



DANVILLE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 7, 2018

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called to order at 5:00P.M., by Chairman Linda Bolton at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Chairman Linda Bolton, Commissioners Frank Brunacci, Amy Hoose Dr. Stephen Nacco and George Dowell; therefore, a quorum was present.

Absent were: None

Staff Members Present: FOIA Administrator Bill Westphal, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason & Corporate Counsel David Wesner.

Others Present:

THE MINUTES of regular meeting held May 1, 2018 were presented. Commissioner Frank Brunacci moved for approval as presented seconded by Commissioner Amy Hoose. Dr. Nacco suggested a possessive grammatical change. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered to the amended Minutes.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: No audience present

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: No comment

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: No Comment at this time.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

Director Thomason started by giving a manpower update for the Police and Fire Divisions, and making the Board aware of individuals who will be leaving - Firefighter Freeland and Police Officer Kyler. He stated that now he is down to 61 people and he is authorized for 64.

He talked about the new Probationary Officers, and made the Board aware of their training schedules.

Chairman Bolton asked about whether or not the residency requirement has come up for discussion. The Director explained that is for City Administration to decide. She then asked when he would be looking at new hires and the Director said possibly around October. A discussion continued on the outlook for candidates not only in Danville but all over the State of Illinois.

The Director then discussed the Command structure, and the status of the Command eligibility lists.

Commissioner Hoose asked the Director how the Police Division is handling distracted driving, and a discussion then took place on different cases Commissioners have experienced.

CORPORATION COUNSEL:

Corporate Counsel David Wesner passed out a Subpoena to each of the Board members, and explained the reason for a hearing at the next meeting. The Hearing would be on Tuesday September 4, 2018. Counsel Wesner said it was important that each member read the document and understand what they are required to do. He continued by explaining the matter at hand which centers around an Assistant Chief denying the Union it's rights under the law.

Replying to Commissioner Brunacci's question Wesner stated that the Assistant Chief is also a member of the same Union.

Chairman Bolton asked the Counsel Wesner to discuss what should take place if a hearing is needed. He covered the process and stated it had to occur within 30 days of the Board receiving the Subpoena. Further, he said that each side would present their case and the Board would make the decision as to what actions should take place. Dr. Nacco then asked questions pertaining to progressive discipline.

Commissioner Brunacci asked the Counsel if the Board members are protected against a law suit depending on what decision they come to.

Chairman Bolton signed the Subpoena on behalf of the Board.

FOIA ADMINISTRATOR: None

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:45 P.M., following a motion by Commissioner Brunacci and a second by Commissioner Dr. Nacco. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.



William R. Westphal, FOIA Administrator- Danville Police Division

I, William Westphal, FOIA Administrator of the City of Danville, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held August 7, 2018.