



BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION

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TO: Thomas Peters, Chairman, Commissioner Diane VanHootehem and
Commissioner Bernie Cowan

FROM: Jenna Hunt, Public Safety Clerk

DATE: October 22, 2024

SUBJECT: October 21, 2024 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, October 21, 2024 at 10:10 a.m.

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

Public Forum (Citizen Comments)

None

Approve

Commissioner VanHootehem motioned to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024 regular meeting. Chairman Peters seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Police department has sent two offer letters out for patrol officers. We have heard back from one candidate, but not the other. The next candidate on the list is currently going through the background process as a precaution. The two candidates will be sworn in on December 30, 2024, and will leave for academy on January 5, 2025. The department will be losing one officer in January to go to another agency, and there will be a retirement in June 2025.

Fire department has a few firefighters on leave and/or light duty currently. They had one retirement and had one firefighter resign last month. They are hoping to hire two or three candidates in Spring 2025 for the spring academy.

New Business

Police department will swear in two patrol officers on December 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at City Council Chambers.

Commissioner VanHootehem announced that she will retire from the board on June 1, 2025.



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Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner VanHootegem and seconded by Chairman Peters. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Chief Idle's Office, Public Safety Building, 150 South Broad Street, Galesburg, Illinois

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