

TRI-STATE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
10S110 Madison Street, Burr Ridge, IL

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) The meeting was called to order at 1830 hours by Commissioner Salvatore Molinaro. Roll Call: Commissioner Christopher Sandilands, Commissioner Cheryl Hansen. Also Present: Chief Administrator Daniel P. Niemeyer.
- b) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a) Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2017. A motion was made by Commissioner Molinaro, second by Commissioner Sandilands to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes. Voice Vote: Aye, 3; No, 0. Motion passed, 3-0.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Correspondence – Illinois Fire and Police Commissioner Association Spring Conference information was received. It is being held May 5, 6 and 7th in Decatur. This will need to be added to the budget. Chief Niemeyer gave the Commissioners a list of firefighters that have gone off of probation and are now career service.
- b) Invoices & bills – No invoices or bills.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – IV a was moved ahead of item II

- a) Swearing in of Lt. Arias and Lt. Decho – There was a break for the swearing in of Lieutenants Arias and Decho and to serve cake.
- b) Processing of Candidate Farnsworth – Chief Niemeyer said Candidate Farnsworth has been processed. His interview with Chief Niemeyer and Deputy Chief Brenn was successful. His pre-employment physical found him fit for duty. He is also a business item for consideration.
- c) Processing of 3 additional candidates – The current Eligibility List has been exhausted. There are three additional candidates that can be posted for the remainder of the current list that expires in August. Chief Niemeyer stated there is an open position since one of the candidates took a position with another district. The Commissioners will move ahead with one candidate. Commissioner Molinaro will forward to Chief Niemeyer the list that was received from IO Solutions. Commissioner Molinaro will include the contact information for the top three candidates.
- d) Budget FY 2018 – Commissioners Hansen and Sandilands will be meeting to compile the numbers for the fiscal year 2018 budget.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible action on hiring of new candidate firefighter Jeffrey Farnsworth – Chief Niemeyer recommended to the Board of Fire Commissioners that they move forward in the hiring of candidate Jeffrey Farnsworth, who is also present at the meeting. Commissioner Sandilands made a motion to proceed with Chief Niemeyer’s recommendation to hire candidate Jeffrey Farnsworth, second by Commissioner Molinaro. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Molinaro, aye; Commissioner Sandilands, aye; Commissioner Hansen, aye. Motion passed 3-0.
- b) New Firefighter eligibility test – There is money left in the eligibility test line item in this year’s budget in the amount of \$7,000. Chief Niemeyer said that would be enough to begin the testing process. The Commissioners will invite several testing companies to a Special Meeting to take place on April 4th at 6:30 p.m.
- c) Discussion of seniority question from Firefighter Paruolo – Chief Niemeyer sent an e-mail to the Commissioners regarding a question from Firefighter Paruolo on his seniority. Firefighter Paruolo said his hire was delayed because the Commissioners at that time had some questions. And the candidate next on the List was hired during that period. Chief Niemeyer said the contract states that seniority is based on date of hire. The Commissioners said it would need to send the attorney for a legal opinion. Chief Niemeyer checked the Fire Protection District Act or any other Acts that would affect it, the Commissioners Act, and found no reference to seniority other than in regard to promotions in the future. Any reference to seniority will be based on the contractual agreement. Commissioner Sandilands also scanned the State statutes and did not find anything. The only way the hiring Eligibility List affects seniority is if there are two employees with the same hire date. Commissioner Sandilands feels that a legal opinion is not necessary. It is in black and white. The Commissioners are in agreement that a legal opinion is not necessary.

VI. CLOSED SESSION (If necessary) - No Closed Session.

VII. OPEN FORUM - AUDIENCE: No audience questions or comments.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Commissioner Molinaro apologized that he misspoke at the last meeting. He had stated at that meeting that the candidates for the Lieutenant’s Eligibility List can’t get 100 percent of the ascertain merit points. Shortly after the meeting, it was explained to him that he was incorrect, that a candidate could get all 15 points. He had misunderstood what was being explained at that time and he apologized for misspeaking.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Commissioner Molinaro to adjourn, second by Commissioner Sandilands. Voice Vote: Aye, 3; No, 0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1924 hours.

Respectfully Submitted.

Cheryl Hansen, Secretary