



DANVILLE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 6, 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, Amy Hoose, and Dr. Stephen Nacco; therefore, a quorum was present.

Absent were:

Staff Members Present: FOIA Administrator Bill Westphal & Public Safety Director Larry Thomason

Others Present: Lt. Justin Watt, Danville Fire Division

THE MINUTES of regular meeting held October 2, 2018 were presented. Commissioner Amy Hoose moved for approval as presented seconded by Commissioner Frank Brunacci. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the minutes are approved.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Lt. Watt said he was just there to observe what takes place.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: No comment

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: No Comment at this time.

CORPORATION COUNSEL: None

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

The Director was asked by the Chairman to explain to the Board the reason for holding up appointments to satisfy the SAFER Grant. He stated it is in discussions with the Union. The Director asked if anyone knew of the exact dates Charlie Hall was on the Board. Administrator Westphal he would research that information and get it to him.

Director Thomason recapped the situation in regards to the Peoria Fire Department. He stated that Peoria is moving to solve some of its financial problems by outsourcing its Fire Department. At this point a discussion took place regarding this move. The Director said that in terms of Public Safety all cities are facing layoffs and closures in light of the pension crisis in Illinois. The Chairman followed by saying that such decisions definitely have a negative effect on the hiring process.

FOIA ADMINISTRATOR:

The Administrator gave an update on the promotion process for Commanders. He stated that the Test notification has been distributed by Director Thomason, and all of the study materials are in place. He said this year the City rented the text books, from Chegg, instead of buying them outright, which is a cost savings of \$1680. The test will be held on January 26, 2019.

Westphal then reviewed how he was going to proceed for the application and testing process for the Probationary Police Officers. He reviewed the advertising avenues he will use – Indeed, Newspapers, Blue Line, National Minority Update, College notices and outside organizations. He asked if anyone had a feel for how many months applications should be received.

