



# Village of Westchester

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## MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING August 7, 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 Village Manager Barry Krumstok, Assistant Manager John Schwarz, Police Chief Dan Babich, Deputy Chief Mike Fellers, Fire Chief Dan Manning and Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pedersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2024, and the Special Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2024 and July 23, 2024. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The first item of new business to discuss was the reopening of lateral applications within the police department. Commissioner McCarthy explained that since the opening of the lateral application process on June 17, the BFPC has received 12 requests for applications. Of these 12 requests only 1 application was actually returned completed. The one application that was completed was for an applicant not currently employed as a police officer, which is required by the BFPC Rules. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to disqualify the applicant from the hiring process for not meeting the requirement to currently be employed as a police officer.

The next item of new business was Updates to the Rules and Regulations. The police department has asked the BFPC to please consider adding the POWER test as an application requirement. After a discussion by the Commission and Commission Attorney Jurusik, it was decided the language of having the POWER test as an employment requirement rather than a post offer requirement, will be added to the Rules. Attorney Jurusik will have these edits available before the September BFPC Meeting.

Next the discussion moved onto the 4<sup>th</sup> firefighter testing for 2024. Commissioner McCarthy stated that the Commission decided to postpone the application going live in August. This is due to the current union contract being voted on at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The application will now go live in September in hopes that the newly approved salary schedule will have a higher application number for the upcoming test.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The first item to discuss was fire testing- 2<sup>nd</sup> test for 2024. The BFPC signed the Certificate of appointment for Carmelo Rodriguez who has recently been sworn in and started employment with the fire department.

3<sup>rd</sup> firefighter testing for 2024, was then discussed. The Final Eligibility List was presented. Commissioner McCarthy made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Pedersen and passed unanimously. This will be posted and sent to the candidate on the list.

Police testing was the final item for discussion. Deputy Chief Fellers explained that the academy will start on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The police department currently has one spot reserved for candidate Cruz and one spot on the waiting list for candidate Garcia that were cleared for hire by the BFPC. Commissioner O'Shea then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to disqualify candidates Laureano and Gomez for not passing the hiring process. This motion was approved unanimously. Letters will be sent to these candidates notifying them of their removal from the hiring process.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

Next Meeting: September 4, 2024

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Expires: August 7, 2026)

Fire: Captain Promotional List (Expires: March 6, 2027)

Fire: Lieutenant Promotional List (Expires August 24, 2025)

Police: Entry Level Police Officer (Expires June 5, 2026)

Police: Sergeant Promotional List: (Expires February 7, 2027)

Commission Terms: James O'Shea (Expired May 2024) Thomas McCarthy (Expires April 30, 2025) James Pedersen (Expires April 30, 2026)

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss in open session, Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm.