

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

<u>THE MINUTES</u> 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.

The Chairman asked the Director about the manpower in the Police Department. He responded that he is currently at 58. A discussion then took place regarding manpower and ways to try and solve the problem.

The Chairman directed the Administrator to make the application process two months. The Administrator said he would then build a schedule for tests

The Director asked about the Rules amendment to the Promotions requirement. The Administrator reviewed the 30 and 60 hours college credit hours. Westphal said that the original Rules had 30 credit hours for Sergeant and 60 hours for Lieutenants. However, there are no longer Lieutenants and when that was removed from the Rules and the eligibility was raised to 30 hours for Probationary Police Officers, unfortunately no accommodation was made for Commanders promotion requirements. With this in mind the Police Officer who is a Sergeant and wants to test for Commander needs to have a total of at least 60 college credit hours.

Also it will be used going forward. He explained the requirements can be found in the Promotion Eligibility portion for the Rules. The Administrator said he will rewrite the requirement, update the Rules Manual and place it in their binders.

A discussion took place as to how many current Police Officers have the required 30 college credit hours.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:30 P.M., following a motion by Commissioner Dr. Nacco and a second by Commissioner Hoose. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

William R. Westphal, FOIA Administrator- Danville Police Division

Date

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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 November 6, 2018.