

# **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOCATION: Portland**  
**MONDAY, May 6, 2019**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**-----Minutes-----**

## **Attendance:**

### **Members Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

### **Staff Present**

Wayne Bartolotta – Director of Central Communications  
Robert Grauer – Deputy Director of Central Communications  
Chief Robert Kronenberger – Middletown Fire  
Deputy Fire Chief Al Leary – Middletown Fire  
Chief Mike Howley – South Fire District  
Lt. Desena – Middletown Police Department  
Erik Larson – Hunters Ambulance  
Sgt. Cunningham – Portland Police Department  
Lori Ruffino – Recording Secretary

### **Public Present**

None

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Andrew called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Chairman Andrew asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on April 1. Commissioner Darling so moved, Commissioner Bransfield seconded, and all voted in favor

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

o None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

**MONTHLY REPORT**

- Director Bartolotta gave the monthly report:
  - Call statistics sheet was handed out:
    - Monthly activity for April was normal
      - 4,650 incidents, 1,850 9-1-1 calls, and 7,900 administrative calls
      - Additional activity police wise with the campaign for Don't text & drive
    - EMD score 95.05%
  - Radio project update:
    - Completed all installations for fire & emergency management except the marine units
    - Starting deployment of portable radios in the fire department – came up with a couple of issues but made adjustments, should have 15 online by the end of the day
      - All should be deployed for the fire department by the end of May and will operate on the current system
    - Police vehicles about 80-85% complete, will work on programming this week – should be done by mid-late June
    - After mobile installations complete will start on Public Works – 80 vehicles, and then move on to Water & Sewer, 45 vehicles
    - Preston Avenue site for infrastructure is up & running
    - Construction on the Eversource site is underway – hope to have up by the end of June
  - Staffing:
    - Currently at 19 – full at 21
      - Candidate had a serious personal issue & had to be put on hold
      - Currently getting background check on next candidate
    - Budget process well under way – no budget problems forseen
    - Senior Fair to be held tomorrow at the Senior Center – Director Bartolotta invited all to check it out
  - Commissioner Bransfield asked if we were on budget for the new project, Director Bartolotta stated they it is on budget but behind schedule
    - The negotiations for the cell phone towers and the discussions with Pratt & Whitney put the project about a year behind schedule
    - Should be complete by Labor Day
    - The hospital is in good shape, minor issue in the basement to be addressed
    - The high school problems will be squared away – full coverage
    - The new middle school will have the system installed
    - Talk will be had with CVH to make a plan

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Commissioner Bransfield asked about summer meetings, she made a motion to meet in June, skip July & August, and resume in September. Commissioner Darling seconded and all voted in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Chairman Andrew called for adjournment, Commissioner Darling so moved, Commissioner Chisem seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.*

Submitted,  
Lori Ruffino  
Recording Secretary

**Next meeting to be held on June 3, 2019 in Middletown**