

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

100 NORTH ISLAND AVENUE

BATAVIA, ILLINOIS 60510

MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2022

NOTE: These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. They are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Board and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. They may not reference some of the individual attendee's comments, nor the complete comments if referenced.

This meeting took place in person at the Batavia Police Department Conference room.

Meeting started at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chairman Nancy Vance; Secretary Dennis Anderson (In person), Commissioner Randy Zies (Remote via Zoom)

Members Absent:

Others Present: Chief of Police Daniel Eul; Deputy Chief Shawn Mazza; Fire Department Interim Fire Chief Craig Hanson; Recording Secretary Joanne Miller
Police Detectives: Sgt. Gary La Barbera, Bradford Wicks; Robert Sbarboro; Bryce Renninger.
Police Candidates: Luis Lozano, Volodymyr Skrupskyy, Martin Cansino, David Hurwich, Matthew Korn

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve the Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2022, with the correction of Travis Kurtz name in the Conditional Offer.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: To approve paying invoice Batavia PD 22-02 from Trotsky Investigative Polygraph, Inc, in the amount of \$1,320 to conduct eight polygraphs for police candidates: Hurwich, Korn, Dimaggio, Schmidt, Uribe, Skrupskyy, and Cansino.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve paying invoice 42966 from The Blue Line in the amount of \$348 for posting an ad for Lateral Police Officer Recruitment Listing.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve paying invoice 9632365 from the National Minority Update Publication in the amount of \$790 for posting two ads online for Certified Lateral and Entry Level Police testing.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve paying invoice 212934 from Paddock Publications in the amount of \$683 for posting an ad for Lateral Police Officer Recruitment Listing in the Daily Herald Newspaper and online.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department:

Chief Hanson: The Fire Department Firefighter eligibility list will be expiring on November 3, 2022. The Firefighter testing normally takes place at the College of DuPage (COD), however they are not doing any in person testing currently. It is possible that they may open in person Firefighter testing again in May.

The Fire Department is still waiting to hear from the fire consultants on their decision about hiring internal or external for the Fire Chief Position. There are four internal applicants for the Fire Chief position.

Hanson left the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Police Department

Police Officer Testing

Applications are being taken for Certified Lateral Police Officer Testing that will take place online May 3-5, 2022. As of today, there are 15 Certified applications. The deadline to apply is April 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Entry Level Police Officer testing applications will be available this week. The Entry Level testing will take place in person on June 11, 2022, at Rotolo Middle School. The deadline for applications is May 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The applications for both can be found at <http://www.applytoserve.com> Chief Eul will reach out to the Fire and Police Commission attorney to clarify what to do with the current candidates remaining on the existing police officer eligibility list, when creating a new eligibility list..

The police department currently has three probationary officers in the Field Training program. Officer Hockett will be graduating from basic training at COD next week. At that time, the department will have four officers in the Field Training program. The department had been averaging two retirements a year, prior to this year. Currently there has been two retirements already. Chief Eul is expected to retire in September along with another police officer. Deputy Chief Mazza has interviewed with the mayor and administrator for the Chief position. They will discuss the pending Chief position during executive session at the JCOW meeting next week.

Police Candidates Oral Interviews

Police candidates who are interviewing today: Luis Lozano, Volodymyr Skrupskyy, Matin Cansino, David Hurwich, and Matthew Korn.

Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:27 p.m.

Motion: To approve going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 12:27 p.m.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve leaving Executive Session and returning to Open Session at 1:49 p.m.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 1:50 p.m.

The Board has received authorization from Mayor Schielke to hire two probationary police officers to fill the vacancies created by the retirement of Officer Doggett, and one additional officer.

The Board voted on each of the police candidates, who interviewed today, in the order they are listed on the current Police Officer Eligibility List.

Motion: To determine Luis Lozano ineligible for further consideration as a Batavia Police Officer for the current Secondary Eligibility list which expires on October 5, 2023.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve giving a Conditional Offer of employment to Police Candidate Volodymyr (Walter) Skrupskyy, based upon successful completion of a psychological exam and medical exam.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: To determine Joseph Uribe ineligible for further consideration as a Batavia Police Officer for the current Secondary Eligibility list which expires on October 5, 2023.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Skrupskyy was invited back into the meeting to receive the Conditional Offer. He accepted the offer and will proceed with the final requirements. Skrupskyy left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 1:58 p.m.

Motion: To approve going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 1:58 p.m.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve leaving Executive Session and returning to Open Session at 3:12 p.m.

Maker: Zies

Second: Anderson

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:14 p.m.

Motion: To determine Martin Cansino ineligible for further consideration as a Batavia Police Officer for the current Secondary Eligibility list which expires on October 5, 2023.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve giving a Conditional Offer of employment to Police Candidate David Hurwich, based upon successful completion of a psychological exam and medical exam.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hurwich was invited back into the meeting to receive the Conditional Offer. Hurwich wanted to discuss the offer with his wife and plans to give the Commissioners and answer by Friday, April 15, 2022. He left the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

The Board took a break from 3:22 – 3:25 p.m.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:25 p.m.

Motion: To approve going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 3:25 p.m.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion: To approve leaving Executive Session and returning to Open Session at 3:59 p.m.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:59 p.m.

Motion: To determine Matthew Korn ineligible for further consideration as a Batavia Police Officer for the current Secondary Eligibility list which expires on October 5, 2023.

Maker: Anderson

Second: Zies

Voice Vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. All in favor. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, a motion was made by Secretary Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Zies. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 0

The meeting was adjourned 4:01 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 3, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Batavia Police Department 2nd floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne E Miller

Joanne Miller, Recording Secretary