

Village of Rockton
BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

110 East Main Street, Rockton, Illinois 61072

Commissioners

Richard J. Stewart, Chairman
Patrick Hoey
Patrick Gardner

Secretary

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Attorney

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Minutes of Regular Meeting of The Rockton Fire
and Police Commission on January 10, 2019

A Special Meeting of the Village of Rockton Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Stewart at 6:30 p.m. on January 10, 2019 in the Main Conference Room of the Rockton Municipal Center.

Roll Call and Attendance

Chairman Stewart called roll immediately after the meeting convened. Commissioners Stewart, Hoey and Gardner were present. Chief Stephen Dickson and Deputy Chief Matt Hollinger attended the meeting. Commission Attorney and Secretary Charles Kostantacos was present with Attorney Megan Norgart.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2018 Commission Meeting

The minutes of the Special Meeting of December 10, 2018 were reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Hoey moved to approve the minutes as presented. Chairman Stewart seconded the Motion and it carried by a vote of 2-0. Commissioner Gardner abstained from the vote.

Communications

None.

Public Discussion

None.

Unfinished Business

A. Rule Revisions – The discussion of the revisions of the Commission Rules and Regulations focused upon the provisions pertaining to post high school education requirements. The Commissioners shared their experiences and opinions pertaining to hiring of Candidates with and without post high school degrees. Chief Dickson discussed his reasons for eliminating the post high school education requirements. Commissioner Hoey moved to eliminate the post high school education requirement from the Commission Rules thereby requiring an Applicant to have a high school diploma or equivalent. Commissioner Gardner seconded the Motion. Discussion concluded on the topic. The Motion carried by a vote of 2-1; Hoey – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Stewart Nay.

B. Test Vendors – Information was circulated regarding the testing services offered by Stanard and Associates. Commissioner Hoey commented upon his recent positive experience with Stanard. The cost of Stanard’s services was discussed. The consensus of opinion was to pursue and institute a change in our testing vendor. On Motion by Commissioner Hoey and seconded by Commissioner Gardner, Stanard and Associates was selected by unanimous roll call vote to provide testing services for the next cycle of entry level testing. The tentative goal is to complete written exams before the end of April and to complete oral interviews before the end of May. The Police Department will contact Hononegah High School to reserve use of the premises for the written exams. Chief Dickson stated that he has one patrol officer position to fill.

New Business

Regular meeting Schedule – The Commissioners discussed their respective preferences for dates for the regular monthly Commission meetings. Commissioner Hoey moved to adopt a Resolution scheduling regular monthly 2019 Commission meetings on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in February. Chairman Stewart seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Attorney Report

None.

Bills

Attorney Kostantacos presented his invoice for October 2018 totaling \$330.00 and an invoice for November 2018 totaling \$375.00. Commissioner Gardner moved to approve payment of both invoices. Commissioner Hoey seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Closed Session

None.

Other Commission Business

None.

Adjournment

Chairman Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hoey seconded the Motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Date: 2-12-19


Richard J. Stewart, Chairman