



# City of Rolling Meadows

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

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## City of Rolling Meadows Board of Fire & Police Commissioners January 9, 2023

**Present:** Tom Callard, Dave Walter, John Loesch, John Freese, Mary Sheahen

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** John Nowacki, Police Chief; Chief; John Sircher, Deputy Police Chief; Scott Mohr, Deputy Fire Chief; Deb Austerlade, City Manager's Office

**Call to Order:** Having established a quorum, Chairman Callard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Loesch made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Sheahen. With no further discussion, a vote was taken. All in favor; motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Communications:** With regard to the police testing process that we are currently conducting, Commissioner Callard contacted Attorney Broihier of the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioner Association to get clarification on where candidates will be placed on the soon-to-be formed entry level list in light of the fact that we currently have a valid list that expires in 2024. Attorney Broihier stated that the candidates that are on our existing list will remain in their current ranking and are first to be considered as positions in the department become available. Candidates who are currently in the testing process will be placed on a separate list which will be effective for two years—expiring in 2025—and will be considered for positions after the first list is exhausted.

### Unfinished Business

**Fire:** None.

**Police:** Select interview dates and questions – Deputy Chief Sircher stated 52 applicants took the written test on Saturday, and IO Solutions will forward the results tomorrow, January 10. The dates of February 22, 23, and 24 were selected for the interviews, and questions were also selected.

Chief Nowacki advised that the State has reduced the physical fitness standard for entry level police officers effective December 15, 2022, and it appears the State is going to reduce the standard further. He will keep the commissioners informed of all developments.

Chief Nowacki advised that his new police officer who was hired from the City's lateral list begins his career on Monday, January 23.

## **New Business**

**Fire:** Deputy Chief Mohr reminded those in attendance that the current fire department entry level list expires in May 2023. Chiefs Sutter and Mohr have found that area departments are experiencing the same challenges as police departments with regard to the quantity and quality of candidates for entry level positions. Subsequently, they will participate in a testing consortium with other departments (currently Palatine, Wheeling, and Streamwood) in mid-2023. Deputy Chief Mohr will get clarification of when in "mid-2023" the other departments were planning to administer the written test, and he would like to open discussions about the process at the February meeting.

**Police:** Chief Nowacki anticipates openings in the Police department in the near future as a result of internal movement throughout the department.

**Items Not on the Agenda:** Commissioner Freese is in the process of obtaining uniform shirts for the commissioners and contacted three uniform companies. Unfortunately, due to the relatively small number of shirts we need to purchase, he has run into problems finding a vendor who will take our order. Commissioner Freese suggested that instead of having the star logo of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, we consider using the words "City of Rolling Meadows" or the City's logo followed by "Board of Fire & Police Commissioners" on a second line. Deputy Chief Sircher suggested purchasing the shirts from one vendor then bringing them to the Departments uniform supplier for embroidery. He will contact "511," the vendor the Police Department uses who sells uniform shirts, and arrange for the commissioners to get fitted, then send the shirts to JG Uniforms.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to discuss, Commissioner Walter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Loesch. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, February 13, 2023, at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Austerlade.



David Walter, Secretary  
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