

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commission

February 5, 2021

The meeting of the BOPC was opened in Zoom at 10:30am by Mary Ribando. Mary Ribando and Chief Dan Schulze were physically present at the Village Hall located at 12 S. Center St., Bensenville, IL 60106.

Members present via Zoom: Commissioners Belmonte, Stoltman, and Zage
Also present via Zoom: Chief Dan Schulze & Board Secretary Mary Ribando

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Introduction of newly sworn Commissioner James Stoltman. He was a Union electrician for 20+ years, He is working in the IT field and is currently a member on the Board of Education for Bensenville School District #2. He was welcomed by Commissioners Bill Belmonte and Zachary Zage.

A Board election was held and Commissioner Belmonte made a Motion to have Commissioner Zachary Zage to be selected as Board Chairman. Commissioner Stoltman seconded, all were in favor; the Motion was passed.

Chief Schultz gave the Board an update on Police Academy issues. Many are still closed. Others have reopened and then closed again several times. One academy has opened and closed four times in the last 12 weeks. Once an academy is open, availability is extremely limited. Class sizes are at maximum capacity.

Chief Schultz explained the current status of open positions in our department. We are currently down 5 out of 35. At this time, we are unable to do lateral transfers. However, the Chief has found a couple of municipalities similar to ours that are able to do them. He asked the Board if he could send the information that he has obtained to Board Attorney Hervas for review and recommend guidance. Chairman Zage thought it was a good idea in this current climate. Commissioners Stoltman and Belmonte strongly agreed. A Motion was made by Chairman Zage to forward the information to Attorney Hervas and bring the information back to the Board. It was seconded by Commissioner Stoltman, all were in favor; the Motion was passed.

CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioner Belmonte made a Motion to enter into Closed Session for the purposes of employment interviews for candidates Claudia Contreras & Elizabeth Szymonik. It was seconded by Commissioner Stoltman. All were in favor; Motion passed. Candidate Contreras entered the meeting for her interview via Zoom at 10:45am and exited the Zoom meeting immediately following her interview. Candidate Szymonik entered the meeting for her interview via Zoom at 11:15am and immediately exited the Zoom meeting immediately following her interview.

This portion of the meeting is considered Closed Session for the purpose of employment interviews. The interviews were conducted via Zoom by Commissioners Belmonte, Stoltman, and Zage. A Motion was made to enter into Open Session by Commissioner Stoltman, it was seconded by Chairman Zage, all in favor and the meeting was now in Open Session.

OPEN SESSION:

The Board came out of Closed Session via Zoom. Commissioner Belmonte made the following statement: I make the Motion to offer a Conditional Letter of Employment to Candidate Claudia Contreras with the understanding that she continues in the testing process for employment.

Commissioner Stoltman seconded the Motion. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Commissioner Stoltman made the following statement: I make the Motion to offer a Conditional Letter of Employment to Candidate Elizabeth Szymonik with the understanding that she continues in the testing process for employment.

Commissioner Belmonte seconded the Motion. All were in favor, Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Zage and seconded by Commissioner Stoltman. All were in favor, and meeting was adjourned and terminated via Zoom at 11:56am.