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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING November 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy, O'Shea and Pedersen. Also present, was Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik, Fire Chief Mike Mavrogeorge, Police Chief Dan Babich, Deputy Chief Michael Fellers, Village Manager Barry Krumstok, Assistant Manager John Schwarz 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 October 4, 2023. The motion passed and the minutes were approved. The BFPC requested from the Village to have an expense summary for their monthly meeting to track their spending throughout the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The only item of new business to discuss was the proposed amendments to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. Attorney Jurusik went over all edits to the current rules. This included changes to the Lateral Police Officer application and hiring process as well as updates that apply to hiring age and citizenship which was an update of the state statute. These Rules are set to be voted on at the December meeting and should go live in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business to discuss was the Fire Captain Promotional Exam. Commissioner McCarthy explained that notices have gone out to the three Lieutenants eligible to take the exam. Chief's points are requested of the fire chief to the Commission by December 20, 2023.

Next the promotional exam for Police Sergeant was discussed. Chief Babich addressed the Commission and requested to submit Chief's points for the exam after testing was completed. The BFPC explained that the Rules require these points to be submitted before the written exam. Chief Babich agreed to have his points submitted by November 22, 2023.

The discussion then moved onto entry level firefighter testing and candidate updates. A motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to disqualify fire candidates Dore and Kunzer. The motion passed unanimously, and these candidates will receive disqualification letters. The next fire test which will take place on November 18th, had a total of 10 applications taken out for the testing process. This testing will take place in the Village Hall Community Room.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, to adjourn the meeting to Executive session for the purpose of discussing: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Promotion and Discipline of Village Employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and the meeting went into executive session at 6:36pm.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: December 6, 2023

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires October 4, 2025)

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

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, to adjourn from executive session and the meeting at 7:15pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.