Village of Franklin Park
Fire & Police Commission
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call / Quorum: Present is Commissioner Irene Herrera, Commissioner Guillermo Rios and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Fire Battalion Chief Nick Stecker, Police Chief Mike Witz, and Trustee Bill Ruhl.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the August 14, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Rios. Motion passed.

Communications:

Fire Battalion Chief Stecker:. John Buczkowski started his first day on September 5, 2023. There are two additional candidates in the hopper. If all the paperwork is in for Holt Puckett we need to make him an offer to start on Monday, September 11, 2023 . Christopher Raffin and Austin Tennel still need to take their paramedics exams before we can make them an offer. Fire department is currently short five men and are down two men due to injuries.

Police Chief Mike Witz:. Melissa Figueroa, who was approved for hire was arrested in April for driving under the influence. Driving under the influence is not a de-certifiable offence for police officers. She passed the physical, but due to not having her license she is unable to move forward in the academy. The police department has objected to that due to them only being a training facility. Prior to entering academy, she won her summary judgement, and she was found not guilty for driving with a BAC level over 0.08, but still has the charge of driving under the influence. She will have this all resolved before the next academy. The new list cannot be signed until after January. Sargent Jensen will be retiring next year and will be replaced.
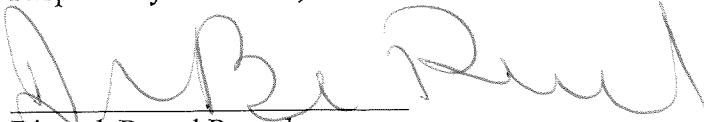
Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:07 pm made by Commissioner Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Rios with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dinorah Bernal Rangel