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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING August 6 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy and Pedersen. Also present was Police Chief Dan Babich, Fire Chief Dan Manning, Assistant Village Manager John Schwarz and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 2, 2025, the special meeting minutes of July 23, 2025 and the special meeting minutes of July 30, 2025. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 1st item of old business was 2025 Police Testing with IO Solutions. Commissioner McCarthy explained that the written test will take place on September 6, 2025 and as of this week 63 applications have been taken out. The Commission is working on securing a testing location and will have more information at the September meeting.

Next, fire testing with NTN was discussed. Commissioner McCarty made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve the initial eligibility list for firefighter. The motion passed unanimously and the list was approved. Commissioner McCarthy explained that the initial list was emailed out to the 6 candidates on July 31st. At this time candidates can submit a request for preference points, which has a deadline date of August 11th.

Discussion then moved on to fire lieutenant promotional exam. On August 1st, the Commission sent letters out to the 7 firefighters eligible to take the promotional exam. These letters gave details on each step of the testing process as well as had a letter of intent attached for firefighters to return to the Commission by August 12th.

These letters will give the Commission a head count of how many firefighters plan to take the promotional exam. Commissioner McCarthy then read over the testing timeline for the promotional exam.

The next item of new business was lateral police officer application updates. Commissioner McCarthy explained that lateral candidate Stock had been sent a DQ letter which was approved at the last meeting. In that letter it explained to officer Stock that if the reason for his disqualification no longer existed, he was welcome to reapply for lateral police officer. There has not been a request for reapplication from Officer Stock at this time.

The final item of old business was 2025 police testing with NTN. Chief Babich gave an update that he was unsure at this time of the start dates of recruits Jamal Coleman and Anthony Medina but would check with Deputy Chief Fellers as he usually arranges them to start around 2 weeks before the start of the academy. The POWER test date is August 12th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: August 6, 2025

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (initial List approved)

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

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

Police: Entry Level Police Officer (Exhausted April 2, 2027)

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

Commission Terms: James Lazansky (Expires 4/30/27) Thomas McCarthy (Expired 4/30/25) James Pedersen (Expires 4/30/26)

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.