

**Village of Franklin Park
Fire & Police Commission
Monday December 4, 2023
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 Irene Herrera, and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief Mark Stewart, Police Chief Mike Witz, and Trustee Bill Ruhl.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the November 6, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Herrera. Motion passed.

Communications:

Fire Chief Stewart: Open testing was posted December 1st, and the written portion will be open for the whole month of December closing on December 31, 2023. Three people have signed up for testing and once that is completed oral interviews will begin sometime in January. Saturday, December 9th is the oral exam for lieutenant and the written test will be at the end of January.

Police Chief Mike Witz: The eligibility list for police will be signed in January, once Melissa Figuora completes her power test. Police Department anticipates hiring two new hires off the eligibility list once approved by Mayor and they will be sent to the academy in April, 2024. Two current officers have announced retirement for 2024. Facing a shortage in hiring as more and more departments are no longer requiring a college degree.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:04 pm made by Commissioner Maritza Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Herrera with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dinorah Bernal Rangel