



**DANVILLE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**October 2, 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, George Dowell and Dr. Stephen Nacco; therefore, a quorum was present.

Absent were: Amy Hoose

Staff Members Present: Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, FOIA Administrator Bill Westphal & Public Safety Director Larry Thomason

Others Present: None

THE MINUTES of regular meeting held September 4, 2018 were presented. Commissioner Frank Brunacci moved for approval as presented seconded by Commissioner Dr. Nacco. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the minutes are approved.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: No audience present

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: No comment

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: No Comment at this time.

CORPORATION COUNSEL: None

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

The Chairman raised some questions to Director Thomason regarding the School Resources Officers, and if there was a better way to accomplish this task. The Director pointed out that the Resource Officer is not in the school to enforce school policy, they are for the purpose of criminal offenses. She said she posed the question because she is concerned about Police staffing. Commissioner Brunacci asked how many Resource Officers the City places in the schools and the Director said there are three. He continued by explaining how they are used.

The Director said that the Police force is actually down to 59 Officers. He said there is a need to run a test cycle in the near future, because the current Probationary Police eligibility list is basically exhausted due to the inability of the candidates to pass the background checks. He said all departments across the nation are having problems.

Commissioner Brunacci asked if we should have the Resource Officers on the street instead of in the schools considering the force is down in numbers. The Director said they should be in the schools because of the problems.

The Chairman asked the Director if any of the other Chiefs have any brilliant ideas as to how to solve the numbers problem, The Director answered we just have to keep fighting through it.

The Chairman asked Administrator Westphal what the cost is for running the Probationary process, he said he did not know but would look into it. A discussion took place regarding the budgetary impact.

A further discussion took place on the Police Academies and how they are doing.

The Chairman then went in to get the Mayor in order to receive his input regarding the current eligibility list situation. The Chairman then reviewed the situation and if the Board could declare the current list null and void. The Mayor asked if there was anything in the State statutes that would preclude such an action. Westphal said he did not know, and the Mayor requested that Westphal and the Director look into the statutes so that someone who might be taken off the list does not come back and question the veracity of the Board.

The Mayor suggested that if there is no binding statute that the Board should put together another list; however, the next question would be if that list would be valid for an additional two years or just a supplement to the current list and run concurrently.

Commissioner Brunacci asked the Director how many officers we are talking discussing. He said you needed to be prepared for anywhere from four to six officers.

A discussion then took place as to the budgeted figure for Police Officers.

The Mayor said the City would make the money available if a decision is reached to conduct another testing cycle.

A discussion took place as to how the new testing process should work.

FOIA ADMINISTRATOR: None

The Administrator Westphal talked about the testing process and distributed the eligibility list for Probationary Firefighters. He said he presented the list in case the Board would be appointing new firefighter to comply with the SAFER grant, if it passes tonight.

He also discussed the testing for Police Commanders. He stated that he would like to put something out about the test for Commander, and the Division renting books for their study. He explained that each candidate gets a study guide, and it would be less expensive to rent the required reading instead of buying new editions.

A discussion was held on how many Sergeants would test for Commander.

Commissioner Brunacci asked when we would be conducting the test. Westphal said the tentative date is January 5, 2019.

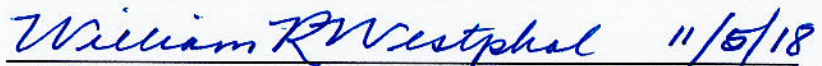
The Chairman directed Westphal to get the process started. A question was raised as to what established the 90 days waiting period for testing. Westphal said it is stated in the Board Rules.

A meeting was to be scheduled on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, to discuss the Probationary Police testing process.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:32 P.M., following a motion by Commissioner Brunacci and a second by Commissioner George Dowell. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

 11/5/18  
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 October 4, 2018.