

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DeWITT FIRE DISTRICT
DeWITT, NEW YORK

September 5, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bronstein at 12:00PM.

Pledge: Led by Mr. Bronstein

Promotion Discussion:

The Board has been considering filling the Captain position that was vacated by the resignation of Captain Griffin. The current civil service eligible lists expire on 9/6/2017. A special meeting was called to discuss the lists for Captain and Lieutenant and to decide whether or not to promote to either of these positions.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding these possible promotions. The Board had presented a Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) to the DeWitt Firefighter Union (PFA). This MOA reflected the District's desire to move the Captain off of the traditional ABC and D shifts and create a separate shift for the Captain. If this were to occur, it would also be necessary to promote a firefighter to Lieutenant as a shift officer. The MOA was ultimately rejected by the PFA. The Board then discussed the pros and cons of promoting a Captain and leaving the Captain on the traditional ABC and D shifts. Also discussed was promoting neither a Captain or Lieutenant and issuing a test for a new Deputy Chief position. Mr. Schultz reviewed with the Board that the exam request would need to be sent by the end of September. The Onondaga County Department of Personnel would then announce the exam in November with a test issued in January of 2018. The results for this test would not be out until April of 2018. Additionally, it was discussed that the Board takes no action on the current lists and waits for new lists to be issued. Mr. Schultz again reviewed the time line with the Board and indicated that the new lists for Captain and Lieutenant would not be available until June of 2018. Everyone thought that this was too long to wait as it is the desire of the Chief and the Board to add a level of leadership between shift officer and Chief.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Diamond to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel on the eligible lists. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved at 12:30PM. Chief Green was asked to attend the executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Diamond to return to the General Session. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved at 1:25PM.

No business was conducted during the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Captain Position:

After reviewing the qualifications of each individual on the eligible list for Captain, Chief Green nominated Lt. Shawn Tompkins for promotion to Captain. A motion was made by Mr. Vander Molen and seconded by Mr. Schultz to appoint Shawn Tompkins to the rank of Captain. All Commissioners present voting affirmative. Motion approved.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Diamond and seconded by Mr. Schultz. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Bronstein (Chair), Diamond, Karoglanian, Schultz (Secretary) and Vander Molen, Chief Green

Brian M. Schultz,
Secretary
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