

**Village of Franklin Park
Fire & Police Commission
Monday, April 7, 2025
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, Commissioner Mike Holmes and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief Mark Stewart, Director Mike Witz, and Trustee Bill Ruhl.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the March 3, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Guillermo Rios and seconded by Commissioner Irene Herrera. Motion passed.

Communications:

Chief Mark Stewart: We had two firefighter resign, they took jobs elsewhere. We ran a new test with National Testing Network and we had seventeen candidates take our test. The written test was closed on April 1st. Dinorah was given a list to contact everyone for oral interviews. If we can look at a calender and pick a date soon. We are sending the information from the top six from the written exam to Director Mike Witz to have his detectives start backgrounds. April 27th will work for oral interviews. We will do a two groups of six and one group of five starting at 9 am.

Director Mike Witz: We have exhausted our list again and of the eight only two qualified to go the academy. Three of the last five came back with deceptive intent and do not recommend. We passed on them and we have Kyle Parker and Jeffrey Guzman starting the academy. We need to start a new list process, but we are in no rush. I don't anticipate anyone to be leaving or retiring until maybe end of 2025 beginning of 2026. Officer Elizabeth Szymonik is being moved to the tactical unit as we are increasing that unit and officer Daniel De La Paz has been selected as the newest K9handler. He will begin training on May 19th.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. made by Commissioner Irene Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Guillermo Rios with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dinorah Bernal Rangel