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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING September 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy, Pedersen and O'Shea. Also present was Village Manager Barry Krumstok, Assistant Manager John Schwarz, Police Chief Dan Babich, Deputy Chief Mike Fellers, Fire Chief Dan Manning, Commission Assistant Mary Detente and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2024, and the Special Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2024. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item of new business to discuss was the 2nd police testing for 2024. Commissioner McCarthy explained the application is live and the next testing process will take place on November 9th. The next item of new business to discuss was the use of National Testing Network as a testing vendor for the BFPC. Fire Chief Manning gave a positive review of this company from his experience working with them in the past. Commissioner McCarthy explained he had a phone interview with a representative from their company and they laid out the testing process and what their company offers. The BFPC would like to set up an online conference with this company so all members of the BFPC as well as the Village Administration can see a demonstration and hear what National Testing can offer the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business was lateral applications within the police department. Commissioner McCarthy explained that the BFPC has received an application for Lateral Transfer. The application that was completed was for an applicant not currently employed as a police officer, which is required by the BFPC Rules. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to disqualify the applicant from the hiring process for not meeting the requirement to currently be employed as a police officer. The next item of new business was Updates to the Rules and Regulations. Attorney Jurusik presented an edited version of the Rules with edits to include the POWER test as an application requirement for entry level police officer. A few other suggested edits were discussed and Attorney Jurusik will have these edits available before the October BFPC Meeting.

3rd firefighter testing for 2024, was then discussed. The fire candidate on the current list has accepted a conditional offer and is scheduled for his medical physical and psychological exam.

The final item of old business was the 4th firefighter testing for 2024. Commissioner McCarthy stated that the application is now live the upcoming test will take place on November 9, 2024. Chief Manning presented some suggested edits to the current ad to better promote the department. These items will be sent over to IO for updating on the application platform.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: October 2, 2024

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires: August 7, 2026)

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

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

Police: Entry Level Police Officer (Expires June 5, 2026)

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

Commission Terms: James O'Shea (Expired May 2024) Thomas McCarthy (Expires April 30, 2025) James Pedersen (Expires April 30, 2026)

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss in open session, Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm.