



Village of Westchester

10300 ROOSEVELT ROAD, WESTCHESTER, IL 60154
(708)345-0020 FAX (708)345-2873
WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG

Board of
Fire and Police
Commissioners

Commission Chair
Thomas B. McCarthy III

Commissioner
James E. O'Shea

Commissioner
James R. Pedersen

MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING May 1, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy, O'Shea and Pedersen. Also present was Village Manager Barry Krumstok, Assistant Village Manager John Schwarz, Police Chief Dan Babich, Deputy Chief Mike Fellers, Fire Chief Mike Mavrogeorge and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024, and the Special Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024 and February 22, 2024, March 20, 2024, March 25, 2024 and April 22, 2024. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for hearing was the only item of new business. Commissioner McCarthy explained that the BFPC has received notice of a request for disciplinary appeal within the fire department. Commission Attorney Jurusik has coordinated possible dates for the hearing and at this time the hearing date is scheduled for May 21, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business was firefighter testing- 1st test for 2024. After the completion of a 2nd interview, background and polygraph exam the BFPC will give a Conditional offer to fire candidate James Hernandez. He has accepted and will be scheduled for a psychological exam and medical exam. He is scheduled to graduate paramedic school on May 16th.

The next item to discuss was fire testing- 2nd test for 2024 The written exam was held on April 27th and there were 2 candidates who took the test. Both candidates have received a passing score and are scheduled for interviews next week.

3rd firefighter testing for 2024, was then discussed. With only 2 candidates passing the previous written test and multiple vacancies within the fire department, the BFPC has scheduled a summer test. The written exam will be held on July 13, 2024. Applications are set to go live on May 6th.

Police testing was the final item for discussion. Interviews have been scheduled for all candidates that successfully passed the written exam. Interviews will be held on May 1, 7 and 8.

The Commission had 1 repeat police applicant. This applicant had tested in the past and was disqualified. The BFPC expressed the grounds on which this candidate was disqualified would not have changed since his last testing process. Commissioner McCarthy then made a motion to disqualify candidate Austin Murray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and passed unanimously. Mr. Murray will be sent a disqualification letter from the BFPC.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: July 3, 2024

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires: April 22, 2026)

Fire: Captain Promotional List (Expires: March 6, 2027)

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

Police: Entry Level Police Officer Expires Exhausted)

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)

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy to recess to executive session in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for the purpose of discussing: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Promotion and Discipline of Village Employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and then the motion passed by a roll call vote taken with 3 "yes" votes and zero "no" votes. The BFPC members then recessed into executive session at 6:20pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss in open session, Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.