

MINUTES FOR PEORIA HEIGHTS POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 3, 2024

The Peoria Heights Police and Fire Commission meeting called to order at 4:37 P.M. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at Village Hall, 4901 N. Prospect Road, Peoria Heights, Illinois.

Roll call taken, and the following members were present: Greg Walters, Nic McCumber and Jeff Shields (left at 6PM). Also Present was Fire Chief Dan Decker, Village Attorney Representative Kate Carter from Miller, Hall & Triggs.

No need for remote attendance, no vote taken.

Call to order by Commission President Greg Walters. Request by Greg Walters for public comments – there were no public comments.

Greg Walters made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024, meeting, and seconded by Jeff Shields. Minutes unanimously approved by Walters, McCumber and Shields.

Old Business – none

New Business

Brief discussion on recent PH Village Trustee Meeting from April 2, 2024, by Fire Chief Decker. Chief Decker, based on village board meeting discussions indicated that there will be a likely hood for budgeted dollars to hire three firefighters in the next annual budget. The village trustees will have final discussions and possible budget approvals on April 16, 2024.

Commission members, Fire Chief Decker, Attorney Counsel Carter reviewed edits recommended by legal counsel on the hiring application. Counsel Carter will check edits, recommendations to hiring application and provide feedback in next commission meeting to be held April 15, 2024.

Discussed and confirmed the online application, will need to receive help from village resources or possibly outside to complete the online application. To be discussed in the next meeting.

Reminder to advertise “notice of hiring” in Journal Star (PJS) at appropriate time and to create a job hiring ad suitable for PJS. Shields to connect with Mike Bailey and Chief Decker on press release for hiring.

Discussion on allowing initial orientation and interview to take place for applicants that live outside 100-mile radius on Peoria Heights. Counsel Carter to verify this request by commission board members.

Possible online orientation to be held by Chief Decker on May 31, 2024, pending trustee actions.

The written test grading will be sent to the company to be graded and returned.

Discussion regarding informational sheet for application and hiring processes.

Discussion regarding timeline and process for preference points after initial eligibility.

Motion to adjourn by member Walters and seconded by member McCumber.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20PM. Next meeting scheduled for April 15, 2024