

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS
9446 S. Raymond Ave.
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES #23-01(S)

Commissioner Rolence called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT: Alan Moyzis
Robert Crosby, Secretary
Robert Cook
William Egan
Thomas Henehan
Jim Baker
John Rolence, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Karen Borgman, Secretary to the Board
Cary Horvath, Attorney
Zack Riddle, Fire Chief
Janie Vulich, H.R. Director

The Board reviewed the minutes from their last meeting. Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook to approve Regular Meeting Minutes 23-03 dated Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Roll Call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.

Honorable Mention Certificates were received for the following members of the Oak Lawn Police Department: Detective Daddona, Detective Fontaine, Officer Tholotowsky, Officer Atkinson, Officer Malachowski, Officer Malivuk, Officer Zelhart, Detective Gross, Detective Sevensing, Detective Wiora, Officer Atkinson, Officer R. Schmidt and Officer O'Shea. The Board congratulated them on their dedication to duty and directed the Secretary to the Board to place the Honorable Mention Certificates in their personnel folders.

The Board reviewed the following invoices:

- A. Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. Invoice No. 35962 dated February 8, 2023, in the amount of \$1,850 for services rendered during January 2023.
- B. Trans Union LLC Invoice No. 01300266 dated January 25, 2023, in the amount of \$95 for our regular monthly fee.
- C. The Blue Line Invoice No. 44426 dated February 6, 2023, in the amount of \$496 for fire department advertising.
- D. Stanard & Associates Invoice No. SA000053525 dated February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$450 for pre-employment psychological exam for I Simpson.

Commissioner Henehan moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the above listed invoices. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.

Ms. Borgman updated the Board on the status of entry and promotional testing in the Fire Department. A new eligibility list for Fire Engineer has been posted and Chief Riddle will be requesting to promote from this list. Testing for Fire Lieutenant is currently in progress. An assessment center will be held next week followed by the written exam in April. The current Fire Captain Eligibility List is still good through September 23, 2024. Battalion Chief testing will be discussed later in the meeting. There are no current requests to test for any Bureau Chief positions.

The Board discussed a joint agreement between Chief Riddle and IAFF Local 3405 to waive formal testing for the rank of Battalion Chief. Commissioner Baked moved, seconded by Egan to take non-precedent setting action to waive the testing and establish a list in order of seniority per the agreement. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Chief Riddle to promote two (2) new Battalion Chiefs, two (2) Captains, two (2) Lieutenants, four (4) Engineers and three (3) new Firefighter/Paramedics in the fire department. These promotions are due to the recent retirements of Engineer Cipriani, Battalion Chief McCastland, Engineer Colson and Battalion Chief Tieman.

Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Egan to promote Theodore McManigal to the rank of Battalion Chief. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Henehan moved, seconded by Commissioner Crosby to promote Scott Tsilis to the rank of Battalion Chief. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Moyzis to promote Paul Chocola and Eric Horkavy to the rank of Captain. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Crosby moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook to promote Kevin Lynn to the rank of Lieutenant. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously. The request for the second promotion to Lieutenant will occur once a Final Lieutenant Eligibility List is posted.

Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Egan to promote Andrew Walsh, Brendan Byrnes and Paul Brown to the rank of Engineer. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously. The request for a fourth promotion to Engineer will occur once a new Final Engineer Eligibility List is posted.

Chairman Rolence and Attorney Horvath inquired if any temporary appointments would be requested or if the Chief would wait until the new lists were posted. Chief Riddle replied they are waiting for the new lists at this point.

Commissioner Henehan moved, seconded by Commissioner Egan to direct Ms. Borgman to begin testing for the next round of Engineer due to the current list becoming exhausted with the promotions that were just made. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.

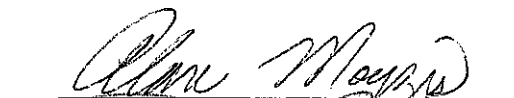
A discussion was held regarding the consideration and possible action to adopt Rules of Conduct for Board Meetings. The Board members were provided with a copy of a proposed Resolution. Commissioner Baker proposed that we look at a time frame of about 40 minutes and allow the option to extend if necessary for public comment. It would be at the Chairman's discretion to extend the time allotted. Commissioner Egan moved seconded by Commissioner Crosby to adopt the Resolution for the Oak Lawn Board of Fire & Police Commissioners effective immediately according to the rules themselves with the addition of the cumulative total of forty (40) minutes for public comment. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.


Public comment was held. A number of members of the public attended the meeting making comments on an incident involving three (3) Oak Lawn Police Officers on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. One individual was asked to leave the meeting at 1:48 p.m. for not following the Rules of Conduct. Attorney Horvath reminded the audience that they adopted the Rules of Conduct for the public meetings because they thought it was necessary due to the way that things played out at the meeting on March 1, 2023. Attorney Horvath asked that those in attendance allow others to speak without interruption. Attorney Horvath asked people to comment based upon the agenda presented and hopes that the audience will respect what is in the rules and the Board will respect the audience.

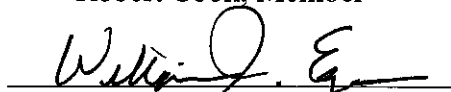
The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

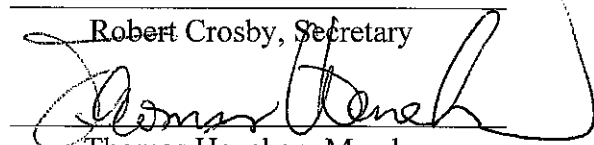
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: All voted aye. Passed unanimously.

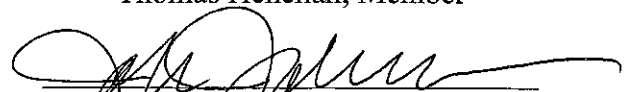
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:12 p.m.

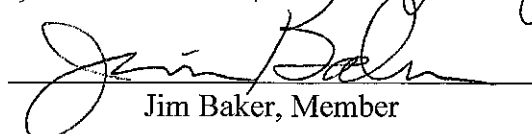

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