



# Village of Westchester

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## MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING February 7, 2024

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy, O'Shea and Pedersen. Also present was Police Chief Dan Babich, Assistant Village Manager John Schwarz, Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik and Commission Assistant Mary Detente.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023 and the Special Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2024 and January 31, 2024. The motion passed unanimously, and these minutes were approved. Next was the presentation of a resolution to approve all executive session minutes for calendar year 2023. The motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and the resolution was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The first item of new business was the 2024 police testing. The test is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> and at this time there have been 28 applications requested from IO Solutions.

Next there was a discussion of entry level police testing education requirements. Currently the BFPC requires 30 credit hours of college education. There was a discussion to lower this to high school diploma/ GED. After a discussion the BFPC decided to table this discussion for next meeting.

The last item to discuss was closing the acceptance of lateral police officer applications. There was a motion by Commissioner McCarthy which was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea. This passed unanimously and the application process for lateral police officer will be closed until further notice.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The first item of old business to discuss was the 2024 firefighter testing. There are 14 eligible to take the February 11<sup>th</sup> exam.

The next item for discussion was the amendments to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. The amendments were published in the January 18<sup>th</sup> edition of The Suburban Life and were effective as of January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Next there was discussion on the Fire Captain Promotional Exam. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve the Initial Eligibility List for Fire Captain. This will be posted to allow for military points to be requested.

The discussion then moved onto the promotional exam for Police Sergeant. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to approve the Final Eligibility List for Police Sergeant.

The BFPC then discussed the current firefighter testing. Commissioner McCarthy presented and signed the certificate of appointment for Mark Krueger, who started the fire academy on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Last the current police testing was discussed. 3 candidates were 2<sup>nd</sup> interviewed last week. 1 candidate accepted a conditional offer. The Commission is waiting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> candidate to respond to a conditional offer and the 3<sup>rd</sup> candidate was disqualified. The last 3 candidates on the police list will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Lieutenants Eric Biskup and Dave Middendorf. Biskup wanted to thank the BFPC for the Captain's Exam and the feedback session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

Next Meeting: March 6, 2024

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires January 3, 2026)

Fire: Captain Promotional List (Initial List Approved)

Fire: Lieutenant Promotional List (Expires August 24, 2025)

Police: Entry Level Police Officer Expires October 4, 2025)

Police: Sergeant Promotional List: (Expires February 7, 2027)

Commission Terms: James O'Shea (Expires May 2024) Thomas McCarthy (Expires April 30, 2025) James Pedersen (Expires April 30, 2026)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm.