

**VILLAGE OF WINNETKA
BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

December 17, 2020
Approved: December 23, 2020

A record of a legally convened Special Meeting of the Winnetka Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, which was held virtually on the Zoom videoconference platform on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

1) Call to Order.

Chairperson Benson called the Special Meeting to order at 4:31 PM. Secretary Storkman called the roll. Present: Chairperson Margaret (Meg) Benson, Commissioner Ed Woodbury (arrived at 4:34 PM), Commissioner Wes Baumann, Police Chief Marc Hornstein, Deputy Police Chief Brian O'Connell, Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, and Benefits Coordinator Lizzy Storkman (Board Secretary).

Absent: None.

Also Present: None.

2) Public Comment and Questions. None.

3) Approval of Minutes.

Chairperson Benson moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baumann. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson and Commissioner Baumann. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Woodbury.

4) New Business.

a) Lateral Patrol Officer Recruitment

Staff made the Board aware that a patrol officer recently submitted his notice of resignation, which would increase the current vacancy count to four officers. While staff continues to conduct character and background interviews based off the 2020 eligibility list, staff requested permission from the Board to conduct a lateral patrol officer recruitment to see if qualified, experienced patrol officer candidates would be interested in the Police Department's current vacancies. Commissioner Baumann moved to authorize staff to coordinate the posting of a lateral patrol officer recruitment. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Benson. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson and Commissioner Baumann. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Woodbury.

5) Closed Session.

Chairperson Benson moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act to conduct an interview for the position of patrol officer and discuss personnel and employment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baumann. By roll

call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson, Commissioner Baumann, and Commissioner Woodbury. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:35 PM.

The Board returned from closed session at 6:39 PM.

6) Other Business.

a) Patrol Officer Conditional Offer of Employment

Commissioner Woodbury moved to authorize staff to approve candidates Nicholas Wirth (#31) and Rosemary McDonald (#34) to move forward in the patrol officer recruitment process to complete background and polygraph testing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baumann. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson, Commissioner Baumann, and Commissioner Woodbury. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Staff will return to the Board following the completion of background and polygraph testing to update the board on its findings and, if appropriate, seek approval for a conditional offer of employment.

b) Removal of Candidates from the Patrol Officer Eligibility List

Chairperson Benson moved to remove candidate Jacquelin Gonzalez (#27) from the patrol officer eligibility list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baumann. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson, Commissioner Baumann, and Commissioner Woodbury. Nays: None. Absent: None.

7) Adjournment.

Commissioner Woodbury moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Chairperson Benson seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson, Commissioner Baumann, and Commissioner Woodbury. Nays: None. Absent: None. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Board of Fire & Police Commissioners