

Romeoville Fire and Police Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

Call to Order:

At 6:31 PM the regular meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thomas Herbst. The meeting was held in conference room V119, Romeoville Village Hall, 1050 West Romeo Road, Romeoville, Illinois.

Roll Call:

Upon roll call, the following were present: Chairman Thomas Herbst, Commission Secretary John Frangella, Commissioner Ken Burgess, Commissioner Jorge Moreno and Commissioner Christine Venn. Also, present D.C. Christopher Burne, Oswego Police Chief Jason Bastin and Diana Herbst, Clerical Assistant, to transcribe all meeting minutes. Present, Liaison Trustee, Lourdes Aguirre, to report to the Village of Romeoville Board members on the Commission's activities.

Public Forum (Citizen Comments): NONE

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Burgess, seconded by Commission Chairman Herbst to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2024. Upon roll call, ayes Chairman Herbst, Commissioner Burgess, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner Venn and Commission Secretary Frangella, motion approved.

Correspondence:

An email received dated July 15, 2025, from Edward-Elmhurst Health with medical release for Entry Level Police candidate Conner Knight.

An email received dated July 15, 2025, from Meagan Harney regarding invoices from Edward-Elmhurst Health for Lateral Transfer Police Candidates, John Strezo and Adrian O'Donnell.

An email received dated July 23, 2025, from Deputy Chief Burne regarding Officer Swiatek.

An email received dated July 23, 2025, Keven Shaunessy regarding polygraph reports for Firefighter Candidates Matthew Mahalik, Michael Orlandino and Luke Esparza.

An email received dated July 28, 2025, from Deputy Chief Burne regarding Firefighter Candidate Michael Urbanski.

An email received dated July 28, 2025, from Deputy Chief Burne regarding Entry Level Police Candidate McKenzie Buchanan.

An email received dated July 30, 2025, from PsychCare Associates regarding an unpaid invoice of April 11, 2025.

An email received dated August 1, 2025, from Olivia Blomberg regarding Officers Richmond Clayton, Jason Sluzewicz, John Strezo and Adrian O'Donnell will be sworn in at the Village Board meeting on August 20, 2025.

An email received dated August 1, 2025 from Deputy Chief Burne regarding Firefighter Luke Esparza's investigation report.

An email received dated August 4, 2025, from Deputy Chief Burne regarding Firefighter Matthew Mahalik's investigation report.

An email received dated August 6, 2025, from Lisa Kinder regarding a memo from Village Manager Dawn Caldwell authorizing the Commission to hire one new Patrol Officer following the promotion of an Officer to Sergeant because of Commander Truhlar's retirement.

An email received dated August 7, 2025, from Deputy Chief Burne regarding Entry Level Police Candidate Dominic Luciano's investigation report.

Old Business:

Fire Battalion Chief testing will be on August 23, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. starting with tactical assessment, oral interview and ending with the written test.

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New Business:

Review other personnel in executive session and candidates' medical reports.

Review Police Sergeant promotional processes provided by Resource Management, and C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E Personnel Testing Service.

Motion to close regular meeting (move to executive session)

At 6:47 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Burgess and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to go into Executive Session. All ayes, motion carried.

8:33 p.m. Return to Regular Meeting

Commissioner Venn will call Firefighter candidate Michael Orlandino to give him a conditional offer of employment; he will be sent for psychological testing with PsychCare Associates.

Commissioner Venn will call Patrol Officer candidate Dominic Luciano to give him a conditional offer of employment; he will be sent for psychological testing with PsychCare Associates. She will let Commissioner Frangella know that she contacted both candidates.

Chairman Herbst called Officer Kevin Heiden to ask him if would accept the promotion to the position of Sergeant.; he accepted. He will be promoted effective today, August 12, 2025. His official promotion date will be August 25, 2025.

Adjournment:

At 8:38 p.m. a motion by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn was made, second by Commissioner Moreno. Voted on, all ayes, motion passed.

Next regular meeting September 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

John D. Frangella

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Commission Secretary