



Village of Westmont
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioners: Robert J. Kovanda, Chairman - Stella Qualizza, Commissioner / Secretary - Tom Mulhearn, Commissioner

January 16, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kovanda called the January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to order at 2:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Chairman Kovanda - Present; Commissioner Qualizza - Present; Commissioner Mulhearn - Present; A Quorum was present.

3. Public Comments

Chairman Kovanda opened the meeting to any public comments; there were none.

3. Approval of Minutes

After review and discussion, Chairman Kovanda moved that the December 19, 2023 Regular meeting Minutes will be accepted as submitted. Commissioner Mulhearn seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-3, No-0. Minutes are accepted as submitted.

After review and discussion, Chairman Kovanda moved that the December 30, 2023 Special meeting Minutes will be accepted as submitted. Commissioner Qualizza seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-3, No-0. Minutes are accepted as submitted.

After review and discussion, Chairman Kovanda moved that the January 6, 2024 Special meeting Minutes will be accepted as submitted. Commissioner Mulhearn seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-3, No-0. Minutes are accepted as submitted.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Chief's Forum

Chief Gunther brought the Commission up to date on current activities within the department. Also in attendance were Deputy Chief Gruen and Deputy Chief Thompson. A discussion ensued regarding current Officer Shortage and the need for testing of Certified and Non-Certified Officers as well as Sergeant Promotion Eligibility Testing.

AT 3:33 PM, COMMISSIONER MULHEARN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIFIC CANDIDATES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2 © (1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. COMMISSIONER QUALIZZA SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTE: YES-3, NO-0 MOTION CARRIES

Commissioners moved back from Executive Session to General Session.



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6. Ongoing Business

Candidate #17 The Commission reviewed the background reports submitted by the Detective Division for Candidate #17. Chairman Kovanda made a motion to offer Candidate #17 a Conditional Offer of Employment as a Westmont Probationary Police Officer pending the Candidates successful completion of a Medical Examination and a Psychological Evaluation. Commissioner Mulhearn seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-0, No-3. Motion Does Not Carry.

Candidate #17 will be contacted by The Board's decision to discontinue Candidates status.

The Board reviewed the Polygraph Examination Results of **Candidate #20**. Chairman Kovanda made a motion to move Candidate #20 to the Background Screening Phase. Commissioner Mulhearn seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-0, No-3 Motion Does Not Carry.

Candidate #20 will be notified of The Board's decision to discontinue Candidates status.

The Board reviewed the Polygraph Examination Results of **Candidate #23**. Chairman Kovanda made a motion to move Candidate #23 to the Background Screening Phase. Commissioner Qualizza seconded the motion

Vote Yes-3, No-0. Motion Carries.

Candidate #23 will be notified of The Board's decision.

The Board reviewed the Polygraph Examination Results of **Candidate #24**. Chairman Kovanda made a motion to move Candidate #24 to the Background Screening Phase. Commissioner Mulhearn seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-0, No-3. Motion Does Not Carry.

Candidate #24 will be notified of the Board's decision to discontinue Candidates status

The Board reviewed the Polygraph Examination Results of **Candidate #25**. Chairman Kovanda made a motion to move Candidate #25 to the Background Screening Phase. Commissioner Qualizza seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-3, No-0. Motion Carries.

Candidate #25 will be notified of the Board's decision.

The Board reviewed the Polygraph Examination Results of **Candidate #28**. Chairman Kovanda made a motion to move Candidate #28 to the Background Screening Phase. Commissioner Qualizza seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-0, No-3. Motion Does Not Carry.

Candidate #28 will be notified of the Board's decision to discontinue Candidates status.

The Board reviewed the Polygraph Examination Results of **Candidate #29**. Chairman Kovanda made a motion to move Candidate #29 to the Background Screening Phase. Commissioner Qualizza seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-3, No-0. Motion Carries.

Candidate #29 will be notified of the Board's decision.

The Board reviewed the Polygraph Examination Results of **Candidate #30**. She did not show up



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For her scheduled Oral Interview. Due to this candidates inability to contact the Fire and Police Commissioners, Chairman Kovanda moved to terminate this candidate from further Consideration. Commissioner Qualizza seconded the motion. This candidate will be notified of The Boards decision to discontinue Candidates status.

Vote: Yes-3, No-0 Motion Carries.

The Board reviewed the Polygraph Examination Results of **Candidate #33** Chairman Kovanda made a motion to move Candidate #33 to the Background Screening Phase. Commissioner Qualizza seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-0, No-3. Motion Carries Does Not Carry

Candidate #33 will be notified of the Board's decision to discontinue Candidates status.

7. New Business

The Commission reviewed and discussed the purchase of a recorder for The Commissions use to assist if the need arises for The Commission to go into Executive Session. Said recorder was purchased by IT and is now in service.

8. Adjournment

There being no additional business before the Commission at this time, Chairman Kovanda made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Mulhearn seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes-3, No-0. Motion Carries.

Commission adjourned at 5:15 PM

Stella Qualizza

Approved 02/20/2024 SQ