

**MINUTES OF May 21, 2024 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 6:06 pm 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, Julie Jacobs

Remote attendance: Commissioner Michael T. Trucco permitted via Zoom Meeting

Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief O'Shea, Police Deputy Chief Greenwood, Detective Zermeno, Secretary Renee Morris

Public Forum (Citizen Comments)

None

Approval of Minutes

The first order of business was a motion to approve the minutes. We will table the minutes for next meeting.

Correspondence

Commissioner Trucco indicated that the statute has been updated regarding citizenship. We have to comply regardless if our rules have been updated.

Commissioner Mellman suggested the language be "legally authorized to work per IL Statute IL 5/101-1-7 and as may be subsequently amended." He advised that we update our ads before posting with the new statute.

Commissioner Trucco would like to meet to discuss the new Fire CBA so our rules and regulations reflect their promotional language. Commissioner Jacobs noticed that ascertained merit was doubled points.

Commissioner Trucco stated that we've received an application for lateral examinations. The applicant is employed at Tulan University, in New Orleans. One of our requirements is that lateral applicants are ILESTB certified. In order for a police officer to apply for reciprocity, they are required first to be hired by an agency. Commissioner Trucco mentioned that the Illinois statute indicates they would have to be employed within the State.

Commissioner Trucco confirmed that this issue would not have an effect on the proceedings this evening. Commissioner Mellman would like time to review this issue.

Police Chief O'Shea recommended we consult the Commission Attorney because Chicago PD does pursue out of state hires. Commissioner Trucco will talk with the Commission Attorney Broihier.

Commissioner Mellman said according to the statute it's clear that we can't hire out of state.

Police Deputy Chief Greenwood said it's likely these other communities are home ruled.

Police Chief O'Shea said the waiver can be used for entry level if a new hire wants to bypass the academy.

Old Business

None

New Business

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:32pm to discuss Daniel Schaefer for entry level patrol officer. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobs looked at his report and her interview notes and saw notes of disappointment that they couldn't offer him employment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trucco and seconded by Commissioner Mellman to return to open session at 6:47pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:51pm to conducts interviews for entry level patrol officer. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trucco and seconded by Commissioner Mellman to return to open session at 7:55pm. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners stated to Ethan Williams and Andy Loeza that they would have clarity regarding their status within the next week or so.

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 8:01pm to interview Jesus Flores for entry level patrol officer. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trucco and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to return to open session at 8:36pm. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trucco and seconded by Commissioner Mellman to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.