

WESCOM
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Chiefs' Operating Committee

Attendance for September 16, 2022

PRESENT EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM:

Bolingbrook Fire – Lajoie
Bolingbrook Police – Rompa
Channahon Fire - Petrakis
Channahon Police – Casey
Elwood Police – Hayes
Homer Fire – Bricker
Lockport Fire – F. Blaskey
Lockport Police – Huff
Minooka Fire – Yancey
Northwest Homer Fire – Vrba/Fonfara
Plainfield Fire – Stratton/Bonomo/Reynolds
Plainfield Police – Ruggles
Shorewood Police – Arnold
Troy Fire – Doyle
Wilmington Fire – Zlomie

ABSENT:

Braidwood Fire
Braidwood Police
Crest Hill Police
Elwood Fire
Rockdale Fire
Wilmington Police

Staff Present:

Executive Director O'Connor
Executive Assistant Tooley
Comptroller Lough
Manager Savage
Supervisor Chuffo
Radio Technician Devine

Public Present:

Chairman Doyle called the September 16, 2022 meeting of the Chiefs' Operating Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-07, this meeting was also conducted via zoom-telephone conference.

A roll call was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook Fire – aye
Bolingbrook Police – aye
Braidwood Fire – absent
Braidwood Police – absent

Channahon Fire – aye
Channahon Police – aye
Crest Hill Police – absent
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – aye
Homer Fire – aye
Lockport Fire – aye
Lockport Police – aye
Minooka Fire – aye
Northwest Homer Fire – aye
Plainfield Fire – aye
Plainfield Police – aye
Rockdale Fire – absent
Shorewood Police – aye
Troy Fire – aye
Wilmington Fire – aye
Wilmington Police – absent

Quorum established.

Matters of the public – none

A motion was made by Chief Arnold, Shorewood Police to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Chief Bricker, Homer Fire.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook Fire – aye
Bolingbrook Police – aye
Braidwood Fire – absent
Braidwood Police – absent
Channahon Fire – aye
Channahon Police – aye
Crest Hill Police – absent
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – aye
Homer Fire – aye
Lockport Fire – aye
Lockport Police – aye
Minooka Fire – aye
Northwest Homer Fire – aye
Plainfield Fire – aye
Plainfield Police – aye
Rockdale Fire – absent
Shorewood Police – aye
Troy Fire – aye
Wilmington Fire – aye

Wilmington Police – absent

Motion passed.

Staff Reports – Manager Savage: Two in training, accepted the resignation of one part-time fire telecommunicator, one full-time police telecommunicator and one status change of a fire telecommunicator from full-time to part-time. Attending open houses, college-career days for added recruitment. Interview process for eight applicants September 20-22.

Executive Director O'Connor: Discussed the buildout of the WebEx - ZOOM room project in the EOC and all the capabilities.

Staff shortage discussion – Based on the recent resignations, the best course of action was to close a console on each side (fire and police) Sunday-Thursday to reduce the amount of mandated overtime, shifts will still remain posted for volunteers with staff continually monitoring the situation.

IGA for the KMF project and the Collective Bargaining Agreement were both approved at the Executive Board Meeting on September 12, 2022.

Old Business - Phase 5 Emergency Declarations still in effect.
Discussion on collection agency for alarm monitoring.

New Business – Purchase authorization. Fire sprinkler system repairs and maintenance.

A motion was made by Chief Bricker, Homer Fire to approve the repairs and maintenance of the Center's sprinkler system, and to authorize the Executive Director to execute any agreements related to such seconded by Chief Vrba, Northwest Homer Fire.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook Fire – aye

Bolingbrook Police – aye

Braidwood Fire – absent

Braidwood Police – absent

Channahon Fire – aye

Channahon Police – aye

Crest Hill Police – absent

Elwood Fire – absent

Elwood Police – aye

Homer Fire – aye

Lockport Fire – aye

Lockport Police – aye

Minooka Fire – aye

Northwest Homer Fire – aye

Plainfield Fire – aye

Plainfield Police – aye

Rockdale Fire – absent

Shorewood Police – aye

Troy Fire – aye

Wilmington Fire – aye
Wilmington Police – absent

Motion passed.

Chair and Vice-Chair positions – Chief Doyle retiring. Open discussion for positions on the Chiefs Operating Board Committee. Chief Arnold, Shorewood Police recommended Deputy Chief Todd Fonfara, Northwest Homer Fire as the Vice-Chair.

Motion was made by Chief Doyle, Troy Fire to recommend Chief Arnold, Shorewood Police as Chairman and Deputy Chief Todd Fonfara as Vice-Chairman seconded by Chief Yancey, Minooka Fire.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook Fire – aye
Bolingbrook Police – aye
Braidwood Fire – absent
Braidwood Police – absent
Channahon Fire – aye
Channahon Police – aye
Crest Hill Police – absent
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – aye
Homer Fire – aye
Lockport Fire – aye
Lockport Police – aye
Minooka Fire – aye
Northwest Homer Fire – aye
Plainfield Fire – aye
Plainfield Police – aye
Rockdale Fire – absent
Shorewood Police – aye
Troy Fire – aye
Wilmington Fire – aye
Wilmington Police – absent

Motion passed.

Other Business/Sub-Committees:

- Membership Committee – Chief Doyle – No report.
- Building Committee – Chief Stratton – Concrete/ADA panels – estimates.
- Technology Committee – Deputy Chief Fonfara – Meeting September 27th, 9am at WESCOM.
- By-Laws & Rules Committee – Status quo. (Seeking new Chair)
- Finance Committee – Chief Hayes – Finance committee met August 19, 2022.
- Personnel & Negotiations Committee – To be discussed in Closed session.

A motion was made at 9:34am by Chief Casey, Channahon Police to enter a Closed Meeting per ILCS 5 ILCS 120 Section 2 C 1 for the purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; labor negotiations; and currently pending litigation seconded by Chief Arnold, Shorewood Police.

A roll call was taken as follows:

**Bolingbrook Fire – aye
Bolingbrook Police – aye
Braidwood Fire – absent
Braidwood Police – absent
Channahon Fire – aye
Channahon Police – aye
Crest Hill Police – absent
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – aye
Homer Fire – aye
Lockport Fire – aye
Lockport Police – aye
Minooka Fire – aye
Northwest Homer Fire – aye
Plainfield Fire – aye
Plainfield Police – aye
Rockdale Fire – absent
Shorewood Police – aye
Troy Fire – aye
Wilmington Fire – aye
Wilmington Police – absent**

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Chief Casey, Channahon Police at 9:59 am to reconvene to Open Meeting seconded by Commander Ruggles, Plainfield Police.

As a result of Closed Meeting a motion was made by Chief Doyle, Troy Fire to approve administrative wage increases for this year the “Me Too” clause which is comparable to the current approved Collective Bargaining Agreement and to include retroactive pay for all administrative staff seconded by Chief Casey, Channahon Police.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

**Bolingbrook Fire – aye
Bolingbrook Police – aye
Braidwood Fire – absent
Braidwood Police – absent
Channahon Fire – aye**

Channahon Police – aye
Crest Hill Police – absent
Elwood Fire – absent
Elwood Police – aye
Homer Fire – aye
Lockport Fire – aye
Lockport Police – aye
Minooka Fire – aye
Northwest Homer Fire – aye
Plainfield Fire – aye
Plainfield Police – aye
Rockdale Fire – absent
Shorewood Police – aye
Troy Fire – aye
Wilmington Fire – aye
Wilmington Police – absent

Motion passed.

Next Chiefs Operating Committee Meeting – October 21, 2022.

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:02 am by Chief Arnold, Shorewood Police seconded by Chief Rompa, Bolingbrook Police, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Signature

October 21, 2022

Date

Chief Shane Casey, Secretary
Channahon Police