

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
January 6, 2015

Attendees: Charles Witte, Dianne Hollister, Dean Messinger and Keith Rich, Commissioners; Eric Vaughn, Deputy Fire Chief Administration; Gary Sutherland, Asst. Police Chief; Nicole Albertson, Human Resources (HR) Director; Angie Brown, HR Specialist; Salina Grismore, Employment Specialist and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

The regular meeting of the Bloomington Fire and Police Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on January 6, 2015 at the Bloomington City Hall, Conference Room.

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 December 9, 2014 and Work Session minutes of December 4, 2014.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Fire Department: Eric Vaughn, Deputy Fire Chief Administration, addressed the Commission. He provided the Board a preliminary Battalion Chief/Asst. Chief Eligibility List. The deadline for challenges was January 14, 2015. The Board would approve the final list during the February 3, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Messinger questioned points awarded for time in grade. Deputy Chief Vaughn responded up to fifteen (15).

Commissioner Rich questioned the Eligibility List expiration. Deputy Chief Vaughn stated the list was active as long as eligible candidates remained on same or three (3) years.

Salina Grismore, Employment Specialist, addressed the Commission. She noted that Entry Level Firefighter testing would begin February 2015. Eligible candidates would attend the July 13, 2015 Academy.

Police Department: Ms. Grismore noted that Entry Level Police Patrol Officer testing would begin in February 2015.

Commissioner Messinger questioned number of vacancies. Asst. Police Chief Gary Sutherland, replied five (5).

Commissioner Witte questioned vacancies approved in the budget. Asst. Chief Sutherland replied two (2). Angie Brown, HR Specialist noted that they would be asking for authority to hire one (1) EOHP (Experience Officer Hiring Program). She noted that City Manager approval was required to fill the position due to the budget deficit. The results of same would be reported at the February 3, 2015 meeting.

Asst. Chief Sutherland reminded the Commission of the Kankakee Sheriff's Department that downsized. Three (3) EOHP candidates tested one (1) remained eligible.

Motion by Commissioner Messinger, seconded by Commissioner Rich to recess to Executive Session for Personnel matters, section 2 (c) (1). Time: 4:15 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Nicole Albertson, HR Director left at 4:20 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Messinger, seconded by Commissioner Rich to return to Regular Session. Time: 4:25 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Motion by Commissioner Messinger, seconded by Commissioner Hollister to make a conditional offer of conditional employment, contingent upon approval from David Hales, City Manager to Jeffrey Snodsmith, EOHP candidate, for the position of Police Patrol Officer.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Old Business: None.

New Business: Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk, addressed the Board. She provided an abbreviated copy of Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (5 ILCS 420, Sections 4A – 101g - p and 4A – 108 a –b). She noted that the McLean County Clerk would begin sending statement of economic interests via email. She requested permission to provide same with Board member email addresses.

The Board authorized Ms. Gooderham to provide the McLean County Clerk email addresses for same.

Commissioner Messinger noted that he would be unavailable to attend the regular meeting of February 3, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Messinger, seconded by Commissioner Hollister to adjourn. Time: 4:30 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The next Board regular meeting is February 3, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall, Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:

Renee Gooderham
Chief Deputy Clerk