

**Village of Franklin Park  
Fire & Police Commission  
Monday, March 4, 2024  
Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order:** The meeting for the Fire & Police Commission was called to order by Commissioner Maritza Souchet at 6:01 pm.

**Roll Call / Quorum:** Present is Commissioner Maritza Souchet, Commissioner Guillermo Rios, Commissioner Irene Herrera and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief Mark Stewart, Police Director Mike Witz, Trustee Bill Ruhl and Thais.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the February 5, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera. Motion passed.

**Communications:**

**Fire Chief Stewart:** There were three candidates for Fire and one of them notified us that they accepted a position elsewhere. One of the other candidates has until March 8<sup>th</sup> to let us know if he is accepting the job. The final candidate has his Psych scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> with a tentative start date of March 18<sup>th</sup>. Will be contacting National Testing to get the written test open again. The list is currently down to zero and the Fire Department is still short four. The issue was COPS/FIRE was so booked they was a delay with the Poly and Psych and that gave other departments an opportunity to contact candidates. The last test we originally had fifteen candidates take written test and only three showed for orals.

**Police Chief Mike Witz:** Police 2023 Annual Review is on the website and has all the statistics and monies that came in through grants. Police list is completely exhausted, there were four candidates that went to Poly and Psych. Three passed and one did not based on deception. The three candidates will be filling out their paperwork physicals and testing for the county. If everything goes well, they will be hired. See copy of list who is eligible for promotion to sergeant. Commander Jensen is retiring on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and there will be an opening for a Commander position. The appointment of Commander will be announced in the next several weeks. Employment is done through the Chiefs office. Police will be fully staffed if the three candidates are hired. There are a few officers that are looking outside the agency and to be hired by the DuPage County Sherriff Police. If that happens, we will be looking for new hires.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Commissioner Maritza Souchet made motion to go into Executive Session at 6:06 pm, Irene Herrera seconded. Moved into Executive Session. Motion to come out of Execuitve Session made at 6:10 pm.

The Commission made a motion to offer the position of Sergeant to Detective Carlos Lozcano.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:12 pm made by Commissioner Maritza Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Herrera with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dinorah Bernal Rangel