



# Village of Westchester

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## MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING March 5, 2025

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy, Commissioner Lazansky and Commissioner Pedersen. Also present was Fire Chief Dan Manning, Police Chief Dan Babich, Deputy Chief Mike Fellers and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Lazansky made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 5, 2025 and the special meeting minutes of February 18, 2025. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The first item of new business was the BFPC's experience with National Testing Network, now that the 1<sup>st</sup> round of fire and police testing have been completed. Commissioner McCarthy explained that there have been pros and cons with the new testing company and that at this time the Commission would like to go back to IO Solutions for future police testing but will continue to use NTN for future fire testing.

The next item of new business was Chief Manning's request for promotional exams within the fire department. Chief Manning explained with the recent notice of Captain Doocy's upcoming retirement there would be a vacancy in the captain's rank. Upon promoting Lieutenant Biskup to captain from the current promotional list, the captain's list would be exhausted and there would be a vacancy in the lieutenant's rank. Upon promoting Firefighter Snavelly to lieutenant from the current promotional list the lieutenant's list will also be exhausted. Commissioner McCarthy explained, the BFPC will plan to schedule a lieutenant's promotional exam, as there are many firefighters eligible to take this exam. At this time the Commission will postpone planning a Captain's exam as all the current lieutenants are newly promoted to the position and there is not an urgency to start this process.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Under old business, the first item to discuss was changes to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. Commissioner McCarthy requested language be added to the disqualification portion of the BFPC Rules to directly address failing a psychological exam during the application process. Attorney Jurusik explained he could add language to the Rules as well as update the military language to include all branches of the military.

The next item of old business was to vote on reopening the lateral police officer applications. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Lazansky to open the lateral process and post the acceptance of applications on the Blue Line. The motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter Testing with NTN was the next item to discuss. Commissioner McCarthy explained that there are 2 candidates scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews after tonight's meeting.

The discussion then moved onto 2<sup>nd</sup> testing for police in 2024. The BFPC will be sending 2 candidates for a POWER test April 22<sup>nd</sup> and to the academy starting May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The final item to discuss was Police testing with NTN. Commissioner McCarthy explained that all candidates who have completed their applications and interviews will be scored and an Initial Eligibility List requesting preference points will be sent out by the BFPC tomorrow.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

Next Meeting: April 2, 2025

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires: December 4, 2026)

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

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

Police: Entry Level Police Officer (Expires December 4, 2026)

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

Commission Terms: James Lazansky (Expires 4/30/27) Thomas McCarthy (Expires 4/30/25) James Pedersen (Expires 4/30/26)

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Promotion and Discipline of Village Employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazansky 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 6:55pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss and no further business to discuss in open session, Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lazansky to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken with 3 "yes" votes and zero "no" votes. The executive session adjourned at 7:40pm.