

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

100 NORTH ISLAND AVENUE

BATAVIA, ILLINOIS 60510

MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2020

NOTE: These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Board and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. Roll Call.

Members Present: Chairman Nancy Vance; Commissioner Randy Zies; Secretary Dennis Anderson

Members Absent:

Others Present: Fire Chief Randy Deicke; Chief of Police, Dan Eul; Deputy Chief Autenrieth; Deputy Chief Mazza; Gary La Barbera; Alex Wakeley; Recording Secretary Joanne Miller

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve the December 3, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: To accept the Mayor's Authorization to promote one Police Sergeant and to hire one new Patrol officer.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the Mayor's Authorization to hire one probationary Firefighter/Paramedic.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Personnel

Chief Deicke stated that there is an opening to hire one Firefighter/Paramedic and that the candidate at the top of the eligibility list is a paid-on call Firefighter. He asked the Commissioner's for a Special Meeting to interview this candidate and for permission to start the background testing.

Motion: To approve starting the background testing for the Firefighter Candidate & for a Special Meeting to be held on January 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to interview the Firefighter Candidate and to appoint one Police Officer.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Police Department Personnel

Police Eligibility List

The Police Department has authorization from the Mayor to hire one Probationary Police Officer, due to the recent retirement of Sgt. Vincent DeBlasio. At the September 9, 2019 interviews for Police Officer, there were two candidates that were interviewed and were kept on the eligibility list for future consideration. The Commissioners agreed to invite the top candidate, from the September 9, 2019 interviews to the meeting and give him a Conditional Offer.

Motion: To approve removing Stephen Mattas from the 2019 Police Eligibility List at his request.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session #1

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:12 p.m.

Motion: To approve going into Executive Session to review the background information for Police Candidate Alex J. Wakeley at 5:12 p.m.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve leaving Executive Session and returning to Open session at 5:16 p.m.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

The Board invited Police Candidate Alex J. Wakeley into the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Motion: To approve giving Police Candidate Alex J. Wakeley a Conditional Offer of employment by the City of Batavia Police Department, subject to the successful completion of a psychological exam and a medical exam.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Promotion of Police Sergeant

The Board has the Mayor's Authorization to promote one police officer to the position of Sergeant to fill the opening created by the retirement of Sgt. Vincent DeBlasio.

Executive Session #2

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

Motion: To approve going into Executive Session to discuss the background information for the eligible Police Sergeant Candidates at 5:25 p.m.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve leaving Executive Session and returning to Open session at 5:37 p.m.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

The Board invited Officer Gary La Barbera, the top candidate on the 2018 Police Sergeant eligibility list, into the meeting along with his co-workers at 5:37 p.m.

Motion: To approve the promotion of Officer Gary La Barbera to the position of Police Sergeant, to replace Sergeant Vincent DeBlasio, who retired on January 2, 2020.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Review Executive Session Minutes

According to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Executive Session Minutes should be reviewed twice a year to determine if they should be released to the public. After a brief discussion, the Board determined that the Executive Session Minutes should remain closed.

Motion: That the Executive Session Minutes of August 6 & September 9, 2019 and all previous Executive Session Minutes shall remain Closed and confidential.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, a motion was made by Secretary Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Zies. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. The next special meeting will be on Friday, February 24, 2020, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Batavia Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Miller

Joanne Miller, Recording Secretary