



# Village of Westchester

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

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm 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 Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lazansky, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025 the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The first item of new business was possible changes to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. Commission Attorney Jurusik explained there was no need for changes at this time because the rules on the lateral application process directly cite the State Statute at this time and will be updated if the State Statute is updated.

The next item was the adding of CLS Backgrounds as a background investigation vendor for the BFPC. Commissioner McCarthy explained this company has a virtual platform which allows the Commission to see where each candidate is in the background process as well as a quicker turnaround time as our other vendor. Although the report is not as detailed as the other vendor currently in use by the BFPC, the cost per report is a bit less and because time is of the essence in the hiring process the quicker turnaround time is crucial. At this time Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to accept CLS Background investigations as a vendor for the Commission.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The first item of old business was to discuss reopening of the lateral police officer applications. The BFPC asked that this remain on the agenda for next month as there is no need to vote to reopen the process at this time and will vote to open this process at the next meeting.

The next item to approve was the hearing decision by the BFPC on the January 29<sup>th</sup> appeal hearing of Fire Captain Mike Doocy. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve the results decided by the board at the January 29<sup>th</sup> hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter Testing with NTN was the next item to discuss. Commissioner McCarthy explained that there are 3 candidates that have been sent for backgrounds, which have been completed. The BFPC is currently waiting on their polygraph results and will then schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews with the candidates.

Next the discussion moved onto 4th firefighter testing for 2024. Commissioner McCarthy explained the 2 candidates on the list have been cleared for hire and will have a start date of February 10, 2025. Certificates of appointment have been approved and signed for Marcus Jackson and Zaqary Martinez.

The final item to discuss was 2<sup>nd</sup> testing for police in 2024. The BFPC will be conducting 6 interviews after the meeting today to try to secure academy spots in the May academy.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

Next Meeting: March 5, 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 6:34pm.

**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 7:45pm.