

FOX POINT POLICE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Fox Point Police Station, Judge William A. Padway Hall

7300 N. Santa Monica Blvd.

Fox Point, WI 53217

Approved by the Commission August 21, 2014

Commissioners Present: President Stephen Kravit
Commissioner Robert F. Fetherston Jr.
Commissioner William Haker
Commissioner Nicholas Wahl
Commissioner Timothy Schoewe

Also Present: Village Manager Melissa Bohse
Acting Captain Christopher Freedy

- I. President Kravit called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M.
- II. Upon a motion by Commissioner Schoewe, seconded by Commissioner Haker, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the August 4, 2014 meeting.
- III. Upon motion of Commissioner Wahl, seconded by Commissioner Schoewe, commissioner Fetherston was appointed to secretary. President Kravit thanked Commissioner Haker for years as Secretary.
- IV. President Kravit gave the background of the Commissioners, presented Department background, status, manpower history, and current command staff. Of the 6 top leadership/personnel positions, 3 have departed. The department has 2 vacancies that result in more overtime. Acting Captain Freedy's credentials and background were presented.

Manager Bohse stated that the Village Board is responsible to review the Police Department and insure the proper structure. She also stated the Police Department is a department of the Village and she is the supervisor of the Police Chief and would like involvement in the selection.

President Kravit asked if she would approve the selection of acting Captain Freedy as Chief. She approved. President Kravit stated that more cooperation of both the Village Board and Commission should be accomplished. The Commission was not consulted in changes the Board instituted over the Police Department. He explained the Department's community policing, first responder service, and other special services. President Kravit stated that the selection of the Chief is the responsibility of the Commission.

Manager Bohse and President Kravit agreed that the proposed future changes to the Police Department by the Board should be discussed with the Commission.

The Commission will schedule at least 1 meeting per year with the Village Manager to update on the status of the Department.

- V. Acting Captain Freedy presented an overview of Department morale, confusion of direction, and desire to hire a second officer. He also presented his thoughts on the qualities of the next chief.
- VI. Upon motion of Commissioner Wahl, seconded by Commissioner Haker, a roll call vote was held and the Commission unanimously approved convening into closed session at 8:00 A.M. pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically the Police Commission discussed with the acting Captain his promotion to acting Chief.
- VII. Upon a motion by Commissioner Schoewe, seconded by Commission Haker, unanimously carried, the Commission reconvened into open session at 8:10 A.M.
- VIII. Upon a motion by Commissioner Haker, seconded by Commissioner Wahl, acting Captain Freedy was promoted to Acting Chief of the Department.
- IX. With no further business coming before the Commission, upon motion of Commissioner Schoewe, seconded by Commissioner Haker, unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 A.M.

Secretary
Commissioner Robert F. Fetherston, Jr.