

**Village of Franklin Park  
Fire & Police Commission  
Monday, December 1, 2025  
Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order:** The meeting for the Fire & Police Commission was called to order by Commissioner Guillermo Rios at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call / Quorum:** Present is Commissioner Guillermo Rios, Commissioner Mark Holmes, Commissioner Irene Herrera and Secretary Dinorah Rangel. Also in attendance, Chief Mark Stewart, Director Mike Witz, Commander Tom Ferris and Trustee Bill Ruhl.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the November 3, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Guillermo Rios and seconded by Commissioner Mark Holmes. Motion passed.

**Communications:**

**Director Mike Witz:** Commander Tom Ferris will be the new Chief of Police. He will be sworn in on December 15<sup>th</sup> and takes effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. There are four applicants that need to be reviewed we will need to go into executive session. We are on a tight deadline to get them to the academy if we make it great if not we don't it is the holidays nothing we can do. If they pass the poly and psych that we send them for medical.

**Chief Mark Stewart:** Our final list was sent to Dinorah and she has brought it for the board to sign so it can be sent to the village and candidates tomorrow. I sent all the names to the police department. They' going to be starting the background checks on our guys starting soon. They had to finish up before they moved on to the fire. It's got their written score, oral score, and then the preference points at anybody got. After oral interviews, we had the initial list. Once the initial list came out, it went to the candidates and they had 10 days, then to submit anything for preference points. So we sent them the list of everything that was worth points. They sent everything to us, they added everything up and then we waited to make sure that it was at least 10 days and then so we have the final . So there's a list of seven. So once I get back, the background checks, I'll let the board, you know, review them and then we'll see who pass and moves on and then who we can hire. And also some of the people at the top of our list don't have the fire certification and the Academy that's coming up doesn't have any openings anyway, so we might have to wait until April, if we have to hire anybody that's not fire.

**Commissioner Mark Holmes:** The guys that were hurt. Are they back on?

**Chief Mark Stewart:** Yes, we still have one person off. They had surgery yesterday on their back. It's gonna be at least another six months so I had already kind of talked to the village. They did give me the approval to hire three, even though we have two openings to fill, because by the time that person either comes back or doesn't come back, we have the one extra person, but if the firefighter does come back, we have a guy retiring around the same time.. So we would just be heavy for maybe six months.

**Commissioner Guillermo Rios:** Motion to move into executive secession.

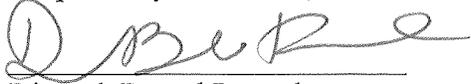
**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. made by Commissioner Guillermo Rios and seconded by Commissioner Mark Holmes with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D B R R", written over a horizontal line.

Dinorah Bernal Rangel