

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE  
Morton Grove Fire Department  
6250 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the special meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called to order at 1:00 pm. Those in attendance were:

Members of Commission Present:	Chairman Michael Simkins Commissioner Mazhar Khan Commission Secretary Mary Jo LeBeau
Members of Commission Absent:	Commissioner Anthony Hofeld
Village Staff Present:	Fire Chief Tom Friel Police Chief Mike Simo

Chairman Simkins asked for approval of the minutes from previous meetings of 10-22-15, 11-11-15 & 12-08-15. Commissioner Kahn moved to approve the minutes as presented, and all approved with a voice vote.

New Business:

Correspondence had been received from Chief Simo requesting permanent status for Police Officers Thomas Barkei and Jonathan Schmidt, both effective January 2, 2016. Commissioner Khan moved to grant permanent status for both officers, effective 1-2-16. Chairman Simkins seconded, and all approved with a voice vote.

The Board is in receipt of a retirement letter from Lt/P Steve Kunzie, effective January 11, 2016, and also a retirement letter from FF Larry Brandt, effective February 14, 2016. In addition to leaving two vacancies in the Fire Department, there is also a need to promote a Lieutenant. Commissioner Khan moved to promote FF/P Will Paces, who currently holds the number one position on the promotional eligibility list, to Lieutenant, effective February 1, 2016. Chairman Simkins seconded, and all approved with a voice vote.

Chief Friel reported that another member will soon be off the job due to a work related injury, creating a third vacancy. Contacts have been made with the first group of eligible, many of which have already been hired elsewhere. A memo will be provided to the Board, requiring action on a number of eligible who do not meet the requirements of the position. Backgrounds will continue on the viable candidates, and additional contacts will be made on the next group of 20 who are still interested.

Chief Simo reported on the upcoming promotional test for Sergeant. This eligibility list will expire in October of this year. Chief Simo anticipates that 8 – 10 Police Officers may challenge the promotional process.

The Chief also reported that Officer Michael Rooshanfekr recently submitted his notice of resignation, effective January 28, 2016. The department has already begun the background on the next candidate, who is already trained as a Police Officer.

Comments:

Commissioner Khan commended the Fire and Police Chiefs on their service to the community.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Commissioner Khan moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. Chairman Simkins seconded and all approved with a voice vote.

Approved:

Mary Jo LeBeau, Secretary

Chairman Michael Simkins