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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING January 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners Pedersen and Lazansky. Commissioner Keag was absent. Also present was Police Chief Dan Babich, Fire Chief Dan Manning, Assistant Manager John Schwarz, Assistant Mary Detente and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lazansky made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2025. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item of new business was the approval of the BFPC 2026 Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Lazansky made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve the meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously and was approved.

The next item of new business was the discussion of the testing changes scheduled for IO Solutions for 2026. Commissioner Lazansky and Assistant Detente explained that they attended a summit presented by IO Solutions and Public Safety Testing. The major upcoming changes will be a merger between the 2 companies to utilize more of a virtual testing platform as well as an annual fee instead of a per test fee.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 1st item of old business was 2025 Police Testing with IO Solutions. Commissioner Pedersen presented certificates of appointment for both Veronica Suarez who sworn in on December 9th and Erick Rios, sworn in on December 29th. Certificates for both were signed.

Discussion then moved on to fire Lieutenant promotional exam. The Final Eligibility List was presented, and Commissioner Lazansky made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, and the list was approved unanimously. This will be posted at the FD and on the Village Website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: February 4, 2026

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (September 3, 2027)

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

Fire: Lieutenant Promotional List (Expires January 7, 2029)

Police: Entry Level Police Officer (November 5, 2027)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lazansky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and the meeting adjourned.