

# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE FRANKFORT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2010

FIRE STATION NUMBER ONE  
333 WEST NEBRASKA STREET, FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS

## CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AND THE RECORDING SECRETARY CALLED THE ROLL. UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS ANSWERED PRESENT: CAROL EKDAHL, KELLY HAYDEN AND DONNA VEGTER.

THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS WERE ABSENT FROM SAID MEETING: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: CHIEF JAMES M. GRADY, III

## PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAROL EKDAHL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DONNA VEGTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2009, AND THE SPECIAL MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 2-4, 2009 AND OCTOBER 15, 2009. CHAIRMAN KELLY HAYDEN CALLED FOR A VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

## APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CAROL EKDAHL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DONNA VEGTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2009 AND APRIL 21, 2009. CHAIRMAN KELLY HAYDEN CALLED FOR A VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR.

## CHIEF'S REPORT

CHIEF GRADY INFORMED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT THE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR THE POSITION OF BATTALION CHIEF HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR SEVEN MONTHS. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DEVELOPING THE CRITERIA FOR THE POSITION. CHIEF GRADY HAS MET WITH UNION REPRESENTATIVES BECAUSE THE POSITION FALLS WITHIN THE PROMOTIONS ACT. CHIEF STATED THAT ONE OF THE COMPONENTS WILL BE COMMISSIONER INTERVIEWS. HE WILL BE LOOKING TO PROMOTE 3, POSSIBLY 4 FOR AN ALTERNATE TO COVER TIME OFF. CHIEF GRADY WANTS TO KEEP THE COMMISSIONERS INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION PROCESS AND NOT JUST FOR THE NEW HIRE PROCESS.

THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE LIEUTENANTS AND ENGINEER PROMOTIONS. THERE WILL BE 6-8 INDIVIDUALS FOR THE LIEUTENANTS PROMOTION. TIME FRAMES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COMMISSIONERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

CHIEF GRADY IS LOOKING TO HIRE 9-12 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS FROM THE CURRENT LIST. MOST OF THEM HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION AND IT IS POSSIBLE WE COULD GO THROUGH THIS LIST PRETTY FAST. DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

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### OLD BUSINESS

NONE

### NEW BUSINESS

CHIEF GRADY MENTIONED HE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND A CHANGE TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS FOR EVERY CANDIDATE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

### ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DONNA VEGTER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAROL EKDAHL THAT THIS MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

THE CHAIRMAN DIRECTED THE SECRETARY TO CALL THE ROLL FOR THE VOTE.

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS VOTED:

AYE: KELLY HAYDEN, DONNA VEGTER AND CAROL EKDAHL

NAY: NONE

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED AND ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:45 P.M.

BONNIE MERRITT, RECORDING SECRETARY

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS