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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING July 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm 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 and Assistant Village Manager John Schwarz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lazansky made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 4, 2025. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item of new business to discuss was police testing for 2025 with IO Solutions. The application is now available on the Blueline and was published in the Suburban Life. The written exam will be on September 6th. The next item to discuss was firefighter testing with NTN. The application deadline is July 14th and currently there are 10 applicants, with 6 of the applications completed at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 1st item of old business was promotional exams within the fire department. Commissioner McCarthy stated that he had reached out to IFCA, Laser and Associates as well as IO Solutions for quotes on testing. Chief Manning added that there would be 7 firefighters eligible to take the promotional exam. The BFPC will have a timeline in place for the next meeting.

The next item of new business was lateral police officer application updates. Commissioner McCarthy explained that the AD for lateral was reposted on the Blueline to reflect the recently approved salary schedule. The discussion then moved on to lateral candidate Stock. The BFPC noted there has not been an update on this candidate obtaining his POWER card and Chief Babich expressed his disappointment in the lack of communication from this candidate. The BFPC then decided if this candidate gets his POWER card in the future he can always reapply with the department. At that time Commissioner McCarthy made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lazansky to approve the disqualification of lateral candidate Stock for not completing all required facets of the hiring process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: August 6, 2025

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Exhausted)

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

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

Police: Entry Level Police Officer (Exhausted 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 Lazansky and then the motion passed by a roll call vote taken with 2 "yes" votes and zero "no" votes. The BFPC members then recessed into executive session at 6:55pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lazansky to go back into open session. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting went into open session at 7:02pm.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lazansky to adjourn the meeting. The adjourned at 7:03pm.