

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
December 9, 2014

Attendees: Charles Witte, Dianne Hollister, and Keith Rich, Commissioners; Eric Vaughn, Deputy Fire Chief Administration; Gary Sutherland, Asst. Police Chief; Angela Fyans – Jimenez, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Nicole Albertson, Human Resources (HR) Director and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Commissioners absent: Dean Messinger.

Staff absent: Angie Brown, HR Specialist and Salina Grismore, Employment Specialist.

The regular meeting of the Bloomington Fire and Police Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on December 9, 2014 at the Bloomington City Hall, Conference Room.

Angela Fyans – Jimenez, Deputy Corporation Counsel, participated remotely via telephone.

Public Comment: No one came forward to address the Commission.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Hollister, seconded by Commissioner Rich to approve Regular Meeting of November 3, 2014 and Work Session minutes of October 29, 2014.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Witte noted that Eric Vaughn, Deputy Fire Chief Administration would be late. Fire Department agenda items would be discussed last.

Police Department: Commissioner Hollister raised various Scribner's errors within the draft Police Rules involving: changing police officer to patrol officer; commas, ending sentences in prepositional phrases; and correcting run on sentences.

Eric Vaughn, Deputy Fire Chief Administration, arrived at 4:03 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Hollister, seconded by Commissioner Rich that the Police Department Board Rules be approved as amended.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Gary Sutherland, Asst. Police Chief, addressed the Commission. The Experience Officer Hiring Program (EOHP) testing would be conducted on Thursday, December 18 and Friday, December 19, 2014. There were eight (8) candidates with possibly two (2) more. There were five (5) vacancies.

Asst. Police Chief Sutherland noted the majority of candidates had previously served with the Kankakee Sheriff's Department. The Department downsized. On December 7, 2014 nineteen (19) officers were laid off.

Commissioner Witte questioned the EOHP process after testing. Asst. Police Chief Sutherland stated that the background investigation was simultaneously with testing. The investigators would finish the process after same.

Fire Department: Eric Vaughn, Deputy Fire Chief Administration, addressed the Commission. The Department had four (4) vacancies. Entry Level Firefighter testing would begin January 2015. He believed that the hiring process would not be completed for the April 13, 2015 Academy. The next Academy was July 2015.

Deputy Chief Vaughn noted that Battalion Chief testing would be conducted on Monday, December 18, 2014. There were five (5) candidates. Commissioner Witte questioned vacancies. Deputy Chief Vaughn responded none at this time. He believed there would be two (2) retirements in 2015.

Deputy Chief Vaughn noted that the current Captain (Cpt.) Eligibility List expired on May 4, 2015. Commissioner Rich questioned Board participation. Deputy Chief Vaughn responded that the Board would: 1.) certify the Battalion Chief/Asst. Chief Eligibility List; 2.) certify the Cpt. Eligibility List and 3.) conduct Entry Level Firefighter oral interviews.

Old Business: Commissioner Witte noted that the 2015 Commission meetings would be held on the first (1st) Tuesday of each month.

Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy City Clerk, addressed the Commission. She provided the Commission with the 2015 meeting dates.

Motion by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Hollister to accept the Commission meeting dates as presented.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Motion by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Hollister to adjourn. Time: 4:20 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The next Board regular meeting is January 6, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall, Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:

Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk