

Romeoville Fire and Police Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 14, 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 Police Chief Brant Hromadka, Dawn Caldwell, Village Manager 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 September 9, 2025. Upon roll call, ayes Chairman Herbst, Commissioner Burgess, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner Venn and Commission Secretary Frangella, motion approved.

Correspondence:

On September 12, 2025, received from PsychCare Associates, psychological evaluation invoice of \$500 for police candidate Dominic Luciano, Jr.

On September 15, 2025, received from PsychCare Associates, psychological evaluation invoice of \$500 for firefighter candidate Michael Orlandino.

On September 23, 2025, received from Steve Hale, Resource Management Associates, written results from the firefighter written examination and of 35 candidates 18 passed.

On September 26, 2025, received from firefighter candidate, Brianna Olin a change of email address.

On October 1, 2025, email from firefighter candidate, Joseph Rattin stating that he had taken the firefighter written examination and was wondering when the list will come out.

On October 2, 2025, received email from Lisa Kinder, Executive Assistant, regarding a memorandum by Dawn Caldwell, Village Manager, authorizing the Fire & Police Commission to promote one Patrol Officer to fill a Sergeant position due to the promotion of Sergeant Scott McLaughlin to Commander.

An email was received on October 4, 2025, from Assistant Fire Chief Michael Pemble regarding invoice of \$7,439.20 for the Battalion Chief examination from Resource Management Associates.

On October 6, 2025, received an email from Steve Hale, Resource Management Associates regarding invoice of \$1,741.80 for the Entry Level Firefighter written examination.

On October 7, 2025, received an email from Edward-Elmhurst Health, medical report for Police Candidate Dominic Luciano, Jr.

On October 8, 2025, received an email from Police Chief Brant Hromadka regarding Police Officer Hiring Reform (Sonya Massey Bill) and to review the next 3 candidates for Sergeant.

On October 10, 2025, received an email from Meagan Harney, Human Resources, regarding invoice of \$972.00 from Edward Occupational Health for Police Candidate Dominic Luciano, Jr.

Old Business: NONE

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New Business:

Dawn Caldwell, Village Manager, told the Commission the Firefighter salary was raised from \$84,000 to \$114,000 by the Village Board.

Chief Hromadka discussed the new Bill (Sonya Massey Bill) for backgrounds, companies are required to supply a written letter of employment for each police applicant (entry and lateral police candidates).

Chief Hromadka states that probably in 3 months we will be doing another sergeant test. Candidates can take the test as long as they are 1 year off probation.

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

The date and times for the firefighter oral interviews will be on October 27, 2025, from Steve Hale with Resource Management, with the first group at 6 p.m., second group at 7 p.m., third group at 8 p.m., and the last group at 9 p.m. All Commissioners except Christine Venn can attend, therefore, we have a quorum. Resource Management Associates is administering the Firefighter Orals, and the Commissioners will just be observing the process.

Commission Secretary Frangella was aware that the regular meeting for November 11, 2025 falls on Veterans Day. After further discussion, the commission voted to change the meeting to Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. He will send a meeting change notice as required.

Motion to close regular meeting (move to executive session)

At 7:13 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Burgess and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to go into Executive Session. All ayes, motion carried.

7:42 p.m. Return to Regular Meeting

Patrolman Eric LeStronge was promoted to sergeant tonight by the Commission and his start date for this position with the Police Department will be later determined.

Adjournment:

At 8:00 p.m. a motion by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn was made, second by Commissioner Venn. Voted on, all ayes, motion passed.

Next regular meeting November 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

John D. Frangella

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Commission Secretary