



BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION

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TO: Thomas Peters, Chairman, Commissioner Diane VanHootehem and
Commissioner Robert Fulton

FROM: Amanda Jennings, 9-1-1 Coordinator/Administrative Support Supervisor

DATE: August 21, 2023

SUBJECT: August 21, 2023 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thomas Peters on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Those present in person were: Chairman Thomas Peters, Commissioner Diane VanHootehem, Police Chief Russ Idle, Police Deputy Chief Kevin Legate, Fire Chief Randy Hovind, Secretaries Amanda Jennings, Jenni Moser and Jenna Hunt.

Public Forum (Citizen Comments)

None

Approve

Commissioner VanHootehem motioned to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2023 regular meeting. Chairman Peters seconded the motion. Approved.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Police have three officers graduating from the academy on Thursday. They plan to hire one or two for the September academy. There will be a need to test again as the entry level list is exhausted.

Fire will be swearing-in Candidate Chever Harkey on August 28, 2023. Fire will be fully staffed. There will be a potential retirement in January. The last four new hires are doing well. There are five remaining on the fire entry level list. Chief Hovind recommends testing annually. Fire is currently accepting applications for testing in September. There are currently 15 candidates. Fire has been allowing candidates to run through the agility and to take part in study groups. The final Battalion Chief list is posted. There was a change in the testing process. There was collaboration with the Union. Fire is starting to plan the Captain promotional testing process.

New Business

Police Entry Level Testing will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Interviews will be held on Thursday, October 12th starting at 9:00 a.m.



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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner VanHootegem and seconded by Chairman Peters. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois.

cc: Randy Hovind, Fire Chief
Russell Idle, Police Chief
Kelli Bennewitz, City Clerk
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