

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 1
179 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomington, IL 60108

Minutes of the Regular
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 15, 2018

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gray at 3:00 P.M.

On a call of the roll, the following commissioners were present: Gray, Zeno, Flood

Also present: Trustee DiBuono, Chief Janus, and Attorney Flaherty

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments from the public.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Janus reported that the district responded to 389 calls in February, averaging 13.9 calls per shift. The Chief remarked on significant calls for the month including 2 structure fires in the district.

Chief remarked on special events during the month: Rescue Task Force meeting at College of DuPage, the 3rd touch StarCom radio project, and a labor-management meeting on February 20th.

Chief Janus provided a brief overview of the training that was completed: Annual CPR training, ice rescue training and company officer led skills training with the WSFRA. Crews logged over 836 hours of training in February.

Chief Janus provided a brief overview of fire prevention: Fire Marshal Kostal has worked very hard on many of the new buildings going in throughout the district. They completed approximately 100 new building/remodel inspections and 200 annual inspections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Flood made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2017, seconded by Chairman Gray. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion/Possible Action – Rules and Regulations Update

Chief Janus reported that this has been an agenda item and the rules have not been updated since 2012. Many laws and best practices have changed so, Attorney Flaherty has put together some suggested changes. The Commissioners agreed to review the proposed changes and bring any questions to the June meeting for clarification.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Possible action – Firefighter Entry Prerequisites

Chief Janus provided an overview of the current prerequisites for Entry Level Firefighters. The Commissioners discussed the current prerequisites and a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Flood to require the following job requirements:

US citizenship, no felony convictions, valid driver's license, High School diploma or equivalent, 21-35 years of age by date of hire (unless otherwise exempt by state statute), Illinois Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter certificate at time of application, IDPH Paramedic license at time of application, CPAT with ladder climb verification (not more than one year old) at time of application, and an Associate's

Degree in any field at time of application.

Roll Call: Gray, yes; Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action – Fire Commissioners Interviews

Chief Janus reported that the Fire Commissioners have not done oral interviews in many years. Attorney Flaherty described some options for conducting interviews. The Commission discussed and Gray made a motion seconded by Flood to conduct Background Interviews for candidates as part of their conditional offer of employment. These interviews will be conducted as needed, during a special meeting or regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Fire Chief, or his designee, will also be part of the interviews.

Roll Call: Gray, yes; Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action – College of DuPage Entry Level FF Testing Contract:

Chief Janus provided an overview of the testing process performed by the College

The Commission shall determine which preference points to award prior to each examination and assign preference points as follows. The Commissioners Rules will be updated to reflect:

Veteran's Preference Points: (5)

Educational Preference Points: (3) for an Associate's Degree in the field of fire or emergency medical services, (3) for a Bachelor's Degree in any field, (5) for a Bachelor's Degree in the field of fire or emergency medical services. No pyramiding.

Experience Preference Points: Up to (5);

Applicants from outside the District who were employed as full-time firefighter by a district or municipality for at least 2 years, shall receive 1 point per year, up to a maximum of 5 points.

Applicants employed by the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District as a POC or part-time firefighter, EMT-B or EMT-P, or any combination of those capacities for at least 1 year shall be awarded 1 point per year, up to a maximum of 5 points.

Roll Call: Gray, yes; Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Having no further business, Chairman Gray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Flood at 1539.

Next meeting: June 14, 2018 at 1500 hours.