

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

April 29, 2021

Approved: June 7, 2021

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, April 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

1) Call to Order.

Chairperson Benson called the Special Meeting to order at 4:11 PM. Secretary Storkman called the roll. Present: Chairperson Margaret (Meg) Benson, Commissioner Ed Woodbury, Commissioner Wes Baumann, Fire Chief John Ripka, 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.

Commissioner Baumann moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woodbury. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Chairperson Benson, Commissioner Baumann, and Commissioner Woodbury. Nays: None. Absent: None.

4) New Business. None.

5) Closed Session.

Commissioner Woodbury 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 firemedic 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 4:13 PM.

The Board returned from closed session at 5:58 PM.

6) Other Business.

a) Firemedic Conditional Offers of Employment

Commissioner Woodbury moved approve candidates Dan Poulos (#7) and Stephen McLaughlin (#11) to move forward in the firemedic recruitment process and 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. Candidates will be moved through the recruitment process in rank order.

b) Removal of Candidates from the Firemedic Recruitment Process

Chairperson Benson moved to remove candidates Danielle Giegoldt, William Burke, and Alec Christian from the firemedic recruitment process. 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.

c) Future Meeting Dates

The Commissioners shared their availability with staff for future meeting dates the week of May 10 to hold patrol officer interviews to fill current vacancies.

Staff also shared that board meetings will continue to be held via videoconference until more guidance is issued regarding COVID-19 restrictions and Village Council makes a determination regarding a return to in-person meetings.

7) Adjournment.

Commissioner Woodbury moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Commissioner Baumann 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 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Board of Fire & Police Commissioners