

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK  
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION  
MAY 7, 2012  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting for the Police & Fire Commission was called to order by Chairman Jackie Granger at 6:05.

**Roll Call/Quorum:** Present: Commissioner Jackie Granger and Commissioner Maritza Souchet and absent Commissioner Joe Patti. Also present: Trustee Randy Petersen, Fire Chief Steve Iovinelli, Police Chief Mike Witz, Deputy Police Chief Phil Ruch and Secretary Margarita Whaley.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the April 4, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Granger.

**Communications:**

**Trustee Petersen** ~ nothing to report.

**Fire Chief Iovinelli** ~Request to promote Kevin Krawczyk to Lieutenant to replace retiring Lt. Robert Beuse. This also opens a spot and request is made to hire a new firefighter.

**Commissioner Granger** makes a motion to promote Kevin Krawczyk to replace Lt. Beuse and Commissioner Souchet seconds the motion. Question: Do we go with current eligibility list. **Chief Iovinelli:** Yes, the list does not expire until October of this year. Request is made by Commissioner Granger to have Chief Witz do background checks on the next 3 people on the eligibility list. **Chief Iovinelli:** Next person on list will have to be sent for physical. A date for hire will need to be set. Hiring date needs to be set before next meeting because the opening leaves the department short.

**Fire Chief Iovinelli** ~ just working with Chief Witz over the next week on NATO. Will be running a third ambulance out of station #2 over the weekend. Friday morning through Monday morning of NATO will be temporarily hiring back some staff. The hiring of new firefighter will not impede any of these plans.

**Police Chief Witz** ~ Had 5 officers off duty from injury that is down to 3 now. Not sure when those are expected back. An officer was written a reprimand violating code 1059 ~home too long. This is the

third violation. New station is moving along. Commissioner Granger noted that a substantial grant was awarded. Chief Witz said yes, a million dollar grant to help offset the cost for the city. Have been training for NATO and have a plan in place. Peak staff will be 20 officers during the summit. Grant for a camera trailer came through, which will be a great tool for the community.

**Deputy Chief Ruch** ~ nothing to report.

**Commissioner Souchet** ~ Nothing to report

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Commissioner Granger** discussed meeting groups at the recent IFPCA convention who handle the hiring procedures for fire and police. F.I.R.E/C.O.P.S will handle preference points, percentages, letters and various other aspects of the hiring process. Will make it a lot easier on the secretary and the commissioners. **Chief Iovinelli** asked if the commission would like to look at other options, especially with the new hiring guidelines with fire. Asked if commission would like to also look at I/O Solutions. **Commissioner Granger** said F.I.R.E/C.O.P.S. will come and do a presentation, but would like to see what I/O Solutions offers. **Chief Iovinelli** is concerned that with police hiring remaining the same, but fire hiring standards changing we want to make sure the testing will be run properly and meet our needs. Comparing two different companies will help. **Chief Witz** ~Scoring is really coming into question. Fire has gone to a pass/fail. In talking to other local police chiefs, the written counting for such a high percentage is a big concern. Written exams do not take into account the hard working person who may not be a great exam taker. The commission might want to take this into account when determining percentages. **Commissioner Granger** suggested having a special meeting with the testing organizations to see what they offer.

Upcoming vacations will cause the June meeting to be pushed back a week, and possibly starting at 5 pm to allow the 2 testing companies to do a presentation and then follow with a regular board meeting.

### **New Business:**

- Rules and regulations will need to be rewritten and Jackie will get a price from the attorney for IFPCA. Commissioner Granger asked Trustee Petersen to look at what is in the budget for the Fire & Police Commission, for testing and rules and regulations.
- Discussion of statements of economic interest.

- Discussion of FOIA/OMA testing.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Souchet and seconded by Commissioner Patti at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

  
Secretary Margarita Whaley