

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
City Of Galesburg
Minutes
August 19, 2008

The August 19, 2008 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair Nesbitt at 10:00 a.m. in the Erickson Conference Room at City Hall, 55 West Tompkins Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

Those present were: Chairperson Jacqueline Nesbitt, Commissioner Dave Guenther, Commissioner Sal Garza, Police Chief Dave Christensen, Captain Andrew Tolle, Firefighter Randy Hovind, Mike Thomason, Standard and Associates Representative, Carol Devlin, Fire Chief Secretary II and Margo Davila, Police Chief Secretary II; a quorum was present.

Minutes of the General Meeting held on June 17, 2008 were approved by motion from Commissioner Dave Guenther, seconded by Commissioner Sal Garza, carried by viva voce vote.

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding the Galesburg Fire Department Promotional Testing Process. There were two (2) firefighters that received a tie score on the final promotional list for the rank of Fire Captain. According to the Rules and Regulations placement of the names on the list should be determined by lot, in the presence of a quorum of the Board. Therefore, a drawing with both names in a hat with the first name to be drawn determined the firefighter for top placement on the Firefighter Promotional list.

Chair Nesbitt discussed the fire eligibility list for recruiting and testing. She submitted an informational form to those present. Commissioner Garza will be scheduling the informational meeting dates and locations. The oral interviews will be conducted on October 29-30, 2008. The Agility/Orientation dates will be on Saturday, September 27, 2008; 8:00 a.m.-noon at the Fire Training Center and the written exam at the Public Safety Building at 2:00 p.m. Web site application is encouraged to provide convenience for perspective candidates as well as a cost-saving measure (postage and gasoline). Carol will speak with Sue Davidson about developing an icon on the website for a user friendly approach. Carol spoke with the Commission about the possible conflict of utilizing the track during the agility process. The Alzheimer's Association will be sponsoring a walk on that date and there may be a concern for parking and traffic congestion on that particular date. Commissioner Guenther recommended Carol to contact the association to work out a solution with possibly using signs of direction on the track. Carol will follow-up on the request.

There were two (2) patrol officers that resigned from the Galesburg Police Department. Officer Lane Mings was sworn in on Monday, July 28, 2008 and police candidate #10 on the eligibility list is currently in the medical examination stage.

The Galesburg Police Department Eligibility list will expire on November 26, 2009 and there is a possibility of testing prior to that date, if all candidates have been exhausted from the list. Commissioner Guenther will contact Becky Canfield for a possible agility date.

Firefighter candidate Jeff Maher will be sworn in on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Galesburg Council Chambers. A next possible date for police candidate #10, upon passing his medical examination will be Monday, September 8, 2008.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the eligibility list pass verbiage. Sal Garza will develop the language used to reference a candidate's pass with approval of the Commission. Currently, the Commission sends the candidate a letter telling them that their pass has been approved and requesting them to notify the Commission as soon as they are available and no longer wish to pass.

If there are candidates in the pass status on the police eligibility list and the list has exhausted all of the twelve (12) police candidates; it becomes necessary to retest prior to the expiration date of the patrol officer eligibility list; the pass candidate's standing scores may be incorporated in the new eligibility list or the candidate may choose to re-test and raise their score to a higher level, upon the consultation with Attorney Brohier pertaining to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commission. Commissioner Guenther made a motion to accept the ruling seconded by Commissioner Garza, carried by a viva voce vote.

There may be a possibility of two (2) Galesburg Police Department officers to be activated for military deployment in October. Police candidate #11 is currently in the psychological stage of the background process, upon passing that phase; he will move on to the medical examination phase. Patrol officer candidate #12 has submitted a "yes" reply to the intent letter requesting that his name be retained on the eligibility list.

The IFPCA Seminar will be held in Shamburg, Illinois on October 31, November 1, 2, 2008.

Michael Thomason, Vice President of Stanard and Associates, Chicago, Illinois presented the Assessment Promotional Testing Services for Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants. Discussion and questions were asked during the presentation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Guenther, seconded by Commissioner Garza, carried by viva voce vote at 11:40 a.m.