Village of Rockton

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKTON BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Pursuant to notice a Special Meeting of the Village of Rockton Board of Fire and Police Commissioners convened at 6:30 p.m. on December 2, 2019 in the Main Conference Room of the Rockton Municipal Center.

Roll Call and Attendance
Chairman Stewart, Commissioner Hoey and Commissioner Gardner were present for Roll Call. Police Chief Stephen Dickson, Sgt. Kiza Davies and Attorney/Secretary Charles P. Kostantacos were also present.

Minutes
The Minutes of the October 8, 2019 regular monthly Commission meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Gardner pointed out an error/omission in the second paragraph of the section of Payment of Bills. Subject to correction, Commissioner Hoey moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Chairman Stewart seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications
Commissioner Gardner indicated that invoices from Conrad Polygraph had been received. Discussion and action was deferred to later in the meeting.

Public Discussion
None.

Unfinished Business
Chief Dickson reported that Austin Harter had left the certification program because he became physically unable to participate. Chief Dickson confirmed that Harter had resigned.

The Commissioners reviewed the eligibility list to proceed with the hiring process to fill the vacancy created by the Harter resignation. The next Candidate on the list was Courtney Geishert. Sgt. Davies presented the results of the Geishert background investigation and the Commissioners discussed her findings. On motion by Commissioner Hoey, followed by a second from Chairman Stewart, Courtney Geishert was disqualified from further consideration by unanimous roll call vote.

The next Candidate on the list for consideration was Sawyer Kurth. Chief Dickson reported that Candidate Kurth had accepted a position with the South Beloit Police Department and that the Candidate requested that his name be stricken from the list.

Candidate Travis Skoniecke was next on the list for consideration. Sgt. Davies circulated and reviewed the results of her background investigation. The Commissioners posed questions and discussed the findings. Commissioner Hoey made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Candidate Skoniecke subject to all applicable provisions of *The Rules and Regulations of the Village of Rockton Board of Fire and Police Commissioners* and the Rockton Police Department. Chairman Stewart seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The Chief and the Commissioners discussed the fact that there was time urgency to complete our hiring process in time to send our next Candidate for a reserved spot for training. Therefore, the Commission proceeded to also evaluate the next Candidate on the list, Matthew Carnricke. Sgt. Davies circulated and reviewed the results of her background investigation. The Commissioners posed questions and discussed the findings. Commissioner Hoey made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Candidate Carnricke. The motion was subject to all applicable provisions of *The Rules and Regulations of the Village of Rockton Board of Fire and Police Commissioners* and the Rockton Police Department. The motion was also made subject to the availability of an open patrol officer position taking into account the Candidate's current placement on the eligibility list. Chairman Stewart seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business
None.

Attorney Report
None.

Payment of Bills
Commissioner Gardner presented two (2) invoices for polygraph services performed by Conrad Polygraph. One invoice pertained to Candidate Skoniecke and the other pertained to Candidate Carnricke. Each invoice totaled $160.00. On motion by Commissioner Gardner, second by Commissioner Hoey, payment of the invoices was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Other Commission Business
Chief Dickson and the Commissioners discussed the scheduling of the next meeting. The next start date at the academy is January 6, 2020. Several meeting dates were discussed subject to the future directive of the Chairman.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the IFPCA Fall Seminar. The value to the Commissioners of the overall seminar and modules was in issue. Commissioner Hoey felt that one of the modules that he attended was not helpful.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Hoey, second by Chairman Stewart, followed by unanimous vote.

Date: 12.10, 2019

Signed: Richard J. Stewart,
Chairman