

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
GURNEE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEMS BOARD  
April 22, 2008

Chairman Velkover called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Present: Velkover, Henby, Mann, Kincaid, Burkhart, Marquardt, Hayner, and Schwarz.

Absent: Friedl

**Administration:**

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Kincaid to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2008 meeting.

Seconded by Burkhart.

All ayes-motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report was dated the 29th of February 2008.

Velkover reported that the 911 fund remains in the black for the year. Revenue trends remained the same through February. Receipt of funds from Vonage for VoIP services was discussed.

Motion by Henby to accept the report as submitted.

Seconded by Mann.

All ayes-motion carried.

Review of board member appointments:

Velkover reported that the Village Board reappointed members Hayner, Velkover, Friedl and Schwarz to four year terms on the ESTB.

**Old business:**

Communications Statistics:

The 2007 yearly totals and the months of January, February, and March of 08 were reviewed. Wireless calls are going down. EMD is going very well. Marquardt stated that Communications staff are handling around 7,500 to 8,500 calls a month. Velkover commented on the decrease in hang-up calls for both wire-line and wireless. Marquardt estimated hang-ups were down from 30% of total calls to 20-18% of total calls.

Wireless 911:

Sprint/Nextel update. Currently they are the only carriers not doing Phase II in our area yet. Action is currently pending with the FCC.

VoIP:

Nothing new. A new intermediary service vendor may be looking to provide services for VoIP carriers, and Marquardt will be getting back with them for more info including handling of surcharges. Overall concerns over surcharges and liability will have to be addressed at the state or national level.

Private switch ALI:

At this time it appears to be that all the hotels that have had issues are in compliance, with some work still to be done by Adventure Inn. Fire Marshall Tom Keefe was directly involved at this point.

911 calls from Route 45 are being directed to Antioch dispatch, and responses for Fire and Rescue are being forwarded to Lake Villa and not the Gurnee Fire Department, this is still being reviewed to improve the process.

McGaw Building R: Henby they are still working on the issue and had not done any testing he was aware of to date.

Six Flags: Nothing new to report.

Lowes: Henby stated that the telephone system is still not in compliance. Phones are not 911 accessible and there are issues with building area identifiers.

Kinko's: Henby stated that the wrong address is still showing up and they have been in contact with AT&T, to resolve the issue. Marquardt added that both an incorrect (above) and a correct address (below) are displayed in the 9-1-1 center.

Econolodge: No change.

LaQuinta: Henby related that to his knowledge issues have been resolved.

During a recent inspection it was discovered that the Jewel pay phone had the wrong info. Jewel management was very responsive and the problem was resolved.

The ETSB members thanked Henby for his efforts.

Fire Department VHF radio Voting system phone line issues at Pembroke have been resolved. The tone levels were dropping below an operational level. Burkhart and Velkover complimented Bearcom for their efforts in resolving the issue. Velkover related that the Motorola PC updates had been completed.

Connect-CTY. Usage report from January 1 to April 16, 2008. We have received good positive feedback. Unlisted numbers do require residents and businesses to signup. At this time staff is pleased with the performance and the vendor. Velkover commented that departments are using the system for internal notifications. Hayner related positive comments he had received regarding the calls related to volunteers for sand bagging.

XYBIX. Workstations. Velkover outlined repairs to the legs and work station controls amounting to \$7,255.00 . XYBIX has also proposed a yearly service contract of \$12, 243.00 for two years.

After discussion a motion was made by Henby to approve the repair work and contract as submitted. Seconded by Kincaid.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Hayner, Velkover, Kincaid, Mann, Marquardt, Henby, Burkhart, and Schwarz.

Nays: None.

This expense is included in the budget for fiscal year 2008-09.

Police Station LMR FCC licensing. Marquardt related that currently the main channel frequency is ok, however there are some issues with the tactical channel pertaining to wattage, which are being addressed. Additional information should be forthcoming.

Annual Filings and Updates.

Updated by Marquardt, as they come in. Currently we are current.

**New Business:**

Expenditures and Invoices.

Chairman Velkover, gave a explanation of expenditure summary and account activity from January 19, 2008 through April 16, 2008. He also detailed the budget report and budget transfers for the end of the fiscal year.

A motion to approve the bills and transfers as submitted was made by Hayner.

Seconded by Henby.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hayner, Velkover, Kincaid, Mann, Marquardt, Henby, Burkhardt, and Schwarz.

Nays: None.

Gurnee Days Items: Request was submitted from staff to approve projected expenditures for the Gurnee Days information booth of \$1,762.41.

Motion by Kincaid, seconded by Hayner for approval.

Roll call vote:

Ayes. Hayner, Velkover, Kincaid, Mann, Marquardt, Henby, Burkhardt, and Schwarz.

Nays: None.

WETSA Wireless 911 Grant Distribution. We are anticipating that we will receive a grant / one-time transfer from the State for around \$40,000.

Radio Equipment Narrowing-Banding Requirements. VHF and UHF frequencies are impacted by these new requirements. For the Village this would include the 'local' and 'fire' bands and would be enforced starting in 2013. Burkhardt added that the Fire Department may be looking a frequency. The issue needs to be monitored at this time, and considered when replacing equipment. Licensing requirements will become more stringent in the future. Burkhardt added that he had contacts for narrow banding specialists should the need arise.

Village Board Proclamation, announcing that April is 9-1-1 education month.

Articles and Info.

The ETSB briefly discussed \*999 and the boards position in opposition to its continued promotion / use for emergency situations.

Motion to adjourn by Henby, seconded by Mann.

All ayes.

Nays. None.

Next meeting 10:00 AM August 19, 2008.