

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
of the
Village of La Grange
Village Hall Lower Level Conference Room
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Friday, September 5, 2014
4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (BOFPC) of the Village of La Grange was held on Friday, September 5, 2014 in the lower level conference room at the Village Hall and was called to order by Chairman Lies at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: (and constituting a quorum): Commissioner Elyse Hoffenberg with Chairman Mark Lies presiding.

ABSENT: Commissioner Paul Kerpan.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Fire Chief Don Gay and Recording Secretary Cathy Benjamin.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

3. BUSINESS AT HAND

A. Approval of Promotion — Fire Lieutenant

Acting Fire Chief Gay notified the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners that due to the retirement of Fire Chief Bill Bryzgalski and his promotion to Fire Chief, a vacancy exists within the La Grange Fire Department. With the elimination of the Captain position and maintaining the Village's cost containment plan, Acting Fire Lieutenant Tom Bensfield is eligible for the promotion to Fire Lieutenant. Tom Bensfield has been serving as Acting Lieutenant for the past 2-1/2 years.

After consideration, Commissioner Hoffenberg moved that Acting Fire Lieutenant Tom Bensfield be promoted to the position of Fire Lieutenant effective May 1, 2014, seconded by Chairman Lies: motion carried by voice vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief Gay reported to the Commission that due to recent retirements, appointments and promotion, a vacancy exists within the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic. This is the grant-funded position the Village secured this past year and must be filled in order to comply with the grant requirements. The next eligible candidate on the Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility Register is Michael Raimondi, who has successfully completed the pre-employment testing necessary for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. Mr. Raimondi's start date with the Village of La Grange as a Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic is September 15, 2014. The Commissioners were in agreement with this matter.

Fire Chief Gay notified the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners that he is moving forward with notifying potential candidates for Fire Lieutenant with the study materials necessary to prepare for the written exam. This notification is within notification standards as provided for in the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Rules and Regulations and the firefighter union contract.

Chief Gay provided the BOFPC with the Fire Department Promotional Testing Process Timeline for review with the Commissioners.

According to the timeline, oral interviews are tentatively scheduled for mid-October 2014. With eight possible candidates eligible to participate in the testing process, orals will need to be conducted in two evenings. Cathy will follow-up with the BOFPC to schedule the dates for the oral interviews during this timeframe.

Chief Gay provided the Commissioners with a copy of a notification from the Office of the Attorney General regarding Changes to Illinois Municipal Code and the Fire Protection District Act. The Chief informed that he will be following-up with the notification to see if and how it affects the Village of La Grange.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Since there is no further business before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, it was moved by Chairman Lies, seconded by Commissioner Hoffenberg and carried by voice vote; the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Benjamin, Recording Secretary

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