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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING September 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy and O'Shea. Also Present was Police Chief Dan Babich and Assistant Mary Detente.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive session for the purpose of discussing: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Promotion and Discipline of Village Employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea and the meeting went into executive session at 5:35pm.

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, to adjourn back to open session at 6:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2023, and the Special Meeting Minutes of August 14, August 28, and August 29, 2023. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item of new business to discuss was the 4th firefighter testing process for 2023. The application will go live on September 18, and the written test will take place on November 18, 2023.

The next item of new business was the police Sergeant promotional exam. Commissioner McCarthy explained the written test will be administered by IO Solutions and P4 Security Solutions will proctor the assessment center. The discussion then moved on to the promotional exam for fire Captain. IO Solutions will conduct the written exam and The Illinois Fire Chiefs will administer the assessment center.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business to discuss was entry level testing in the police department. The Initial Eligibility list was presented, and Commissioner O'Shea made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCarthy and approved. This list will be emailed to candidates giving them 10 days to submit for preference points.

Next the 2nd firefighter testing process was discussed. Candidates on this list are currently being processed for hire. Carlos Ward Jr. has passed all the required pre-employment exams, his start date with the department will be September 18, 2023. The Commission has decided to disqualify candidate Rebecca Hassel. A motion by Commissioner McCarthy was made which was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to send this fire candidate a disqualification letter from the BFPC.

The 3rd firefighter testing process was discussed, and Commissioner McCarthy explained that there was only 1 candidate who participated in the online testing process. This candidate is currently being processed for hire. The discussion then moved on to vacancies in the police department. There is currently one lateral application for police. The Commission currently has decided to disqualify this lateral candidate. A motion by Commissioner McCarthy was made which was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to send lateral candidate Terrence Mastrino a disqualification letter from the BFPC.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive session for the purpose of discussing: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Promotion and Discipline of Village Employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea and the meeting went into executive session at 6:30pm

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: October 4, 2023

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires August 2, 2025)

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

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

Police: Entry Level Police Officer Expires February 1, 2025- EXHAUSTED)

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:

With no further business to discuss, McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea, to adjourn the executive session and the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.