

**Village of Franklin Park
Fire & Police Commission
Monday, July 20, 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 Irene Herrera, Commissioner Guillermo Rios, Commissioner Mark Holmes, and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief of Police Tom Ferris, Chief of Fire Luke Palermo, Bill Ruhl, and Clerk April Arellano.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the July 1, 2026, meeting minutes and July 15, 2026 special meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Irene Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios. Motion passed.

Communications:

Chief Luke Palermo: Three of our new hires have started today and we have a promotion today for Kevin Bartnicki. Firefighter Kevin Keifner will be retiring as of today after 26 years. Our new hire and promotion list have been exhausted. We wanted to hire four and unfortunately one of the candidates could not pass the CPAT test. We have proposals for testing for promotional exams and I am asking to move forward with RNA proposal and start the process. We are looking at September for new hire eligibility list. We have one employee back at work after injury, another that employee after until August, and one new injury since last meeting, and another due back next week.

Chief Tom Ferris: We have one candidate in the academy and due to graduate August 21st. We did not meet deadline to meet Cook County Sheriff academy with new hire list and have secured two spots with Chicago Police starting September 8th. Asking to move to Executable Session to discuss poly and psych. exams. We are looking to send two people to the academy.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

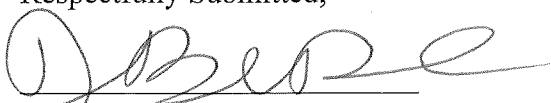
Motion to approve RNA proposal was made by Commissioner Irene Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios. Motion passed.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:12pm. We are back in regular session at 6:37 pm. All Members have returned.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. made by Commissioner Irene Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dinorah B. Rangel