

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

Minutes of the Regular
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 21, 2019

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

On a call of the roll, the following commissioners were present: Chairman Gray, Secretary Flood.
Also present: Board of Trustees President DiBuono, Chief Janus, Deputy Chief Jackson, Attorney Flaherty, FFPM Greg Heckenbach and Kristi Starr.

Chairman Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Craig Baldwin, son of long-time Fire Commissioner Fran Scalafini.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments from the public.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Janus reported that the district responded to 394 calls in the month of February and 858 calls so far this year. Chief Janus highlighted some of the recent calls of significance, provided an update on training, EMS and fire prevention activities. Chief Janus reported that we received a thank-you from Pits for Patriots for a donation of \$484 from the sale of RED T-shirts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Flood made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2018, seconded by Chairman Gray. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Flood, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Promotion Exam – Lieutenant

Chief Janus provided a spreadsheet to the Commission, showing the timeline, parameters, and deadlines for components of the exam. The Seniority, Ascertained Merit, and Department Measurable Objectives will be calculated around April 25, 2019. The Assessment Center will be held on May 15, 2019, and the Written Exam will be held on June 19, 2019.

Personnel Update

Chief Janus reported that during the first quarter, our personnel experienced quite a few on and off duty illnesses and injuries and all personnel are back to work.

Probationary FFPM Sabastian Koziel has completed his 2-week orientation and is assigned tot Black Shift at Station 21.

Retired Lieutenant and Pension Board President Al Svihla is still recovering from health issues and aksed to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Fire Inspector Richard Tracy submitted his resignation effective April 3, 2019. He is pursuing other opportunities. The district is working on plans during this transition.

There are 4 personnel who have submitted letters of intent to challenge the upcoming Lieutenant's Exam.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Possible Action: Correspondence from Battalion Chief Kurka. To be addressed in Closed Session.

Discussion/Possible Action: Authorization to post Steps 1-4 of Lt. Exam Process

Chief Janus explained that the collective bargaining agreement requires that final scores from each step of the promotion exam be disclosed to each candidate as soon as practical. Due to the timing of Steps 1-4 and as the Commission meets quarterly, Chief Janus explained that he was seeking authorization to post scores as soon as they were available, without calling a special meeting. Attorney Flaherty stated that many Commissions authorize the Chief and his Staff to do this, as long as the Commission is made aware of the scores. After discussion, motion by Chairman Gray, seconded by Flood to authorize the Chief and Staff to post Steps 1-4 of the Lieutenant Exam after collecting data. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Flood, yes.

Certificate of Appointment – Sabastian Koziel

Chief Janus and Attorney Flaherty explained that due to a change in the laws, a Certificate of Appointment must be provided to all full-time sworn personnel. The Board of Fire Commissioners has the sole authority to issue the certificates and they must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary. A Certificate of Appointment was presented and signed for Probationary FFPM Sabastian Koziel.

Attorney Update

Attorney Flaherty provided an update on some pending legislation; there is a bill on promotion testing that would allow Veteran's to utilize preference points more than once.

Closed Session

At 1519 hours, Chairman Gray made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Correspondence from Battalion Chief Kurka under 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 1: Personnel Matters.

At 1524 hours, the Board of Fire Commissioners reconvened following closed session. Roll Call: Gray, present; Flood, present. Also present, Board of Trustees President DiBuono, Chief Janus, DC Jackson, and Attorney Flaherty.

Motion was made by Flood to dismiss Battalion Chief Kurka's request for lack of timeliness due to the Board of Fire Commissioners Rules, seconded by Gray. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Flood, yes.

ADJOURN:

Having no further business, Chairman Gray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Flood at 1526.

Next meeting: June 20, 2019, at 1500 hours.