

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
of the
Village of La Grange
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Thursday, July 15, 2020
2:00 p.m.

*MEETING CONDUCTED BY
TELEPHONE DUE TO COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS*

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 July 15, 2020 by telephone as it was not practical or prudent to hold the meeting in person due to Governor Pritzker's orders related to COVID-19. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

PRESENT: (and constituting a quorum): Chairman Hoffenberg, Commissioner Boersma (arrived at 2:04 p.m.) and Commissioner Levato

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Andrianna Peterson, Village Manager; Kurt Bluder, Police Chief; and Terry Vavra, Fire Chief.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- MAY 21, 2020

The minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. After consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Levato and seconded by Commissioner Hoffenberg that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

3. BUSINESS AT HAND

A. Amendments - Chief Bluder reported that candidates Wade Larkin (#11) and Andres Naranjo (#17) have requested to be removed from the Police Officer Final Eligibility List due to having taken positions elsewhere. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Boersma and seconded by Commissioner Levato that both candidates be removed from the Police Officer hiring eligibility list. Motion carried.

B. Amendments - Chief Vavra reported that candidates Christopher Dawson (#4), Salvatore Baldassano (#7), Travis Jensen (#8), Jarrod Spurlock (#10), Lauren Ternes (#11), and Nicholas Morici (#12) have requested to be removed from the Firefighter Final Eligibility

List due to having taken positions elsewhere. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Boersma and seconded by Commissioner Levato to remove all six candidates from the Firefighter hiring eligibility list. Motion carried.

- C. Appointment of Probationary Police Officer– Thomas West - Chief Bluder reported that the BOFPC had extended a conditional offer of employment to Thomas West on May 21, 2020 as a result of his background investigation. The remaining steps of the hiring process have been completed satisfactorily. Based on the findings of the background investigation and results of other required pre-employment tests, Chief Bluder is recommending that Thomas West be appointed to the position of Probationary Police Officer. He noted that due to COVID-19, there have been delays in being able to secure slots in the Police Academy and therefore recommended that Mr. West’s hire date be determined once a Police Academy slot can be secured. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Boersma and seconded by Commissioner Levato to appoint Thomas West to the position of Probationary Police Officer with a hire date to be determined. Motion carried.
- D. Call for Examinations – Fire Lieutenant Promotional Eligibility List – Chief Vavra reported that the current Fire Lieutenant Eligibility List expires in March, 2021. He is in the process of reviewing the process with I/O Solutions, the schedule and reading list. More information for the Commission’s consideration will be provided in the future.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

It was reported that Lt. Bill Kallal was retiring today after 24 years of service.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. CLOSED SESSION

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, it was moved by Commissioner Boersma and seconded by Commissioner Levato that the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrianna Peterson
Village Manager