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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING June 29, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding present to roll call were Commission Chair Tom McCarthy, Commissioner Pedersen and Commissioner O'Shea. Also present was Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik and Acting Fire Chief Doocy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2020 and the Special Meeting Minutes of June 16, 17 and 18, 2020. Minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item of new business to discuss was the consideration and approval of disqualification of an entry level firefighter candidate. Commissioner McCarthy explained this candidate did not have the required CPAT with Ladders at the time of the written test and should not have been approved to take the written exam. This was an oversight on our testing agency IO Solutions and was not discovered until the Commission conducted interviews and looked into all candidate files. A motion was made by Commissioner Pedersen to disqualify and remove this candidate from the testing process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea and approved. A letter will go out to this candidate letting them know they have been removed from the testing process.

The next item under new business was the presentation and approval of the Updated Initial Eligibility List for Firefighter. Commissioner O'Shea made a motion seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve and motion passed unanimously. The Updated Initial Eligibility List was approved. This list will be posted in the Village Hall, on the Village Website as well as sent out to candidates via IO Solutions.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Police Sergeant Promotional Exam was the first item under old business. Commissioner Pedersen explained all eligible officers were sent a Letter of Intent which they need to sign and return to the Commission if they plan to participate in the testing process. In the upcoming week, officers will be sent information on the written exam, including testing information as well as a study reference guide.

The last item to discuss was the Fire Captain Promotional Exam. Commissioner McCarthy explained he has contacted the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association to obtain dates for an Assessment Center and their schedule is very flexible. He will check vacation schedules in the FD to come up with a date that works with all 3 Lieutenant's schedules.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: August 5, 2020

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires August 1, 2020 EXHAUSTED)

Fire: Captain Promotional List (Expires January 3, 2021- EXHAUSTED)

Fire: Lieutenant Promotional List (Expires November 7, 2021)

Police: Entry Level Police Officer Expires August 7, 2021)

Police: Sergeant Promotional List: (Expires October 4, 2020)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The only public participation was a comment from Acting Fire Chief Doocy. He wanted to inform the Commission of the sudden passing of former Westchester Firefighter Lisa Spring. He went on to say FF

Spring was the second female firefighter for Westchester and went on to work for the Chicago Fire Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.