

Romeoville Fire and Police Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 13, 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 (via phone), Commission Secretary John Frangella, Commissioner Gary Hoffman, Commissioner Kenneth Burgess, Commissioner Christine Venn, Clerical Assistant Diana Herbst (via phone). Also present, Chief Ken Kroll, Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka, Commander Christopher Burne, and 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 November 8, 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.

Received from Commander Christopher Burne, email dated 11/10/2022 regarding firefighter candidate Sean Sullivan. Sean stated that he was injured on the job and that it could possibly become permanent disability. He asked to be passed over but requested to remain on the eligibility list.

Received from Attorney Michael Jurusik, email dated 11/11/2022 regarding the decision and findings of the Michael Charniak hearing.

Received email from the Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners Association with an invoice dated 11/11/2022 for our 2023 membership in the amount of \$375.00.

Received email from the IFPCA that payment was received for 2023 membership.

Received from PsychCare Associates, psychological evaluation and invoice dated 11/14/2022 in the amount of \$500 for entry level police candidate Juan Flores.

Received from PsychCare Associates, psychological evaluation and invoice dated 11/14/2022 in the amount of \$500 for entry level police candidate Lorielle Little.

Received from PsychCare Associates, psychological evaluation and invoice dated 11/15/2022 in the amount of \$500 for entry level police candidate Eric Bassett.

Received from Patrol Officer Kevin Heiden an email dated 11/15/2022 stating that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting and asked if he could attend our next meeting in January regarding his request for military points.

Received from Commander Christopher Burne, email dated 11/17/2022 regarding firefighter candidate Nicholas Reyes scheduled background.

Received from Trotsky Investigative Polygraph, Inc., invoice dated 11/17/2022 in the amount of \$1,125.00 for polygraphs for entry level police candidates, Juan Flores, Lorielle Little, Eric Bassett, Karen Rodriguez and Juan Tornero.

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Received invoice from TheBlueLine.com dated 11/21/2022 in the amount of \$348.00 for Lateral Transfer Police Officer Recruitment on website.

Received email dated 11/21/2022 from Edward-Elmhurst Health, medical evaluations for entry level police candidates Lorielle Little and Juan Flores.

Received email from Kevin Shaughnessy dated 11/25/2022 with polygraph report for firefighter candidate Cody Tekip.

Received email from Kevin Shaughnessy dated 11/26/2022 with polygraph report for firefighter candidates Mitchell Johns, Victor Rodriguez and Cody Thompson.

Received from Dawn Caldwell, Village Manager, memo dated 12/1/2022 to promote one Sergeant.

Received email from Kevin Shaughnessy dated 12/2/2022 with polygraph report for firefighter candidate Zachary Kowalski.

Received email from Kevin Shaughnessy dated 12/2/2022 invoice in the amount of \$920.00 for polygraph reports for firefighter candidates: Cody Tekip, Victor Rodriguez, Cody Thompson and Zachary Kowalski.

Received from Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. Invoice for legal services rendered advanced, per the attached computer printouts, through 10/31/2022 (Charniak Termination Proceeding) dated 11/30/2022 in the amount of \$3,303.37.

Received from Deputy Chief Brant Hromadka and Commander Chris Burne, backgrounds for firefighter candidates Cody Thompson, Victor Rodriguez, Zachary Kowalski, Mitchell Johns and Cody Tekip.

Old Business:

Lateral Transfer Police Officer orientation and written examination is 12/17/2022, sign-in starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Police Department annex conference room.

New Business:

Review sergeant promotion candidates with Chief Ken Kroll, in executive session.

Review psychological evaluation for entry level police candidates Eric Bassett, Lorielle Little and Juan Flores, in executive session.

Review medical evaluation for entry level police candidates Lorielle Little and Juan Flores, in executive session.

Review background and polygraph evaluations for firefighter candidates Nicholas Reyes, Cody Tekip, Mitchell Johns, Victor Rodriguez, Cody Thompson and Zachary Kowalski, in executive session.

Motion to close meeting

At 6:38 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Frangella to close the regular meeting pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering certain candidates for appointment/employment as Police Officers or Firefighters for the Police or Fire department of the Village of Romeoville, Illinois, seconded by Commissioner Burgess.

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

The commission promoted police officer Donna Kemper to sergeant, she has accepted the promotion.

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Commission reviewed psychological evaluation for entry level police candidate Eric Bassett. Candidate failed. Candidate will be mailed a letter stating that he will no longer be considered for employment.

Commission reviewed psychological evaluations for entry level police candidates Lorielle Little and Juan Flores. Candidates passed. Both candidates will be mailed letters.

Commission reviewed medical evaluations for entry level police candidates Lorielle Little and Juan Flores. Candidates passed. Both candidates will be mailed letters.

Commission reviewed background for firefighter candidate Nicholas Reyes, his background could not be completed due to him not scheduling with Commander Burne, he will be removed from further consideration.

Commission reviewed backgrounds and polygraphs of firefighter candidates Cody Thomson, Victor Rodriguez and Mitchell Johns. Candidates passed. All candidates will be mailed a letter stating that they will be contacted to schedule their psychological evaluation.

Commission reviewed background and polygraph evaluation for firefighter candidate Zachary Kowalski. Candidate passed. Candidate will be mailed a letter that he passed but could be given a conditional offer of employment because he does not have his EMT-P certification.

Commission reviewed background and polygraph evaluations for firefighter candidate Cody Tekip. Candidate failed. Candidate will be mailed a letter stating that he will no longer be considered for employment.

Commissioner Hoffman called firefighter candidates, Cody Thomson, Victor Rodriguez and Mitchell John to give them a conditional offer of employment; they all accepted.

The commission had some discussion about eliminating the oral interview assessment process for lateral transfer police officer, will rank and order from written score for initial eligibility registry. They will still be able to apply preference points, either 5 for education or military.

Adjournment:

At 8:45 p.m. a motion by Commissioner Hoffman to adjourn was made, second by Commissioner Burgess. Voted on, all ayes, motion passed.

Next regular meeting is January 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

John D. Frangella

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Commission Secretary