

**MINUTES OF July 18, 2023 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 6:09 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, Commissioner Julie Jacobs, and Michael T. Trucco

Absent: None

Also Present: Police Chief O'Shea, Police Deputy Chief Greenwood, Police Sergeant Detective Labriola, Human Resource Manager Ivansek, Commission Secretary Renee Morris

Public Forum (Citizen Comments)

None

Commissioner Trucco informed Human Resource Manager Ivansek that when he became the chair he invited the Chief and officers to interview sessions to get their perspective to add beyond what is written, yet they do not sit in deliberations. The hiring process is separate from the Village.

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 has received a letter from Village Administrator Walsh dated yesterday regarding a citizen's concern. At the request of the requestor, the letter was read. Commissioner Trucco clarified that they address as citizens or BFPC. It was determined that this request was beyond their jurisdiction. Commissioner Trucco recommends that the Village Administrator Walsh and department to respond in writing. Police Chief O'Shea said D/C Greenwood has been in communication with the resident. Sergeant Ransom has been assigned to this resident regarding any of her concerns from the operational side. Community Safety meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday.

Commissioner Trucco will draft something in response and feels it shouldn't go unaddressed with their narrow authority. Commissioner Trucco will run pass Commissioners for review.

Commissioner Trucco has received a letter from Village Administrator Walsh dated June 27, 2023 that Officer Heneghan resigned on July 7, 2023 and a request to fill this vacancy.

Old Business

None

New Business

Commissioner Trucco recommended to amend agenda to address item B and then A.

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:42pm to conduct interviews for entry level patrol officer. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Mellman to return to open session at 7:02pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Adalberto Villarreal accepted a position with another department. Commissioner Trucco moved that Adalberto Villarreal be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Sheldon Vaughn failed the background investigation. Commissioner Trucco moved that Sheldon Vaughn be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Daniel Terrill via email on July 11, 2023 withdrew from the hiring process. Commissioner Trucco moved that Daniel Terrill be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Joshua Spalding failed the background investigation. Commissioner Trucco moved that Joshua Spalding be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Joseph Groch accepted a position with another department. Commissioner Trucco moved that Joseph Groch be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Evan Jon Leonard via email on July 6, 2023 withdrew from the hiring process. Commissioner Trucco moved that Evan Jon Leonard be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Nico Andruszkiewicz withdrew from the hiring process. Commissioner Trucco moved that Nico Andruszkiewicz be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Christopher Hospelhorn withdrew via phone from the hiring process. Commissioner Trucco moved that Christopher Hospelhorn be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Leonard Gonzalez withdrew via phone from the hiring process. Commissioner Trucco moved that Leonard Gonzalez be stricken from the Final Eligibility Roster. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicants Steven Schellhorn and Desire Jimenez have failed to respond and provide their status to Secretary Morris. Commissioner Trucco asked that Commission Secretary Morris attempt follow-up one more time.

Commissioner Trucco recommended creating a new list for both entry level and lateral police officers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Mellman to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.