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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING January 3, 2024

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 Police Chief Dan Babich, Deputy Chief Michael Fellers, Fire Chief Mike Mavrogeorge, Assistant Village Manager John Schwarz and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea, to table the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023. The motion passed unanimously, and these minutes will be presented at the February meeting for approval. Commissioner McCarthy then made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 5 and December 26, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The only item of new business was the presentation and approval of the 2024 meeting schedule. Commissioner McCarthy stated all of the scheduled meeting dates and made a motion to approve the 2024 meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business to discuss was the 2024 firefighter testing. At this time there have been 14 applications taken out and the test is scheduled for February 11th.

The next item for discussion was the amendments to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. There was a discussion on the current changes as well as possible changes that will be made in the future. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve the amendments to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. The motion passed unanimously. The amendments will be published in The Suburban Life and will be effective by the end of January.

Next there was discussion on the Fire Captain Promotional Exam. Commissioner McCarthy explained that the test is scheduled for dates in January and Chief's points have been received by the Commission.

The discussion then moved onto the promotional exam for Police Sergeant. At this time testing has been completed and interview dates have been scheduled with the Commission.

The BFPC then discussed the current firefighter testing. Commissioner McCarthy presented the Final Eligibility List for Firefighter and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and the Final Eligibility List for Firefighter was approved. Candidate Mark Krueger has been given a conditional offer of employment and is just awaiting medical results to be cleared for hire.

The last item to discuss was the status of candidates on the police eligibility list. Erick McCord and Jose Rodriguez are cleared for hire and set to start the academy as of January 8, 2024. Certificates of employment were presented and signed at that time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to enter into executive session at 6:49pm. The executive session was for the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Promotion and Discipline of Village Employees.

• **INFORMATION ONLY:**

Next Meeting: February 7, 2024

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires January 3, 2026)

Fire: Captain Promotional List (In Process)

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 Pedersen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.