

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK  
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 5, 2012  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Police & Fire Commission was called to order by Chairman Jackie Granger at 6:05.

**Roll Call/Quorum:** Present: Commissioner Jackie Granger and Commissioner Joe Patti. Also present: Trustee Randy Petersen, Fire Chief Steve Iovinelli (left for early portion of meeting), Deputy Chief Phil Ruch, Chief Mike Witz and Secretary Margarita Whaley. Absent is Commissioner Maritza Souchet.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the October 1, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Patti and seconded by Commissioner Granger, all in favor.

**Communications:**

**Trustee Petersen** ~ Inquired about the finalization of all testing and final lists for fire and police. **Commissioner Granger** said that FIRE/COPS was finalizing the initial eligibility list for fire. She will get with the commissioners to sign off on that final list so it may be posted. FIRE/COPS will send out all the letters and get any final eligibility points that need to be factored into the list. Looking at having a final fire eligibility list by the first week of December. **Chief Witz** noted that he was given the final police list and that the 10 days that the top 20 had to get eligibility points should be today. He would like to get that final list as soon as possible because he needs to go before the Village Board to request hiring new people. He will also need to do background checks on the top applicants and the police academy begins January 7, 2013. Time will be a factor in getting all this done before the November 20th board meeting. He has to wait for the new list to request hiring or he will have to go with the old (2010) eligibility list. Commissioner Granger made sure to have all lists e-mailed as soon as ready with FIRE/COPS.

**Chief Witz** ~ Noted that the police station is moving along smoothly. The village newsletter and web site will notify people in the village that on a 2 upcoming Saturdays there will be coffee with the chief with tours of the old station and then be brought over to the new station. Exact dates are being worked out with public relations.

**Deputy Chief Ruch** ~ The officers have been doing well with DUI arrests. Dani Vega has been doing especially well and he is helping others with those since he has experience with DUI arrests.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Commissioner Granger** ~ Eligibility lists for both fire and police will be posted within the next few weeks hopefully. The applicants will have 10 days to get any preference points that they are eligible for back to FIRE/COPS for the final lists to be signed by the commissioners and posted. **Chief Witz** asked about timing for the police list and his request before the board to hire. **Commissioner Granger** made a motion to authorize Chief Witz to begin background checks on the top 6 applicants so this may expedite any hiring requests that are approved by the board in lieu of a special meeting. Motion approved. **Chief Witz** inquired about the quality of applicants for police. **Commissioner Patti** said that he was very impressed at the oral interviews for fire and police.

It was noted that psychological testing is done through FIRE/COPS and that the physical is done through the village. **Trustee Petersen** noted that the commission must wait to schedule the physical because that may be construed as a job offer, so that part of the testing must wait until final hiring approval has gone through the Village.

**New Business:**

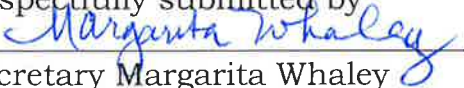
**Commissioner Granger** ~ spoke about the classes that were taken at the IFPCA convention. New commissioner book is out with new firefighter laws, so that may be purchased soon. It is \$75 for that book and the commission will wait until that has been updated

**Secretary Whaley** ~ Business cards will be ordered this month. Motion was made by Commissioner Granger and seconded by Commissioner Patti as to what information should be on the business cards. The East Leyden (for testing) bill was submitted to the commission for approval by Secretary Whaley and will be submitted to the Village this week.

**Chief Iovinelli** ~ returned to the meeting and noted that everything is fine. Waiting on the 2 new engines that should be ready soon. Repair work on drill tower will start soon. Contract negotiations are still ongoing.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Patti and seconded by Commissioner Granger 6:26 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by  
  
Secretary Margarita Whaley