



# Village of Westchester

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## MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING April 7, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm 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 Fire Chief Jim Adams, Village Manager Janet Matthys, Attorney Mike Jurusik and Management Assistant Molly Keene.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Gudino-Negrete entertained a motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the March 3, meeting. Motion by Commissioner McCarthy and second by Commissioner Kuratko to table the minutes Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A discussion was held in regards to the Fire Department Captain Promotion exam. Commissioner McCarthy related that the assessment center was held on April 3, 2014 with two candidates completing that phase. The two candidates are Lt. George Taylor and Lt. Patrick Sherlock. The total cost of the assessment center which was conducted by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association is \$2,400.00. The written examination is scheduled for April 10, 2014.

The two entry-level firefighters, Nicholas Lezza and Matthew Heiderman, are scheduled for stress tests and if all is approved should be ready for their certificates of appointment by April 17, 2014.

There was a discussion among the commissioners in regards to a starting date for both candidates. It was agreed that both candidates will have the same hire date in the order that they originally appeared on the final eligibility list. Commissioner McCarthy then made a motion to appoint Nicholas Lezza as a probationary firefighter for the Village of Westchester pending final physical examination. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuratko and passed unanimously. Commissioner McCarthy then made a motion to appoint Matthew Heiderman as a probationary firefighter for the Village of Westchester pending final physical examination and this was also seconded by Commissioner Kuratko. This motion also passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCarthy reported on the status of the Fire Department Lieutenant examination. The dates of the exam will be scheduled and announced and Fire Chief Adams will handle the circulation of the information and handle the notification to the eligible candidates.

The Police Sergeant examination has been completed and a final list, including applied military points and chief's points, will be tabulated and presented at the May meeting.

Commission Chair Gudino presented the Commissioners with the annual report which summarized the activities of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for the fiscal year 2013-2014.

Commissioner Kuratko made a motion to accept the report as presented and this was seconded by Commissioner McCarthy. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kuratko presented the budget request and report for 2014-2015, with the assistance of fellow commissioners and the finance director. Budget was approved and forwarded to the Village Board for review and adoption.

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

Next Meeting will be held on May 5, 2014 at 6:30pm.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was no public participation or comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was an executive session called to order at 7:15pm and adjourned at 7:25pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Kuratko made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.