



VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH
Board Of Fire & Police Commissioners
200 Mohawk Trail
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commission was held on March 18, 2014 at 5 pm at the Lake Zurich Police Department, 200 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich, Illinois.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Commission Chairman Reck. The following members were present: Commission Chairman Reck; Commissioner Grooms; Commissioner Kelly; Acting Police Chief Kevin Finlon; Fire Chief Wheelock; and Office Manager Kauffman.

Absent:

Office Manager Chesser

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Grooms motioned to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kelly. All ayes. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Communications:

None

Pending Business

Fire:

Chief Wheelock announced that there is one more candidate going through the hiring process at this time and this would fill the last open vacancy in the department.

Police:

None

New Business

Fire:

Commissioner Kelly gave an update on the challenge being considered by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and their review on the median score for the initial testing of new firefighter/paramedic candidates. The DOJ determined that the test scoring process should be changed or communities would face law suits. Commissioner Kelly discussed that there is legislation going through the process in the Illinois State Legislature to address the DOJ finding and expects that there will be a new law by Mid-May of this year. The Lake Zurich Fire and Police Commission will need to review and update the Rules accordingly to be in compliance.

Chief Wheelock announced that no dates have been confirmed yet for testing for a new firefighter/paramedic candidate list. He said the department is exploring written test options and will bring forward tentative testing dates at the April meeting.

Police:

Acting Chief Finlon announced that there are no vacancies at the Police Department at this time. A new Police Chief has been hired and he will begin in April. He said that retiring Officer Tom O'Connell's position will not be filled.



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Commander Bradstreet is currently working on dates for the Assessment Center and Oral exams for promotional testing. The oral exams will be in May. It is expected that seven or eight will be taking the promotional test. The Commissioners will be asked to pick some dates at next meeting that they are available in May.

Acting Chief Finlon also announced that there are currently no pending retirements in the department now but there are a lot of potential retirements in the next two years. There are 33 positions in the department, including the Police Chief. The eligibility list expires in September.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Grooms made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.


Chairman

4-15-2014
Date

Submitted by: Diana Chesser
Recording Secretary