

**Village of Franklin Park  
Fire & Police Commission  
Monday March 4, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order:** The meeting for the Fire & Police Commission was called to order by Commissioner Maritza Souchet at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call / Quorum:** Present is Commissioner Maritza Souchet, Commissioner Gil Hagerstrom, Commissioner Irene Herrera and Secretary Margarita Whaley. Also present Director of Police Mike Witz, Fire Chief Bill Brehm and Trustee Bill Ruhl. Also present Michael Souchet.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the February 4, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Hagerstrom and seconded by Commissioner Herrera, with all in favor.

**Communications:**

**Director Witz:** We are currently doing backgrounds for fire and police. Our top 5 are either taking other positions or disqualified. Trying to get an academy to open up for at least 3 candidates. Talked about the lack of interest in the position of police officers (for example be used to have 200 apply now we are seeing only 70) due to negative connotations in the media.

**Fire Chief Brehm:** We have the top 9 candidates having backgrounds for hiring.

**Executive Session:** None

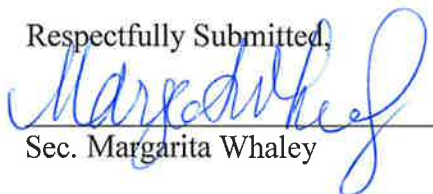
**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:06 pm made by Commissioner Hagerstrom and seconded by Commissioner Herrera with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Sec. Margarita Whaley