

Village of Oswego Police Commission

Meeting Minutes 01/02/2020

Call to Order / Roll Call

Commissioner Elvin called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Roll Call

On a roll call, Commissioner Elvin, Commissioner Niesman and Commissioner Hahn were present. Chief Burgner and Executive Assistant Lawrence were also present.

Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from October 3, 2019. After a review of said minutes, Commissioner Niesman made a motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 2019, Commissioner Hahn seconded, motion passed.

Bills / Correspondence

For information purposes, Lawrence advised the Commission that the polygraphs went up in price; however, there has not been an increase in years.

Commissioner Elvin talked about the fall seminar he attended; one topic mentioned that fire and police applicants had been down 60+ percent in Illinois.

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

1. 2018 Police Officer Testing Process
 - A. Review / Approve Backgrounds and/or Conditional Employment offers – The Board reviewed a background that was completed by Investigations. After review, Commissioner Hahn made a motion to approve the background for applicant #14 on the Final Eligibility Register, Commissioner Niesman seconded, motion passed.
 - B. Candidate / Recruit Status Updates – Officer Trotsky is on his own now and doing well. He is being deployed for military service for four (4) months, so his probationary period will be extended out four (4) months as well. Officer Townsend graduated from the police academy at the end of December and has started the Field Training Program.
 - C. Discuss / Approve Next Steps – Nothing at this time.
2. Sergeant Promotional Testing - Updates
 - A. Sergeant Promotions / Promotional Testing – Updates / Process – Nothing at this time.
 - B. Discussion / Approve Next Steps – Nothing at this time.
3. 2020 Police Officer Testing
 - A. Orientation / Written Examination Test Date – The next testing date has been reserved with RMA and OEHS for June 13, 2020. Oral interviews will probably take place around the week of August 3rd.
 - B. Discuss Other Prep for 2020 Testing Process – Nothing additional at this time.

4. Rules / Regulations – Updates – Chief discussed qualifications for the Sergeant promotional testing, and it looks as though the Rules and Regulations refer to the job description, so if any updates or changes are done, it will be at the discretion of the Village. Chief is working on acquiring information on what would be equivalent for military time and rankings for an officer to be able to test for sergeant. He will continue to keep the Police Commission Board updated.

Another topic that was discussed is to possibly increase preference points for our community service officers or cadets or change our process after all we invest in them. Chief will research how Aurora PD does their program and will bring information back to the Board.

Executive / Closed Session

None

Next Meeting – The next regular is scheduled for February 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM. This will take place in the PD Executive Conference.

Public Forum / Public Comment

None

Adjournment – Commissioner Hahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 PM Commissioner Niesman seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Police Commission Board Secretary, Jeff Hahn

Respectfully Submitted by:

Denise Lawrence, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police