

Village of Roscoe
BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10631 Main Street, Roscoe, Illinois 61073

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LeAnn Jones, Chairman
Mark Nytko
David Jacobson

Secretary

Vicki Eggers

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Charles P. Kostantacos

**MINUTES of JANUARY 20, 2021 SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING of THE
VILLAGE OF ROSCOE BOARD of FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

The January 20, 2021 Semi-Monthly Meeting of the Village of Roscoe Board of Fire and Police Commissioners convened at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Jones conducted the meeting in person from the Village Hall and read the *Open Meetings Act Preamble* for the record. Commissioner Nytko and newly appointed Commissioner David Jacobson attended remotely. Ms. Vicki Eggers attended remotely. Attorney Kostantacos attended remotely and he had been previously directed to record the Minutes of the meeting. Deputy Chief Sam Hawley attended remotely.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. The roll was called for the record and a quorum was present. Ms. Eggers was introduced in anticipation of her expected selection as Commission Secretary. Commissioner Jacobson was introduced pursuant to his appointment and swearing in at a recent Village Board meeting.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting were reviewed and discussed. There being no suggested corrections, the Minutes were approved as drafted and distributed on motion by Chairman Nytko and second by Chairman Jones, followed by unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman acknowledged receipt of the proposed I/O Solutions services agreement for initial hiring. She also acknowledged receipt of the draft letter to our Officers regarding promotional testing. Discussion was deferred to later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A general discussion took place regarding applications and testing for primary and second Patrol Officer eligibility lists. Chairman Jones informed the Commission that she had spoken with Deputy Chief Hawley regarding concerns related to legislation in Springfield that was waiting for the Governor's signature. The general feeling was that the new law, if it takes effect, will discourage interest in law enforcement jobs.

At the present time, there is not an open Patrol Officer position to fill and no information from Chief Evans on new hiring. Commissioner Nytko mentioned the need for the Commission to have a valid primary initial eligibility list at all times, to the extent possible.

He further indicated that due to the general lack of predictability in the law enforcement job market, we should be prepared with a current list going forward. During the conversation,

Deputy Chief Hawley mentioned that it is possible that the Police Department budget will be reduced next year.

Discussion moved to the application and testing process for the second (lateral) hiring list. Deputy Chief Hawley indicated that he had begun working on the internet application/information site with Eli Nicolosi. He further indicated that the *Memorandum of Understanding* for the lateral hiring has been approved by the Village Board and awaits Union signature. The consensus of opinion was to try to proceed with just an application and testing process for a second (lateral) list if possible. The Chairman directed that the matter be deferred for further discussion under *Unfinished Business* at the next meeting.

Promotional testing was discussed. The draft of the proposed promotional letters to the Officers in the Department was reviewed. Attorney Kostantacos was directed to make certain revisions and to deliver the letters to Deputy Chief Hawley by January 22, 2021 for distribution to the officers. The Officers were to be required to reply by 4:00 p.m. on January 29, 2021.

Chairman Jones advised those in attendance that she had received a Letter of Resignation from Jennifer Holmes effective January 19, 2021. The Chairman moved to accept the resignation, Commissioner Nytko seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Jones followed up upon her earlier introduction of Ms. Vicki Eggers. She thereafter moved to employ Ms. Eggers as Commission Secretary. Commissioner Jacobsen seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BILLS

The Commissioners reviewed an invoice from Attorney Kostantacos for the month of December 2020 totaling \$662.50. Commissioner Nytko moved to approve payment of the invoice, Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Nytko, second by Commissioner Jacobson, followed by unanimous vote.

Date: 2-17, 2021

Approved:



LeAnn Jones, Chairman