

**MINUTES
CITY OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
March 31, 2014**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 5:13PM on Monday, March 31, 2014, by Chairman Ron Giordano in the Council Chambers at Woodstock City Hall, 121 West Calhoun, Woodstock, Illinois.

It was noted that this Special Meeting was called as a result of the cancellation of the regular meeting scheduled for March 3, 2014.

Chairman Giordano asked the Clerk to call the roll.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Howell and Chairman Ron Giordano.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chief of Police Robert Lowen and Chief Deputy Clerk Cindy Smiley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by L. Howell, second by Chairman Giordano, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 Special Meeting as presented.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: L. Howell and Chairman Giordano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absentees: none. Motion carried.

Motion by L. Howell, second by Chairman Giordano, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 Executive Session as presented.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: L. Howell and Chairman Giordano. Nays: none. Abstentions: Absentees: none. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF RULES AND REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO UPCOMING RECRUIT TEST SCHEDULED FOR FALL OF 2014

Chief Lowen discussed the upcoming recruit testing stating that the applicants with the top 10 to 15 scores will be interviewed. From this, the applicants will be rated and the new eligibility list will be established. The Board could also decide to interview more applicants.

Chairman Giordano stated that he was going to discuss the scoring system with COPS.

Chief Lowen stated that he and Human Resources Director will be meeting to establish the price of the test. The fees charged by other municipalities were discussed, including

the fees charged for agility testing and whether Woodstock would accept the agility testing from other municipalities. Chief Lowen stated that the Human Resources Department would prefer to turn everything over to COPS.

L. Howell stated his main concern is the writing ability of prospective candidates and would like to see COPS address this aspect of testing. Chief Lowen indicated that the City would have to right to do further testing during the interview phase, should it be felt that this was not given enough weight. This was discussed further with Chief Lowen indicating that the COPS part of the testing is computerized, meaning that they do not concentrate on writing.

It was the consensus of the Board that agility testing can completed outside of the City of Woodstock and will be valid for six months.

Chief Lowen noted that the orientation will take place at the high school the day of the testing where the written test and interview will take place. He further noted that the only part of the process not done at the high school on that day will be agility testing, with the applicants completing that and bringing proof with them. COPS will also advertise and accept the applications and complete preliminary written testing.

It was the consensus of the Board to participate in the COPS testing program.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Lowen reported that Chris Naatz completed the Academy and began his field training last Friday. He further noted that Matt Prentiss will begin the Academy next Monday. Chief Lowen stated that Officer Falat has resigned.

Chief Lowen stated that Sgt. Leard and Sgt. Spitzer have retired effective May 6 and that Officer Lantz will be sworn in as Sgt. on May 6 also. He noted that the Sergeants' list is good until February 2016.

ADJOURN

Motion by L. Howell, second by Chairman Giordano, to adjourn this Special Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Ayes: L. Howell and Chairman Giordano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absentees: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smiley
Chief Deputy Clerk