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**Board of
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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MAY 7, 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, Pedersen and Lazansky. Also present was Police Chief Dan Babich, Deputy Chief Mike Fellers, Fire Chief Dan Manning, Assistant Village Manager John Schwarz, BFPC Assistant Mary Detente and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 2, 2025, the special meeting minutes of April 7, 2025 and Resolution 2025-01 for all executive session minutes for 2024. The motion passed unanimously and all minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 1st 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 firefighters eligible to take the Lieutenant's exam. The Commission will reach out to IO Solutions as well as Illinois Fire Chiefs for dates and study material.

The next item of new business was lateral police officer application updates. Commissioner McCarthy explained that 3 applications had been received and of the 3 only 1 candidate will move onto the interview process and will be interviewed after tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Under old business, the first item to discuss was changes to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. The Rules were published in the Suburban Life on April 10, 2025 and were in effect as of April 30, 2025.

The discussion then moved onto 2nd testing for police in 2024. Certificates of appointment were presented and signed for Kristian Wasik and Alexander Garcia, who both started the academy on May 5th.

2nd Firefighter Testing with NTN was the next item to discuss. Commissioner McCarthy explained that all interviews for candidates have been scored by the Commission and an initial eligibility list will be posted within the next day.

The final item to discuss was Police testing with NTN. Commissioner McCarthy explained that 2nd interviews for the remaining candidates on the list will take place after tonight's meeting. Also, a certificate of appointment for Henry Gresik was presented and signed, he has also started the academy on May 5th with the 2 other police recruits from the previous list.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: June 4, 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 (April 2, 2027)

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy to recess to executive session 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:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to go back into open session to approve/ disqualify candidates now that interviews have been completed. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting went into open session at 7:47pm.

Commissioner McCarthy then made a motion to issue a conditional offer of employment for police candidates Anthony Medina, Julian Lopez and Jamal Coleman and also for lateral applicant Christopher Stock. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, and passed unanimously. These candidates will be scheduled for a psychological exam as well as a medical physical. Commissioner McCarthy then made a motion to disqualify police candidates Alejandro Leon, and Damian Aceves from further participation in the hiring process for the position of police officer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazansky and passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to adjourn the meeting. The adjourned at 7:50pm.