



# Village of Westchester

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## MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING April 2, 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 and Lazansky. Also present was Deputy Chief Mike Fellers, Fire Captain Dave Middendorf, Assistant Mary Detente and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik. Commissioner Pedersen was absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The only item of new business was promotional exams within the fire department. Commissioner McCarthy stated a Fire Lieutenant's Promotional exam will be scheduled and would like to ask the fire department to provide the Commission with the promotion dates, which would exhaust the current list. The firefighters eligible to take the Lieutenant's exam must have 5 years of service by the exhaustion of the previous list due to the list exhausting before it expired. At the time of promotion, the captain's list will also have exhausted. The Commission will not immediately run a captain's exam due to cost and no urgency of a vacancy in this rank.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Under old business, the first item to discuss was changes to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. Attorney Jurusik provided updates on the disqualification portion of the BFPC Rules to directly address failing a psychological exam during the application process as well as updates to the military language to include all branches of the military. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lazansky to approve the updates to the Rules and Regulation for the BFPC. The motion was approved and the notice for the amendments will be posted in the Suburban Life. The Rules will go into effect on April 30, 2025. Firefighter Testing with NTN was the next item to discuss. Commissioner McCarthy presented 2 certificates of appointment for Noah Szajkovics and Randy Do. They had a start date of March 31, 2025. 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>. 2025 Firefighter Testing was the next item to discuss. Commissioner McCarthy explained that the application is available again on the NTN site and will close on April 21, 2025. At this time there are 2 completed applications. The final item to discuss was Police testing with NTN. Commissioner McCarthy presented the Final Eligibility Register and Commissioner Lazansky made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCarthy and approved. The list will be posted and sent to all candidates on the list. Commissioner McCarthy then made a motion to disqualify candidate Noah Sherman from further participation in the hiring process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazansky and approved. A disqualification letter will be sent to Mr. Sherman.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

### **INFORMATION ONLY:**

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Exhausted)

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

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

Police: Entry Level Police Officer (For Approval)

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)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss and no further business to discuss in open session, Commissioner Lazansky made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.