

VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
September 6, 2011
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting for the Police & Fire Commission was called to order by Chairman Jackie Granger at 6:04pm Present are: Commissioner Joseph Patti, Commissioner Maritza Souchet , Secretary Denise Villasenor , also present are Chief Iovinelli, Trustee Tom Brimie, Trustee Randy Petersen, Trustee Bill Ruhl, Deputy Chief Phil Ruch, Chief Mike Witz, and Nick Stecker. A motion to approve the August 15, 2011 minutes and the minutes for the special meeting August 23, 2011 was made by Commissioner Maritza Souchet and second by Commissioner Patti.

Communications:

Trustee Randy Petersen: Everything is going well with the background checks.

Chief Steve Iovinelli: Brandon Santiago accepted position number one on the list pending the outcome of the backgrounds. The number two on the list accepted a job with someone else no and we are waiting on three and four we are waiting for notification by end of business today if none we are moving down the list.

Trustee Tom Brimie: The three squad cars are still being put together there is a delay in parts they are decaled and ready to go possibly just waiting for the lights and the computers by the end of the month.

Chief Mike Witz: Jenna Olson and Dani Vega both pass background checks, we are waiting for the psyches and polygraph. Saturday and Wednesday and Thursday testing and Olson needs to go to the academy and needs to get it done this week in order to make it to the academy by Sept. 26th or we will not be able to hire her right now. Vega will go out to the streets pending poly and psyches. Academy docs and State Training Board docs were given to us, once their psyches and poly come in we need a yes or no in order to send Olsen to the academy. Vega is certified and needs to be re-qualified. In regards to the Fire candidates because I only have three detectives and one commander and short one detective I was not able to get the Fire done but as soon as we are done with the police we will begin with the fire candidates.

Jackie Granger: Steve Iovinelli is there anything we need to do to react quickly when we get another person who is willing to accept the position?

Steve Iovinelli: Nipsta's training academy starts next week so we are out of the loop on that one. Only three out of the 40 candidates were not fire fighters. So we should be ok, as long as they're a certified firefighter and a paramedic and they pass everything and then they have a time frame where they have to test into the Loyola system. Brandon has everything and can be out on the streets in about 2 weeks from his date of hire.

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Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Chief Iovinelli passed out the state hiring information that the Governor signed. Takes the Commission's authority to hire and Nick Stecker commented as long as you are on the statewide list it didn't matter what your score is, veterans are going to be affected. Nick talked to Pat DiVinni about this and this is one of the things they are working on, they are going to try to get it done soon. It still gives a municipality the ability if we see fit we may be able to give points by language, veterans, paramedic, experience, paid on call in the city. It meshes the home rule verse non home rule powers of the Commission. Steve: Home rule communities are not exempt everybody has to abide. It saves the city money on testing by using this list. Randy: Nick who is pushing for this law? Nick: It was a combination of the union AFFI because the home rule communities were having problems where these candidates were getting pushed in and I think the Chief's had part in it there were a number of entities involved. Steve: Just to give you an idea, some of the home rule communities would run a test and then post the list in alphabetical order and that was it.

Jackie: Are we sending out certified letters to the candidates? Denise: Yes, keep these in their files.

Mike Witz: I am planning on going before the board in October to request for a Sergeant to be added to the department has to have everybody in place for the November 1st posting of our shifts. We have a current list.

Public Comments: None

If no further business Chairman Granger will entertain an adjournment to discuss background checks on our police candidate's executive session at 6:25pm.

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