

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 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 Anthony Hofeld Secretary Mary Jo LeBeau
Members of Commission Absent:	Commissioner Mazhar Khan
Village Staff Present:	Fire Chief Ralph Ensign Police Chief Mike Simo
Trustee Liaison Present:	Trustee Rita Minx

Chairman Mike Simkins asked for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of 4-26-22, and the special meetings of 5-3-22 and 7-7-22. Commissioner Hofeld moved to approve the minutes from all three meetings as presented. Chairman Simkins seconded, and all approved with a voice vote.

The Chief Ensign had submitted a written request for permanent status for FF/P Frank Chambers – effective 7-22-22. Commissioner Hofeld moved to grant permanent status to FF/P Chambers, effective 7-22-22. Chairman Simkins seconded, and all approved with a voice vote.

Chief Simo reported on the current staffing of the Police Department. Police Officer testing is scheduled for 1-23-23, and the department will once again be employing IOS to administer the test. Seven towns will be participating in the process: Morton Grove, Nilis, Northbrook, Park Ridge, Rolling Meadows, Rosemont & Winnetka. The Chief said that there is the possibility on one retirement in the near future. The Chief would like to open up the Lateral Hiring Process again, as the list expires 1-16-22.

Chief Ensign also reported on the Fire Department's staffing needs. The department is currently down two firefighters, and have exhausted the current list. Testing for Firefighter is underway, with the written test scheduled for 10-1-22. Morton Grove, Nilis, Park Ridge & Wilmette are the towns participating. Morton Grove received 135 applicants. The next Fire Academy is scheduled for 1-9-23, so we should try to hire two candidates before then.

Chairman Simkins brought up the possibility of changing the Commission's meeting date/time, as requested by Commissioner Khan, as the current schedule conflicts with his work commitments. There was a discussion on the possibilities for change, with no decision being made. Chairman Simkins tabled further discussion for now, and will bring it up at a future meeting. It was noted that many of the Board's meetings are moved to different days anyway, to accommodate interviews and hiring schedules.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Commissioner Hofeld moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Chairman Simkins seconded and all approved with a voice vote.

Approved:

Mary Jo LeBeau, Secretary

Chairman Michael Simkins