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**Board of
Fire and Police
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Ruth Gudino-Negrete

Commissioner
Brian Kuratko

Commissioner
Thomas B. McCarthy III

MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING August 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Responding present to roll call were Commission Chairperson Ruth I. Gudino-Negrete, Commissioner Brian Kuratko and Commissioner Thomas McCarthy III. Also present were Village Manager Janet Matthys, Fire Chief James Adams, Police Chief John Carpino, Attorney Mike Jurusik and Mary Detente.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Gudino-Negrete entertained a motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the May 6, 2014 meeting. Motion by Commissioner McCarthy and second by Commissioner Kuratko to table the minutes for May 6, 2014. Motion by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Kuratko to approve the meeting minutes for July 14, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion in reference to the reimbursement agreement and a Village Code Amendment. The code was effective July 14, 2014 and will be in full effect 10 days after adoption. The Commission agreed to move the September meeting date to September 8, 2014 from September 1, 2014 due to the Labor Day holiday.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held in regards to the Fire and Police Commission Rules and Regulations update. The Amendments to the Rules and Regulations have been completed, posted and are in effect. As of today's date, there have been 72 applications distributed for the upcoming entry-level police officer testing. The written examination is scheduled for September 20, 2014 at St. Joseph High School. All Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Commissioner Kuratko will be in attendance. There was a lengthy discussion in regards to the Fire Department Lieutenant Promotion Examination. Commissioner McCarthy distributed a letter that will be sent to all the candidates for the Lieutenant Promotion examination. The letter explains the Assessment Center process which will be held on September 22, 2014 and will be administered by the Illinois Fire Chiefs' Association. The letter also explained the use of points for seniority, fire chief's points and the peer review process. The letter also explained the education and certification point distribution in addition to announcing the written examination.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting will be held on September 8, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Entry-level firefighter candidate Steve McNellis inquired about his standing on the eligibility list and a response from the Commission was sent to him.

Attorney Jurusik explained to the Commission the effects of Senate Bill 2826 which became law as of July 17, 2014. This new law eliminates the "median" score for passing for original firefighter written examinations. Commissioner Kuratko will contact I/O Solutions to have a representative present at our next meeting to explain these changes.

Entry Level Firefighter List expires on January 9, 2016

Fire Captain's List expires May 6, 2017
Police Sergeant's List expires May 9, 2017

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation or comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Kuratko made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.