

Romeoville Fire and Police Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022

Call to Order:

At 6:30 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 Gary Hoffman, Commissioner Kenneth Burgess, Commissioner Christine Venn, Clerical Assistant Diana Herbst. Also present, Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka, Assistant Fire Chief Michael Pemble. Not present, Liaison Trustee Lourdes Aguirre.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Burgess, seconded by Commissioner Venn to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2022 and Special Meeting Minutes October 19, 2022, October 25, 2022 and November 1, 2022. Upon roll call, ayes, Chairman Herbst, Commissioner Burgess, Commissioner Hoffman, Commissioner Venn and Commission Secretary Frangella, motion approved.

Correspondence:

Received from Police Chief Kroll a suspension for Patrol officer.

Bill received from Police Consultants, Inc. for Police Sergeant Oral Interview Assessment in the amount of \$425.00.

Email received from Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka that entry level police candidate Bret Johnson has asked to be removed from future testing.

Email received from Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka that entry level police candidate Jacob Vinci has asked to be removed from future testing.

Email received from Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka that entry level police candidate Patrick Zolfo has asked to be removed from future testing.

Email received from Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka that lateral transfer police candidate Joshua Becker is no longer interested in the position and has asked to be removed from further testing.

Email received from Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka that lateral transfer police candidate Marisol Aleman has asked to be removed from future testing.

Email received from Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka that lateral transfer police candidates that Russell DeLude and Mike Neal are no longer interested in position and asked to be removed from future testing.

Received email from Candace Roberts an updated Police roster of sworn personnel.

Email received from Olivia Blomberg that Dawn Caldwell, Village Manager to promote a Fire Lieutenant to replace Michael Charniak and once the promotion is made the Commission is authorized to hire one firefighter.

Bill received from Chimniak Court Reporting & Video, Inc. in the amount of \$405.00 for hearing of Fire Lieutenant Charniak.

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Email received from Assistant Fire Chief Michael Pemble with confirmation evaluation of Firefighter Mike Sulikowski.

Email received from Patrol Officer Michael Springborn regarding to review his scores on the Sergeant's promotion test.

Email received from Attorney Michael Jurusik with the final Romeoville Board of Fire and Police Commissioners findings and decision order from Lieutenant Michael Charniak hearing to be signed and returned to Attorney Jurusik for execution of decision.

Received from Patrol Officer Kevin Heiden, papers requesting military points for sergeant position.

Received from Patrol Officer Daniel Ponzi, letter and copy of DD214 requesting military points for sergeant position.

Received from Patrol Officer Thielman, letter and copy of DD214 requesting military points for sergeant position.

Received from Trotsky Investigative Polygraph Inc. polygraph reports for entry level police candidates Eric Bassett November 4, 2022, Juan Tornero November 4, 2022, Lorielle Little November 7, 2022, Karen Rodriguez November 4, 2022 and Juan Flores November 7, 2022.

Received from Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka backgrounds reports for entry level police candidates Eric Bassett October 6, 2022, Juan Tornero October 13, 2022, Lorielle Little November 2, 2022, Karen Rodriguez October 27, 2022 and Juan Flores November 2, 2022.

Old Business:

The Commissioners Herbst, Frangella and Venn completed the Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners Fall Seminar and received a lot of good information.

New Business:

The lateral transfer police list has been dissolved, the Commission decided to start a new testing process to generate a new list, the orientation and written examination will be scheduled for December 17, 2022. Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka will arrange for the Romeoville Recreation Center Durdek Room to be reserved. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Lateral Transfer Police Officer Registration will be available on the Romeoville Village Website and TheBlueLine.com website. The deadline will be December 12, 2022.

Review police officer suspension, in executive session.

Review promotion to Fire Lieutenant, in executive session.

Review medical evaluation for firefighter Michael Sulikowski, in executive session.

Review military points request for sergeant, in executive session.

Review background and polygraph reports for entry level police candidates, Eric Bassett, Lorielle Little and Juan Flores, in executive session.

7:10 p.m. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Herbst to go into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Burgess.

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7:53 p.m. Return to Regular Session:

Firefighter Brandon Jones was promoted to Lieutenant as of November 8, 2022.

The commission reviewed Michael Springborn's request to review his scores for the sergeant's testing process. The commission ruled not allow his request with a letter stating the decision.

The commission reviewed Police Officer Kevin Heiden's request for military points. The points were denied. The state statute requires a minimum of one year of active duty to qualify for military points. A letter will be emailed to officer Heiden explaining why he did not receive points.

The commission reviewed Police Officer Daniel Ponzi's request for military points. Based on his DD214, he will receive the maximum points allowed, 3.5.

The commission reviewed Police Officer Dominic Thielman's request for military points. Based on his DD214, he will receive the maximum points allowed, 3.5.

The Commission reviewed entry level police candidate Eric Bassett's background and polygraph. Candidate passed. Candidate was called and given a conditional offer of employment. He will be mailed a letter stating that he will be contacted to schedule a psychological evaluation.

The Commission reviewed entry level police candidate Juan Tornero's background and polygraph. Candidate failed. Candidate will be mailed a letter stating he will no longer be considered for employment.

The Commission reviewed entry level police candidate Lorielle Little's background and polygraph. Candidate passed. Candidate was called and given a conditional offer of employment. She will be mailed a letter stating that she will be contacted to schedule a psychological evaluation.

The Commission reviewed entry level police candidate Karen Rodriguez's background and polygraph. Candidate failed. Candidate will be mailed a letter stating she will no longer be considered for employment.

The Commission reviewed entry level police candidate Juan Flores's background and polygraph. Candidate passed. Candidate was called and given a conditional offer of employment. He will be mailed a letter stating that he will be contacted to schedule a psychological evaluation.

Adjournment:

At 8:57 p.m. a motion by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn was made, second by Commissioner Hoffman. Voted on, all ayes, motion passed.

Next regular meeting is December 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

John D. Frangella

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Commission Secretary