Village of Franklin Park
Fire & Police Commission
Monday, October 5, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The meeting for the Fire & Police Commission was called to order by Secretary Dinorah Rangel at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call / Quorum: Present is Commissioner Irene Herrera, Commissioner Guillermo Rios, Commissioner Mark Holmes, and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief of Police Tom Ferris, Chief of Fire Lucas Palermo, Bill Ruhl.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the September 8, 2026, and September 14, 2026, was made by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera. Motion passed.

Communications:

Chief Tom Ferris: Dan Velazquez was sworn in as Sergeant by the Clerk and will be sworn in at the October 19th board meeting.

Chief Luke Palermo: William Sweetman and Matthew McGarry graduated from the Romeoville Academy Friday and their company received rewards for leadership. They started shift Sunday and Monday under 24 hr shifts. Jaime Flores started the Fire Academy today and we have three more coming in tomorrow to start admin paperwork. The list has been exhausted and all new fire-fighters will be sworn in on October 19th. Next month we will start the hiring process and extend it for 45-60 days. Mid November to end of December for applications and January start the fire academy. We are currently two short and significant improvement from being nine short.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:06 pm .We are back in regular session at 6:12 pm. All Members have returned.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. made by Secretary Dinorah Rangel and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dinorah B. Rangel