



Village of Westchester

10200 ROOSEVELT ROAD, WESTCHESTER, IL 60154

MINUTES OF THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING 7 JANUARY 2013

Board of
Fire and Police
Commissioners

Commission Chair
Ruth Gudino-Negrete

Commission Secretary
Jesse Williams

Commissioner
Brian Kuratko

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm and present/responding to roll call were: Ruth I Gudino-Negrete, Chairperson; Jesse J. Williams, Secretary and Brian Kuratko, Commissioner. Also present were Sam Pulia, President of the Village of Westchester; Trustee Nick Steker, Village Board Liaison to the Fire and Police Commission; Janet Matthys, Village Manager ; Jim Adams, Fire Chief ; April Padalik, Police Chief and Molly Keane, Management Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commission Chairperson Ruth I. Gudino-Negrete made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jesse J. Williams to approve the December 3, 2012 meeting minutes and on the roll call vote, the Commission unanimously approved said motion. (AYE 3) (NAY 0) (ABSTENTION 0).

NEW BUSINESS:

The following list of items were discussed with no action taken at this time.

- Trustee Nick Steker suggested that we focus on certain areas of the candidate when the candidate is sent for medical testing.
- Janet Matthys, the Village Manager, advised the Commission that Advanced Occupational Medicine Specialist located in Bellwood will no longer be used for physical/medical testing of police or firefighters from Westchester. The Village will be utilizing Midwest Orthopedic Medicine at Rush located at 2450 South Wolf Rd. Westchester, IL 60154 Dr. Richard Ordarte, Phone #708-236-2600.
- Update medical, physical, polygraph and psychological vendors
- New Agencies for upcoming Fire and Police Testing
- Creation of a "Commission Secretary" to assist the Fire and Police Commission
- The Village Budget Hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2013
- Status of the submission of the Commission Annual Report for 2012
- Status on the submission of the Commission Annual Schedule for 2013
- Open Meeting Act (OMA) compliance requirement for agenda posting

OLD BUSINESS:

Commission Chairperson Ruth I. Gudino-Negrete made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brian Kuratko to table the next firefighter list and the review of questions for the oral interview of firefighter candidates and on roll call vote, the Commission unanimously approved said motion. (AYE 3) (NAY 0) (ABSENTION 0)

INFORMATION ONLY:

- Commissioner Jesse J. Williams reported the resignation of former Commissioners Phil Dote and Jim McNally and thanked them for their many years of service and wished them well.
- The Village of Westchester will acknowledge the resignation of both commissioners and thank you letters will be sent to them.
- Commission Chairperson Ruth I. Gudino-Negrete asked Trustee Nick Steker to request the return any Commission property from the former Commissioners
- Commissioner Jesse J. Williams reported that one police candidate, Joseph L. Rizzo had been hired as probationary police officer for the Village of Westchester. On January 4, 2013, Mr. Joseph L. Rizzo was administered the oath of office and on January 7, 2013 he started the Suburban Law Enforcement

Academy.

- Janet Matthys, Village Manager, related that Probation Officer Rizzo will be sworn in again upon successful completion of his academy training.
- Commission Chairperson, Ruth I. Gudino-Negrete asked April Padalik, Chief of Police for progress reports during probationary officer Joseph Rizzo's probationary period.
- Police Candidate Martin Vasquez Jr. was sent a rejection letter.
- Police Candidate Anthony Bartolone made a FOIA request. This request was forwarded to the village attorney for review.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation was heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Jesse J. Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brian Kuratko to adjourn and on roll call vote, the Commission approved the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. (AYE 3) (NAYS 0) (ABSENTION 0).

Subsequent to adjournment of the Commission Meeting, Commission Chairperson Ruth I. Gudino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brian Kuratko to reopen the meeting and on roll call vote, the Commission unanimously approved the motion and the meeting was reopened at 7:50pm. (AYE 3) (NAY 0) (ABSENTION 0).

This meeting reconvened at 7:51 pm to address a matter misstated on the January Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Brian Kuratko made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jesse J. Williams to amend the January Meeting Agenda under Announcements to reflect the following: One new probationary officer was hired for the police department by the name of Joseph Rizzo. On roll call vote, the Commission unanimously approved the amendment to the January Meeting agenda. (AYE 3) (NAY 0) (ABSENTION 0). Commission Chairperson Ruth I. Gudino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brian Kuratko to reflect the above approved amendment in the January 2013 meeting minutes and on roll call vote, the Commission unanimously approved the motion. (AYE 3) (NAY 0) (ABSENTION 0)

With no further business to discuss, Commission Chairperson Ruth I. Gudino-Negrete made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brian Kuratko to adjourn and on roll call vote, the Commission unanimously approved the motion and the meeting was readjusted at 7:52pm. (AYE 3) (NAYS 0) (ABSENTION 0).