

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2025 MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Call to Order

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called to order at 6:08pm by Michael T. Trucco, Chairperson.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Commissioner Nate Mellman, and Michael T. Trucco

Also Present: Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Zipperich and Commission Secretary Renee Morris

Public Forum (Citizen Comments)

There were no citizen's comments.

Approval of Minutes

The first order of business was a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Trucco made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 13, 2022, To Date. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Fire Chief Gaertner informed the Commission of a vacancy. We currently have 4 people on the list of Fire Lieutenants. Chpt 4 Section 1 of our rules and regulations exempt Fire Lieutenant and Deputy Chief of the rule of three.

Commissioner Trucco stated that according to OMA, we have to keep an audio recording of the interview.

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:13pm to interview Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Zipperich. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission returned to open session at 6:35pm.

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to approve the promotion of Paul Zipperich to Fire Lieutenant. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued regarding the delay of the creation of the upcoming Lieutenant's exam.

Commissioner Trucco advised Commission Secretary Morris to proceed with state archives and ask about the retention of OMA meeting recordings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mellman and seconded by Commissioner Trucco to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.