

**MINUTES OF September 11, 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 6:07 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 Michael T. Trucco and Nate Mellman

Remote attendance: Commissioner Jacobs

Absent: None

Also Present: Commission Secretary 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

Commission Secretary Morris has been communicating with applicants to claim preference points. If an applicant is eligible for preference points. Definition for law enforcement officer does not include correctional officer. Commissioner Trucco recommended that Commission Secretary Morris respond to the applicant, "The commission has reviewed your submission. Unfortunately, under our Rules and Regulations [Chpt 3 Section 8b] – a correctional officer does not qualify as law enforcement officer.

Commissioner Trucco made note of 15 members of the police department that attended the orientation. Commissioner Jacobs felt Officer Drake did a great job.

Old Business

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to adjourn to closed session 6:10 pm to review the status of 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 6:41pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Trucco recommended that we proceed with background check with the top three applicants on the eligibility list dated for September 16, 2024.

New Business

Discussion continued regarding amending to the Rules and Regulations.

The following amendment was recommended for Promotions to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

Promotions to the position of Fire Lieutenant shall be conducted in accordance with the Fire Department Promotion Act and as specifically modified within Part 1400.16.13-SECTION 15.13 (entitled Promotions Out of the Unit) of a certain collective bargaining agreement dated May 1, 2024, and as may subsequently be amended, between the Village of River Forest and Local 2391 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, CLC.

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to approve the amendment for Promotions to the position of Fire Lieutenant. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The following amendment was recommended for residency.

Applicants for examination must be citizens of the United States or otherwise eligible for examination pursuant to Section 10-2.1-6(a) of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6), and as may be subsequently amended.

Commissioner Trucco made a motion to approve the amendment for residency. Commissioner Mellman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Trucco requested that Commission Secretary Morris post a notice of amendment with the local newspaper and Village website.

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 7:25pm.