

**MINUTES
CITY OF WOODSTOCK
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
December 1, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 5:07PM on Monday, December 1, 2014, by Chairman Ron Giordano in the Council Chambers at Woodstock City Hall, 121 West Calhoun, Woodstock, Illinois.

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 March 31, 2014 Special Meeting as presented.

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

2015 MEETING DATES

Chairman Giordano announced that the meeting dates for 2015 would be as follows:

Monday, March 2, 2015
Monday, June 1, 2015
Monday, September 14, 2015
Monday, December 7, 2015

All meetings will begin at 5:00PM

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Lowen reported that Dave Sharp has been hired since the last meeting of the Board noting that he has previously served as a police officer in other communities. Chief Lowen further noted that Officers Naatz, Sharp, and Prentice are all still on probation and doing well.

Chief Lowen stated that Officer Dempsey is still on medical leave as a result of his car accident and is in physical therapy. He further stated that Officer Dempsey will be seen by the doctor on December 29th who will determine if the Officer can return to light duty.

RECRUIT TESTING UPDATE

Chief Lowen noted that the Board approved the recruit list which is good until October 2016. He also stated that the current Sergeants' list is good until February of 2016, meaning that in 2016 testing for both a Sergeants' list and a patrol list will be required.

In response to a question from Commissioner Howell, Chief Lowen stated that the Department will not be hiring anyone at this time unless approved through the budgeting process. He further stated that the positions created by recent retirements have all been filled.

In response to a question from Chief Lowen, it was the consensus of the Board that the procedures employed for this most recent recruit testing are satisfactory and the Board wishes to continue to use them unless Chief Lowen finds that the recruits selected using these procedures prove to be unsatisfactory.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As the Board is short one member, it was the consensus to nominate the following slate of officers:

Chairman – Ron Giordano

Vice Chairman/Interim Secretary – Lawrence Howell

It was noted that, should a third member be appointed by Mayor Sager, that member would take over the position of Board Secretary.

Motion by L. Howell, second by R. Giordano, to approve the slate of officers as nominated. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: L. Howell and R. Giordano. Nays: none. Absentees: none. Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by L. Howell, second by Chairman Giordano, to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to the next regular meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015. Ayes: L. Howell and Chairman Giordano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absentees: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smiley
Chief Deputy Clerk