

**Village of Franklin Park  
Fire & Police Commission  
Monday, April 6, 2026  
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 Guillermo Rios, Commissioner Irene Herrera and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief Mark Stewart, Chief of Police Tom Ferris.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the March 2, 2026, meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Irene Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios. Motion passed.

**Communications:**

**Chief Tom Ferris:** Entrance exam for Police was last week and twenty one showed up for physical, fifteen passed, and of those fifteen who took the written eight failed, and seven will be moving forward with orals. We have Officer James McCroary who is being deployed for one year starting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Dominick Marrazzo from our prior list has his power on Wednesday, if he passes he will be sworn in sometime before our next meeting.

**Chief Mark Stewart:** We had another firefighter resign to go to another department with hire pay. At this time we are down three firefighters and have three down with injuries. We had our written test on National Testing Network and it closed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a total of seventeen people take the exam and we reached out to see if they were paramedics. Out of seventeen only nine responded and of those nine only four are paramedics and five are currently in school and will be done by the time we choose to hire. We need to schedule Oral Interviews for the nine we have and can email Dinorah if anyone else responds.

**Commissioner Irene Herrera :** We can schedule Orals for the end of the month. Lets do Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and 10 am.

**Chief Mark Stewart:** Dinorah please send out emails as soon as possible to candidates. Some of the candidates will not be done until June with paramedics licenses. We will have one more person retire in May and another in June due to age and time.

**Commissioner Guillermo Rios:** We seem to be losing a lot of people due to salary. Are we that far off the gap and can we do something about it.

**Chief Mark Stewart:** Its not by choice it is the Village Board and I have been working with them and we have another meeting tonight to see how we can get our pay up. We have had twelve to thirteen people leave due to pay. We are down by twelve to twenty thousand.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. made by Commissioner Irene Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dinorah Bernal Rangel