



DANVILLE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 5, 2018

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 5:00P.M., by Chairman Linda Bolton at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois. The meeting was moved from the normal Tuesday date to accommodate staffing requests from the Mayor.

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

Absent were: None

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

Others Present: Mayor Rickey Williams Jr., Firefighter Brian Hogg & Firefighter Lester Potts.

THE MINUTES of regular meeting held November 6, 2018 were presented and Commissioner Frank Brunacci moved for approval as presented and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Nacco. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays, the minutes were approved.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: No comment

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The Chairman recognized the Mayor to make comments. He said it was good to be with the Board and thanked them for their service. He said he was still learning the protocol for the flow of information and requests.

He said he appreciated the Board considering all of the appointments.

The Mayor addressed the change of the educational requirements, and said that there is a concern by the black pastors. He said he feels that the number who would apply will probably go down. He asked the Board to consider the impact of the increased educational requirements on the Board goals to increase the minority candidates.

The Chairman said the Board would be more than willing to listen to the black pastors concerns at the January meeting.

The Mayor said he knew that the Board did not come to this decision lightly.

Commissioner Brunacci said he felt it would be advantageous for the Mayor to go into the schools and discuss the jobs and the eligibility requirements. The Chairman again stated that she wanted the best-qualified individuals.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

The Chairman made a motion to amend the Agenda to include the promotions in order to fill three Fire Division slots-Assistant Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant. An Assistant Chief needed to be appointed and the other slots came about because of the domino effect. . On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays, the amendment was approved.

CORPORATION COUNSEL: None

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

The Director deferred to the closed session, where he reviewed all of the eligible candidates for Police and Fire appointments and promotions.

FOIA ADMINISTRATOR:

The Administrator talked about the testing process and told the Board that we have been advertising and accepting applications until February 1, 2019. He then discussed the advertising sites used. Then said he would like to conduct Physical Agility Test on February 16, 2019, then conduct the written exam on March 16, 2019, and on April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th for Oral Interviews. Further, if necessary, a special meeting could be called in April to establish a Probationary Police Eligibility List to run concurrent with the list established in 2017 that is being exhausted.

A short discussion was held on the progress of the Police Commanders Exam.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunacci and seconded by Commissioner Hose to go into Closed Session at 5:21PM to discuss the Mayor's request to appoint eight (8) new firefighters-two (2) to bring up manning and six (6) to satisfy the SAFER Grant. The SAFER Grant is good for a three-year period.

The Board first considered a request for one (1) Probationary Police Officer.

In addition, the Board considered the request for promotions in the Fire Division of Assistant Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

The Board made a motion and returned to Open Session at 5:36PM to appoint the selected candidates subject to passing the physical and psychological examinations.

Commissioner Brunacci moved for approval on Ryan Elmore to Probationary Police Officer with an effective date of January 16, 2019. On the roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, the motion was approved, with a swearing-in, date of January 16, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoose to promote Captain Donald McMasters to the rank of Assistant Chief. A motion was made by Commissioner Nacco to promote Lieutenant Aaron Marcott to the rank of Captain. A motion was made by Commissioner Brunacci to promote Firefighter Christopher McMahon to Lieutenant. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays, the motions were approved, with a swearing-in date of January 16, 2019.

Commissioner Nacco offered a motion the following be appointed as Probationary Firefighters: Gerald Fults, Brandon Hudson, Devin Heinrichs, Zachary Waclaw, Jordan Sheehan, Hunter Krauel, Tyler Rhodes and Kaleb Thompson. Commissioner Brunacci seconded the motion. In addition, the Board directed Westphal to go to the next person on the list if necessary to complete the required slots. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays, the motion was approved. The effective date would be January 16, 2019 or January 30, 2019, depending on when the medical results are received. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays, the motions were approved, with a swearing-in date to be determined.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:45 P.M., following a by Commissioner Brunacci and a second by Commissioner Dr. Stephen 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 meeting held December 5, 2018.