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MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING February 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding present to roll call were Commission Chair McCarthy, Commissioner O'Shea and Commissioner Pedersen. Also present was Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to table the regular meeting minutes of January 6, 2021. Motion passed and the January 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were tabled until the March Meeting. Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 20 and January 21, 2021. With all in favor minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old Business was the vacancy in the fire department. The current Eligibility list has been exhausted and the Commission has looked into scheduling the next testing process. The Fire Chief has requested to have updates to the BFFC Rules in regard to qualifications for entry level firefighter. At this time the Commission will not move forward with testing until there is a discussion with the Village Board on possible changes to be made to the rules.

Commissioner McCarthy discussed the status of filling the 2 vacancies in the police department. Candidate Kamil Czerwonka has passed his Psych and Medical exams and is set to start the academy on March 1, 2021.

The discussion then moved on to lateral transfers in the police department. The Village Board had discussed using lateral transfers as a way of hiring for the police department moving forward due to a lack of vacancies in the police academies. Attorney Jurusik discussed all red lined edits to the rules and the Commissioners then discussed their thoughts on all possible changes. The Commission compared other town's Lateral Transfer programs to get ideas on how to move forward with adding this to the BFFC Rules.

Discussion also covered not making changes to the language in the Police Sergeants Promotional Exam.

The next topic for discussion was updates to the qualifications for firefighter. The Chief has requested the board change the qualifications and the issuing of preference points. A discussion of the Chiefs requests and the Commission's thoughts on this request then followed. The BFFC decided to wait to hear on approval from the Village Board before moving forward with any changes and will further discuss this topic at the March meeting.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: March 3, 2021

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires July 23, 2022)

Fire: Captain Promotional List (Expires January 3, 2021- EXHAUSTED)

Fire: Lieutenant Promotional List (Expires November 7, 2021)

Police: Entry Level Police Officer Expires August 7, 2021)

Police: Sergeant Promotional List: (Expires January 26, 2024)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.