

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK  
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION  
March 4, 2013  
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 6:12

**Roll Call/Quorum:** Present: Commissioner Jackie Granger and Commissioner Joseph Patti absent is Commissioner Maritza Souchet. Also present: Trustee Randy Petersen, Fire Chief Steve Iovinelli, Police Chief Mike Witz, , Deputy Police Commissioner Phil Ruch and Secretary Margarita Whaley.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the February 4, 2013 minutes was made by Commissioner Patti and seconded by Commissioner Granger.

**Communications:**

**Fire Chief Iovinelli** ~ The final firefighter eligibility list needs to be changed, it incorrectly states Law Enforcement at bottom of page. Need to be corrected with COPS/FIRE. New engines are in service. We do have one firefighter off because of an off duty injury (for 3 months). Budget hearings begin March 12. Will be asking for additional staff.

**Police Chief Witz** ~ We have one officer off. Station tours are being held on Saturdays. If approved by commission, Matthew Bowes will be sworn in on March 15, with a start date of March 17. The official swearing date at Village Board meeting will be Monday March 18. The 2012 annual report is on the website. Even with additional staffing, the budget came in \$80,000 below the 2011 budget, because of contract restructuring. One internal investigation going on, with more information next month.

**Deputy Chief Ruch** ~ Attended the Villa Allegre appreciation dinner, certificates of appreciation were given to Chief Witz and Mayor Pedersen. Illinois Crime Commission recognized Mayor Pedersen as Municipal Leader of the Year for the great job being done by the Franklin Park Police Department.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Discussion of next 4 approved police candidates. Motion to approve the next 4 candidates: Rose Pietkiewicz, Brian Palacios, Richard Adamski and Michael Leone pending physical, drug test and Power test completion made by Commissioner Patti and seconded by Commissioner Granger. Pending testing, these candidates should be approved for hire at the April 1, 2013 (date was incorrectly stated as April 4) meeting. April 5, 2013 will be the swearing in at the village hall with April 8, 2013 being the start date of the police academy. The official swearing in will be at the Village Board meeting on April 15, 2013.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjourn to executive session at 6:30.**

**Return to regular session at 6:47.**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Patti and seconded by Commissioner Granger at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary Margarita Whaley