

FRANKFORT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes

Fire Station One

333 West Nebraska Street – Frankfort, IL 60423

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Raymond Garritano
Donna Vegter
Michael Minogue

DC Sean Fierce, AC Paul Kinsella and Attorney Lisa Callaway were also in attendance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 22, 2020

- A **Motion** was made by Commissioner Donna Vegter and seconded by Commissioner Michael Minogue to:
“Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 22, 2020, as presented.”

President Garritano directed the Secretary to call the roll for the vote. Upon the roll being called, the following Commissioners voted:

AYE: Raymond Garritano, Donna Vegter, Michael Minogue
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

The President declared the Motion carried.

V. CHIEFS REPORT

In reference to the current Engineer Promotional process, DC Fierce advised the Commissioners that they do not conduct interviews, they only certify the final mathematical listing.

AC Kinsella explained the following:

- The written and textbook test portions of the promotional process is conducted by an outside agency;
- Anticipate 10-15 individuals may be testing;
- Around October 27th, an eligibility list will be clarified; and,
- Currently, there is one member on deployment and will be afforded the same promotional process opportunity upon his return.

V. CHIEFS REPORT [Continued]

DC Fierce provided the following information:

- Although the current CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) expired on June 1 – negotiations are on-going;
- The Battalion Chief Promotional process is upcoming; and,
- The possible disciplinary matter against a member has been settled by the Board of Trustees.

VI. UPDATE FROM LEGAL – Attorney Lisa Callaway

Lisa provided the following information:

- Public Act 101-0633 –
 - “Rebuttable Presumption” (first-responder contracted Covid-19 while on duty) of Covid-19 – expires December 31, 2020, but will probably be extended; and,
 - IL Legislature has extended the PSEBA Benefit Time to fourteen (14) months for all first-responders that have issues relating to Covid-19.
- Peoria Case Law decision (November 20, 2019) – PSEBA health insurance basic premiums are to be paid even if the individual is on a better plan;
- A District 2 firefighter died from colon cancer, the wife applied for Line of Duty for Surviving Spousal Benefits and won due to the fact the firefighter was exposed to possible carcinogens over time while performing his duties. The Village appealed and lost due to the following reasons:
 - Reference to a specific fire call was not required; and,
 - The Village’s job description warned of possible carcinogen exposure.
- Updated the Commissioners on other applicable pieces of legislation.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Engineer Promotional Process
2. Battalion Chief Promotional Process

Both promotional processes were discussed during the Chiefs Report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 10 A.M.

IX. CLOSED SESSION – If needed

None requested.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A **Motion** was made at 11:08 A.M., by Commissioner Michael Minogue and seconded by Commissioner Donna Vegter to:
“Adjourn the meeting.”

President Garritano called for a voice vote. All in favor.

The President declared the Motion carried.

DC Sean Fierce, Recording Secretary

Donna Vegter
Secretary, Board of Fire Commissioners

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