



Regular Meeting

Police Department Training Room
April 12, 2023 – 5:15 p.m.

Present: Chairman Mary White, Commissioner Tom Ausman, Commissioner Bob Allen.

Others present: Administrative Assistant Sara Young, Police Chief Alex Chavira, Fire Chief Mike Dettman, Fire Deputy Chief Dave Northcutt. Police Department staff present: Officer Mark Mendoza, Sgt. Harry Blomstrand, Sgt. Shane Bland, Officer Jonah Venema, Det. Sgt. Maggie Ellmaker, Detective Tanner Wilhelm, Officer Anthony Adamson.

Chairman Mary White called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll call was taken. All present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ausman to approve the minutes from the January 11th Regular meeting, March 7th Special meeting and March 30th Special meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Allen. Roll call was taken. Motion approved.

Communications

May training conference discussed. No attendees.

Visitors

Covered under Others present.

Reports

Fire Department – Chief Dettman introduced Dave Northcutt as new Deputy Chief. He gave a summary of his time with Rock Falls Fire, Whiteside County Dispatch and Sterling Fire as Administrative Assistant. DC Northcutt has some recertification training to complete.

Police Department – Chief Chavira announced the resignation of Sgt. Brad Johnson and Detective Tabatha Justice. The police department is 4 officers short. Officer Hackbarth has started his FTO training. Officers attended the SV Community College Job Fair and will be attending Western IL University Job Fair. A new police officer testing date needs to be set.

Pending Business

Fire Department Applicant Update – One applicant ready to hire, waiting on background of second applicant. Chief Dettman would like to start both at the same time. Fire academy date still pending possibly August or September.

Police Department Open Testing – After further discussion this is not going to benefit the department at this time.

Rules & Regulations Update – This is still in the pending process.

New Business

Police Department Sergeant Promotion – Motion by Commissioner Ausman to enter closed session at 5:22 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Allen. Roll call was taken. Motion approved.

Motion by Commissioner Ausman to return to regular session at 5:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Allen. Roll call was taken. Motion approved.

Motion by Commissioner Allen to promote Anthony Adamson to Sergeant effective May 3, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ausman. Roll call was taken. Motion approved.

Chairman/Secretary Election - Motion by Commissioner Ausman to elect Mary White as Chairman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ausman. Roll call was taken. Motion approved.

Motion by Commissioner Ausman to elect Bob Allen as Secretary. Motion seconded by Chairman White. Roll call was taken. Motion approved.

Police Officer Testing – Current police officer hiring list is exhausted. Police officer testing/orientation to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 8:00 am. Location to be determined. Applications to be accepted thru May 5th. Oral interviews to be scheduled after receiving test results.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.