



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch 9-1-1 System Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (IGA) and Authorizing its Execution.

Overview

As required by Public Act 99-0006, the Villages of Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, Elmwood Park and the City of Park Ridge are consolidating the Emergency Telephone System Boards (ETSBs) of these respective units of government. The recommended Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (IGA) is compatible with the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC) which provides 9-1-1 services for these same communities.

Staff Recommendation

Approval.

Fiscal Impact

Prior to Public Act 99-006, the individual communities received the surcharge fees imposed under Section 15.3 of the Emergency Telephone System Act, and the Village deposited these funds into its Emergency Telephone System Fund. Annually, the Village of Oak Park budgeted for those funds via the Enhanced 9-1-1 Fund which annual averaged \$580,000 per year were budgeted to support the Village's \$1.6 million share of the WSCDC operating budget.

The IGA complies with the new state requirement that all surcharge fees are directed to a consolidated ETSB and the IGA and bylaws proposed under a separate agenda action provide for each community respective surcharge contributions to offset their share of WSCDC operation costs.

The FY17 adopted budget anticipated implementation of the State requirement.

Background

Section 50 ILCS 750/15.4(e) states that on and after January 1, 2016, no municipality or county may create an Emergency Telephone System Board unless the board is a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board. The corporate authorities of any county or municipality entering into an intergovernmental agreement to create or join a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board shall rescind the ordinance or ordinances creating the original Emergency Telephone System Board and shall eliminate the Emergency Telephone System Board, effective upon the creation, with regulatory approval by the Administrator, or joining of the Joint Emergency Telephone System Board.

The Village of Oak Park and its partner communities of River Forest, Forest Park, Elmwood Park and Park Ridge currently are members in the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC) which provides 9-1-1 services for these same communities.

The State established a deadline for dissolution of local ETSBs and creation of consolidated Boards by the April 1, 2107 deadline. The Village of Oak Park was unable to comply with the State's April 1st deadline due to the unforeseen cancellation of the March 20, 2017 Village Board meeting.

Alternatives

The Village could pursue action to separate from WSCDC and join another consolidated dispatch center and attach to that organization's ETSB, however, staff does not recommend this as a viable alternative.

Previous Board Action

In 1999, the Villages of Oak Park and River Forest established the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC) for 9-1-1 dispatch services for emergency calls to police and fire. In 2004, Elmwood Park joined the Center, followed by Park Ridge (police calls only) in 2014. The Village of Forest Park is joining this year.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The Village's ETSB Board has been aware of this State requirement and held its last meeting in March 8, 2017.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

The WSCDC has been a positive collaboration between the participating communities.

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

N/A.