

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK  
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION  
February 6, 2012  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting for the Police & Fire Commission was called to order by Chairman Jackie Granger at 6:07.

**Roll Call/Quorum:** Present: Commissioner Jackie Granger, Commissioner Maritza Souchet and Commissioner Joseph Patti. Also present: Trustee Randy Petersen, Fire Chief Steve Iovinelli, Police Chief Mike Witz, Village Clerk Tommy Thompson, Director of Health and Human Services Lisa Anthony, Deputy Police Commissioner Phil Ruch and Secretary Margarita Whaley.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the January 3, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Patti and seconded by Commissioner Souchet.

**Communications:**

**Commissioner Patti** ~ Nothing to report.

**Fire Chief Iovinelli** ~ Finishing the final specifications on the new fire engine. He will be visiting the plant making the fire engine in Appleton, WI on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Trustee Petersen inquired about the collective bargaining agreements and Chief Iovinelli said they will be meeting on Friday to set a date to work on the agreements. February 17th will be attending a seminar on the new state hiring for firefighters sponsored by the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

**Clerk Thompson** ~ The 3 commissioners need to do the Open Meetings training. If appointed before the 1st of the year you have 1 year to complete the training. Only need to take the training once and your done. I will forward the information about the website where you can do the training online. Once you receive the certificate just forward it to the Clerk's office. Unsure if the secretary needs to and if so only have 90 days to complete because of the appointment after the 1st of the year. Inquiry was made if someone needs to be appointed a FOIA officer for the board, but Clerk Thompson said he would be the FOIA officer since all the commissions are for the Village. Also the commissioners economic interest statements will be coming in the mail within the next month.

This can be submitted online and you receive a receipt electronically. E-mails have been submitted to Cook County and if it is not completed by May 1st Cook County can fine individuals \$15.00. Commissioner Granger confirmed this will be done via e-mail and must be completed by May 1st.

**Commissioner Granger** ~ Thanked Clerk Thompson for doing the minutes of the January 3rd meeting. Clerk Thompson thanked Karen for finishing the minutes.

**Police Chief Witz** ~ The new police station is being built. Hoping to be completed by July 2013. The old station will continue being used until that time. An officer was issued a written reprimand about 45 days ago, as part of the written reprimand the officer was to receive training outside of the department. The officer failed to do so and the department has filed a notice of interrogation with the initial charge to be revisited and along with 4 new charges for violation of department policies. The interrogation date is scheduled for Thursday February 9th at 8:00 a.m.

**Commissioner Souchet** ~ Nothing to report

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Commissioner Granger mentioned the discussion of the commissions badges. It was noted that the board must go through the mayor to receive the badges.
- She also noted that the Rules and Regulations for the Fire and Police Commission need to be rewritten in regards to the hiring practices. It had been discussed that these need to be sent to the Fire & Police Commission attorney.
- Chief Iovinelli noted that they will be attending the seminar to see exactly how the new practices will work. He believes that municipalities will have the option of going with the state or continue to do as have been doing, but the state does define the test scores and preference points and mean test scores. The CPAP certification will have to be done. Inquiry was made if the current standard is simply a pass/fail or a score. Question pertained to the written test. A mean score will be used to determine where candidates need to be to get on the state wide list. Has not been determined if there will be a fee for the test. Police Chief Witz noted that in discussions with other local chiefs they have found written scores are higher than the oral tests and that the more educated officers tend to be the least productive. Questioned whether the written and oral test scores be valued equally to put

people on the same playing field. Commissioner Granger noted this was brought up about 2 years ago and she thought it had been decided to keep the same, but she was going to look into that and make sure. Was going to check with the Fire & Police attorney to see if the board could decide to make that a more even playing field. Chief Iovinelli said the big change will be in preference points, whether one is a paramedic and a firefighter too and how that affects the candidates.

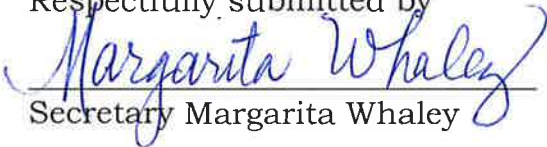
- Commissioner Granger inquired if someone from the board could attend the February 17th seminar as well. Chief Iovinelli noted that the mayor would be attending, but he was going to look into if there was any open seats. The bill pertaining to the new hiring standards was passed before the state figured out how it will work so it is now left up to the union and the two associations sponsoring the seminar.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Patti at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary Margarita Whaley