

October 2, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on the above date, commencing at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Sarah W. Morgan  
Kathryn A. Hein  
Michael M. O'Hear  
Ann Wilson  
Steven M. DeVougas

ABSENT: Commissioner: Marisabel Cabrera (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Berendt, Assistant Chief, representing the Milwaukee Fire Department and James Harpole, Assistant Chief, representing the Milwaukee Police Department

The Director presented for adoption minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Special Town Hall Meeting of September 18, 2014, and the Special Meeting of May 15, 2014. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) The Director presented the Decision and Order from the Milwaukee Circuit Court regarding the appeal of former Police Officer Richard Schoen from discipline imposed by Milwaukee Police Department Chief Flynn on May 1, 2012. He stated the Circuit Court upheld the Fire and Police Commission's decision to discharge Richard Schoen from the Milwaukee Police Department.

2. EXAMINATIONS:

a) The Director presented for approval the Office Coordinator (MFD) Job Announcement Bulletin. He stated the position is a transfer/promotional opportunity for current employees. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the job announcement bulletin, seconded by Commissioner DeVougas. The motion carried unanimously.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a) The Director presented correspondence dated September 25, 2014 from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he informed the Board the following six contingency appointments to Fire Cadet approved on July 24, 2014 were utilized, with the following effective dates: #15 – Amber Buschmann (9/15/14); #16 – Benjamin Erickson (9/15/14); #18 – Aleah Ellis (9/15/14); #19 – Sharlea Baumeister (9/18/14); #20 – Phillip Tadysak (9/22/14); and #21 – Oliver Schneider (9/23/14).

b) The Director presented correspondence dated September 25, 2014 from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he requests the Board to rescind the following three (3) appointments to Fire Cadet approved on July 24, 2014, because the candidates either withdrew or did not qualify for the position: #5 – Cole Harvey; #8 – Ryan Wisch; and #14 – Luke Myszka. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

c) The Director presented correspondence dated September 25, 2014 from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he notifies the Board Firefighter Justin M. Buschmann was placed on Worker's Compensation, effective September 11, 2014.

d) The Director presented correspondence dated September 25, 2014 from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he notifies the Board Fire Cadet Stevie Comic, Jr. resigned, effective September 18, 2014 and Fire Cadet Brittany D. Harris resigned, effective September 22, 2014.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

a) The following promotions, as presented by Chief Flynn, were approved by the Board:

TO POLICE SERGEANT, contingent upon successful completion of a drug screening, from eligible list adopted December 19, 2013, effective October 12, 2014:

#45 – AMY C. RIVERA and #46 – ELIZABETH A. HALLMAN\*.

NOTE: \*on a waiver basis.

TO DETECTIVE, on a waiver basis, upon successful completion of a drug screening, from eligible list adopted December 19, 2013, effective October 12, 2014:

#41 – TROY P. JOHNSON.

NOTE: #40 is not interested in being promoted to the rank of Detective.

TO OFFICE ASSISTANT III, from Office Assistant II, effective October 12, 2014:

EVELYN D. LEWIS and MICAH T. BILLINGS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shawn Moore, Coalition for Justice, spoke regarding meeting with the Board as requested at the September 18, 2014 Special Town Hall Meeting.

Attorney Jon Safran spoke requesting the release of the police officer's name who was involved in the Red Arrow Park shooting and the information regarding the injuries he sustained. He also spoke on the request at the September 18, 2014 Special Town Hall Meeting where the Board was asked to meet with the public.

Jimmy Harris spoke stating he was injured by a police officer and believes they should wear body cameras.

Pat Gowens, Coalition for Justice, spoke regarding the September 18, 2014 Special Town Hall Meeting request to the Board to meet with the public.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner O'Hear moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner DeVougas. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Tobin  
Executive Director

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