



# Village of Westchester

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## MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING October 2, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy, Pedersen and O'Shea. Also present was Assistant Manager John Schwarz, Police Chief Dan Babich, Deputy Chief Mike Fellers, Fire Chief Dan Manning, Commission Assistant Mary Detente and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2024, and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

None

### OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business to discuss was the approval to use National Testing Network as a testing vendor for the BFPC. The motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Pedersen. The motion passed unanimously and will be effective for the next fire and police testing process.

The next item to discuss was the closing of the Lateral Application acceptance period. As of September 17, there have been no eligible applications received by the BFPC. The BFPC will no longer be accepting Lateral Applications until further notice.

The next item of business was Updates to the Rules and Regulations. Attorney Jurusik presented an edited version of the Rules with edits to include the POWER test as an application requirement for entry level police officer. A motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy which was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea. The motion passed unanimously. The Rules Amendments will be published in the Suburban Life as a legal notice and will be effective October 31, 2024.

3<sup>rd</sup> firefighter testing for 2024, was then discussed. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to approve the hire of fire candidate Pablo Garcia. The motion passed unanimously and Mr. Garcia will have a start date of October 14, 2024.

The discussion then moved onto the 4<sup>th</sup> firefighter testing for 2024. At this time there have been 13 applications taken out and the application deadline will be at 4pm on October 15.

The BFPC then moved onto 2024 police testing. A motion was made by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to disqualify police candidates Juan Herrera and Edith Jimenez. The motion passed unanimously and DQ letters will be sent to these candidates.

The final item to discuss was 2<sup>nd</sup> testing for police in 2024. At this time there have been 46 applications taken out and the application deadline will be October 14, 2024.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner O'Shea advised he will be stepping down from his position as commissioner and expressed his sincere gratitude to the Board for the experience, knowledge and friendships created from his time on the Commission.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

### INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024