

**Village of Franklin Park
Fire & Police Commission
Monday, April 1, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: The meeting for the Fire & Police Commission was called to order by Commissioner Maritza Souchet at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call / Quorum: Present is Commissioner Maritza Souchet, Commissioner Guillermo Rios, Commissioner Irene Herrera and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief Mark Stewart, Police Director Mike Witz, and Trustee Bill Ruhl.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the March 4, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera. Motion passed.

Communications:

Fire Chief Stewart: Roberto Zurita will be sworn in on April 1, 2024 and Fire currently has four openings. A post for testing was ran through the National Testing Network and six potential candidates submitted. So far one has failed, one removed themselves, and four have passed. Information has been sent to Mike Witz for background checks. Sunday, April 14th at 9 am oral interviews will be held in the community room. Dinorah will contact candidates and let them know.

Police Chief Mike Witz: Three new hire hires have passed their medicals and will be going for their power tests. If they pass their power test they will move onto the academy at the end of the month. Sergeant Jones unexpectedly decided to retire, and his day is April 1, 2024. Commander Jensen's is retiring after 30 years, and his last day will be April 3, 2024. There will be coffee and cake on April 3rd at 11 am for both Jones and Jensen. June 22nd is the next testing date for Police and Oral will be held on July 21st. July 28th book top five candidates for Poly and Psych. An additional canine search dog will be added to the department due to the number of fleeing and eluding's the department is receiving. People are leaving their cars and fleeing the scene.

Staff are discussing what to do with opening for sergeant.

Trustee Bill Ruhl: Personal congratulations to Bob Jensen for all the years he served and to Sergeant Mike Jones who always kept things interesting. Question to Mike Witz are we going to have an opening on the sergeant's squad with Jones retiring?

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. made by Commissioner Maritza Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Herrera with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dinorah Bernal Rangel