have now & use of the microwave systems that are being put up almost pays $\frac{3}{4}$ of the radio they are buying and can eliminate phone lines to save money and get a microwave to ride for free
- Currently going back & forth with the Office of General Council who are looking at the proposed contract from Motorola and will create two different groups, a project management team and a steering committee to talk on how to direct operational issues
- Payment of about 30% will be on a hold back as per the opinion of the City and the Common Council to ensure that the system works
- Commissioner Bransfield stated that she will arrange a meeting with the Portland Fire Chief, Director Bartolotta, and herself

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- *Chairman Ross moved for adjournment, Commissioner Darling moved the motion, Commissioner Chisem seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ruffino
Recording Secretary

Next meeting to be held on December 5, 2016 in Portland