

# Board of Police Commissioners

December 4, 2017

The Board of Police Commissioners met on December 4, 2017 in the Police Department Conference room. Chairman Marvin Garlick called the meeting to order at 08:30 a.m.

## Roll Call:

Present: Marvin Garlick and Doug Emerick  
Also Present: Chief Thomas Piotrowski  
Absent: Dan Wisdom

- 1) Approval of the minutes to the September 5, 2017 meeting.
  - a) Motion to Accept- Marvin Garlick 2<sup>nd</sup>- Doug Emerick
- 2) Correspondence
  - a) Received paperwork for the Police Academy in Bellevue, IL. We have until January 4, 2018 to submit registration.
- 3) Old Business
  - a) Police Officer Testing Scores
    - i) Current candidate list was updated with scores and final list is posted.
  - b) Interviews Date
    - i) Interviews were conducted on October 17, 2017.
- 4) New Business
  - a) New Officer Hiring
    - i) Chief Piotrowski and Doug Emerick agreed that we cannot move forward with hiring until there is a vacancy. Chief Piotrowski related that there is a state law that would allow for hiring of a candidate on the list that has prior acceptable law enforcement training over another candidate that does not have any. The Commission needs to choose which route they would like to take. Backgrounds need to be done before any hiring can move forward. Doug Emerick asked if it is a possibility of hiring a new person before Sgt Whittington leaves. Chief Piotrowski stated that there is a possibility of hiring about a month before Sgt Whittington's official last day on the street. Doug Emerick related that he thinks that the in-depth background checks should be started on the first two candidates on the list. It was agreed upon that Jake Frost would be the candidate initially hired and if he did not pass the background, then Patrick Mahoney would be checked and sent to Bellevue for training.
    - ii) Doug Emerick motioned to proceed with the background check on Jake Frost and upon a clear background check be hired. Marvin Garlick seconded the motion. 2 ayes 0 nays 1 absent.
  - b) Lateral Entry List
    - i) Chief Piotrowski asked the Commissioners if they would like to consider a lateral entry list. Doug Emerick asked if they would still have to do the initial testing. Chief Piotrowski

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answered that the lateral candidates would skip to the interviews. Marvin Garlick stated that the Commission should include laterals in the next texting cycle. Doug Emerick weighed in that this would be helpful with the number of applicants being as low as they are now throughout our area.

c) Promotion

- i) Doug Emerick stated that since there is not a current opening, there will not be a promotion. There will not be one until spring 2018. There is a current Sergeant's list and it is still valid. There has been a letter submitted by Sergeant Whittington that shows his intention to retire. Chief Piotrowski related that he would possibly be sending the next Sergeant's candidate to a two-week supervisor's school before the promotion would be in effect.

Adjournment- Motion by Marvin Garlick. Seconded by Doug Emerick. 2 ayes 0 nays 1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 09:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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