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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING March 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:37pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding present to roll call were Commission Chair McCarthy and Commissioner Pedersen. Also present was assistant Mary Detente.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2022 and the special meeting minutes of February 23, 2022. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The only item of new business was amendments to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. The Rules were approved at the last meeting and were published in the Suburban Life on February 24th. The Rules will be effective March 7, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business was the vacancy in the Fire Department. A 2nd interview was held earlier tonight to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of FF Joe Gerace. A conditional offer will be issued to candidate Andrew Walter. Due to the current eligibility list having only 2 remaining names on the list, with both already having taken a pass on the position, a testing timeline has been established to create an eligibility list for firefighter. The test will take place at DP on May 21st.

The next item of old business was lateral transfer police officer. 4 applications have been received and 3 were sent to Sgt. Fellers for background investigation. The remaining application is waiting on Attorney approval as to whether the applicant is eligible to apply, due to the new Rules being effective and the qualifications for lateral transfer police officer changing. The discussion then moved onto Fire Lieutenant Promotional Exam. IO Solutions and Illinois Fire Chiefs' will be contacted in the next few weeks to secure testing dates. There are 10 firefighters eligible to test for the rank of Lieutenant, having 5 years of service from the expiration of the previous promotional list.

The final item to discuss was vacancies in the police department. Candidate Jacob Behnke has accepted a conditional offer of employment and was sent for a psychological exam. He will be sent for a medical exam as soon as the academy packets are received which need to be signed by the physician. Commissioner McCarthy wanted to state for the record a FOIA request was received by the BFPC and has been sent to the BFPC legal counsel for response to the PAC.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: April 6, 2022

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires August 25, 2023)

Fire: Captain Promotional List (Expired January 3, 2021- EXHAUSTED)

Fire: Lieutenant Promotional List (Expired November 7, 2021)

Police: Entry Level Police Officer Expires October 6, 2023)

Police: Sergeant Promotional List: (Expires January 6, 2024)

Commission Terms: James O'Shea (Expires May 2024) Thomas McCarthy (Expires April 30, 2023) James Pedersen (Expires April 30, 2023)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Chairperson McCarthy to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or discipline of Village employees, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen. Motion was approved by roll call vote to enter Executive Session at 5:39pm, which adjourned to regular session at 6:39pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.