

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

Minutes of the Regular
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 20, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gray at 3:06 P.M.

On a call of the roll, the following commissioners were present: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Zeno. Also present: Board of Trustees President DiBuono, Chief Janus, Acting Deputy Chief Kurka, Acting Battalion Chief Soderstrom, and Attorney Flaherty.

Absent: Secretary Flood.

Chairman Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments from the public.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief reported that the district responded to 418 calls for service in May, averaging 13.4 calls/day. As of May 31, 2019, we responded to a total of 2,145 calls. This is 13 calls ahead of 2018. Some calls of interest include a structure fire on Freeport on May 1 that was quickly extinguished and contained to the exterior. A structure fire response on May 15 on Kingston. We also responded to a SWAT-ting incident on May 18 where video gamers called in a reported fire and shots fired at a residence. This was unfounded but becoming more common throughout the nation. Chiefs attended a variety of meetings and events throughout the month. Of importance were multiple meetings with the Amazon TX production that was occurring at Indian Lakes, planning meetings for the BMW Championship, planning for the July 3rd fireworks and preparation for the new CAD. Training: 1,039 hours of documented training on 1,311 topics. Some highlights included; mandatory EMS SOP changes, in-service on LUCAS device, SOG review, Alliance live-fire training on mutli-family fire attack and Alliance special operations drill on rope operations. A new firefighter survival prop was built in-house and place in service. This simulates a wall breach and requires our personnel to navigate through a variety of openings. Crews attended multiple public education activities including opening ceremonies at Bloomingdale Baseball. The DuPage County First Responder Memorial, and Memorial Day ceremony at St. Paul's cemetery. Crews also flew the flag at the Patriot Education Fund golf outing at Medinah. Fire Prevention remained very active. Attended multiple meetings regarding BMW championship and July 3rd fireworks. Conducted interviews of personnel for the vacant fire inspector position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Zeno made a motion to approve the minutes of the March21, 2019 meeting seconded by Chairman Gray. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Personnel Update. Chief reported that the replacement for retiree Haas is being processed and completed his background and psych this week. We should have results in a few weeks. One of our POC's sustained an on-the-job injury and is expected to be out for at least 6 weeks. One of our full-time

Firefighter/Paramedics sustained an on-the-job injury and had surgery this morning. He is expected to be out for an extended period of time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to Strike Candidate Barnes from Eligibility List. Candidate Barnes was deemed not-qualified by one of the testing companies. He was sent a certified letter on June 4, 2019 and the same day, the Chief received an email from him indicating that he was withdrawing himself from consideration with the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District.

Commissioner Zeno made a motion to strike Candidate Brian Barnes from the current Eligibility List, seconded by Chairman Gray. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

FFPM Heckenbach's Request to Withdraw from Lt Exam. On Wednesday, May 8, 2019, FFPM Heckenbach sent a letter to the Chief Officers and Union Executive Board indicating that he was withdrawing from the Lieutenant's Exam. On Thursday, May 9, 2019, the Chief sent FFPM Heckenbach an email acknowledging receipt of his letter and encouraging him to reconsider with a deadline of May 14, 2019, the day before the Assessment Center. On May 13, 2019, FFPM Heckenbach replied that his intent remained the same, to withdraw from the process.

Motion made by Commissioner Zeno to accept FFPM Heckenbach's letter of intent to withdraw from the Lieutenant's Exam process, seconded by Chairman Gray. Commissioner Zeno inquired as to why FFPM Heckenbach withdrew and why he believed his philosophy on leadership did not align with the District's. Acting DC Kurka discussed his conversation with FFPM Heckenbach. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

Step 5 of Lieutenant's Exam Process. The written exam was held yesterday, June 19, 2019. There were 3 candidates. This portion of the exam was weighted 30% of the overall score. The exam results were provided by the Illinois Fire Chiefs and calculated by Admin Asst Butler and Chief Janus. A spreadsheet was provided.

Motion made to accept the scores for Step 5-Written Exam of the Lieutenant Exam as presented by Chairman Gray, seconded by Commissioner Zeno. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

Final List - Lieutenant Exam Process. The collective bargaining agreement allows for personnel to apply for military points following the posting of the preliminary eligibility list. None of the existing candidates were eligible for military points and the all signed a waiver indicating that they were not eligible and had no intention of applying for points.

Motion made by Chairman Gray, seconded by Commissioner Zeno to approve and post the Final Eligibility List for Lieutenant. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

Promotion of Lieutenant/EMS Coordinator. In the new collective bargaining agreement, a daytime EMS Coordinator position was established. Currently the EMS Coordinator is a Lieutenant who is on shift. Due to the nature of the position and the various demands to attend meeting and training. Because the BOFC meets prior to the Board of Trustees, Chief Janus asked for authorization to promote the next eligible candidate on the promotion list, pending approval by the Board of Trustees at this afternoon's meeting.

Motion made by Chairman Gray, seconded by Commissioner Zeno. Roll Call: Gray, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Update. Attoreny Flaherty briefed the Board on pending legislation that would award 20 Apprentice Points for new Candidates, subject to bargaining, for entry-level firefighters. The Governor is expected to sign this bill and more information will be provided when it is signed,

ADJOURN:

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

Next meeting: September 19, 2019, at 1500 hours.