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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING January 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding present to roll call were Commission Chairperson Ruth I. Gudino-Negrete, Commissioner Brian Kuratko and Commissioner Thomas McCarthy III. Also present were Chief of Police John Carpino, Fire Chief Jim Adams, Village Manager Janet Matthys, Legal Counsel Mike Jurusik and Management Assistant Molly Keane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Gudino-Negrete entertained a motion to approve meeting minutes for October, November and the December 2013 meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Kuratko and seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to approve all meeting minutes for those mentioned months. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

A lengthy discussion was held in regards to the Fire Department Captain Promotion exam. Commissioner McCarthy related that he has been in discussions with Terry Mastrandea of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association in regards to the Captains test. Commissioner McCarthy stated that there is an established protocol for the testing process and we should not deviate from the process. The Commissioners agreed. Chief Adams stated that there are three eligible people to take the Captains exam and as of today only one person has indicated a desire to take the test. Commissioner McCarthy agreed to set a date for the test.

A discussion was held in regards to the final eligibility scores for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. Commissioner McCarthy explained how scores were calculated based on the cumulative scores of the written test, the oral interviews, preference points and military points. The Commissioners then reviewed the final eligibility list and entertained a motion to approve and accept. Motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Kuratko to adopt the final eligibility list and have this list posted for the public. This list is effective from today's date and will expire on January 9, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion on the Fire Department Lieutenant Promotion process. Chief Adams stated that he is waiting on the language contained in the collective bargaining agreement. Chief Adams believes that City Attorney Durkin has the CBA and is reviewing the language. The fire department current lieutenant list expires on February 10, 2014.

There was a lengthy discussion in regards to the proposed changes and corrections to the new rules and regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. There was a meeting held on December 12, 2013 in which Attorney Jurusik, Commissioner McCarthy and Kuratko attended and worked on the proposed changes. The attorney stated that he is still working on the final product for approval but promises that were almost complete.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting will be held on February 3, 2014 at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation or comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Kuratko made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.