

# *E-911 Committee City of Zion*



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**Subject: General Meeting Minutes**

**Date: August 31, 2016**

**Location:** Zion Police Department  
2101 Salem Blvd  
Zion, IL 60099

### **Call to Order**

Chairman, John Lewis, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Chief John Lewis, Chief Steve Dumyah, Deputy Chief Kirk Henderson, Battalion Chief Eric Troy, Fred Ray, Director David Knabel (via teleconference)

Absent: Field Director Brandon Busch

Guests: None

### **Public Comment:**

- No public present or comment received

Discussion on the Illinois State Police E-911/ Dispatch Consolidation Project per Chief Lewis

Chief Lewis indicated that our waiver application for extension was granted.

A general discussion of all of the advantages and disadvantages of moving our dispatch public safety answering point (PSAP) and merging the Zion ETSB board (E-911) with the Village of Gurnee. It was noted that the Village of Gurnee has approached us with vigor and has spent a tremendous amount of time on this project for our benefit without a confirmation or committal from Zion. It was generally appreciated that they are very professional and it has been an example that a partnership with them seems to be the option to select.

Further discussion surfaced that additional consolidation efforts will most-likely arise in the future and that Gurnee is positioning themselves to be a major center in the future. That likelihood could prevent us from having to consolidate in the future, although that can't be known for certain.

Gurnee had indicated that they plan to hire 6-7 of Zion's tele communicators as employees of the Village of Gurnee. This item would be subject to the intergovernmental agreement should we decide to pursue this option.

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It was also discussed that the Village of Winthrop Harbor had interest in working directly with Zion to satisfy the mandate. Although potentially the easier of the two options, it was identified that this solution will likely be a temporary solution due to the potential of future mandates and additional consolidation. It was also discussed that in the next 8-10 year period significant upgrades that could approach \$1,000,000.00 will be warranted for our own dispatch infrastructure. A cost on that scale could be avoided going with Gurnee.

It was acknowledged by all members of the board that this was a difficult decision due to the fact that we essentially would be losing our own dispatch center and staff.

A motion was made by Director Knabel, seconded by Deputy Chief Kirk Henderson, to approve moving to the Village of Gurnee for PSAP relocation and an ETSB merger. All Ayes and motion approved at 10:17 a.m.

Chief John Lewis advised that our vote will now be forwarded to Zion City Council for approval since it involves personnel.

## **Adjournment**

- Seeing no other business, motion to adjourn made by Battalion Chief Eric Troy, seconded by Deputy Chief Kirk Henderson, all ayes, motion approved at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Battalion Chief Eric Troy, Secretary