

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

On March 25, 2019, a special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held in the Liberty Bank Community Room, 3112 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois at 6:45 p.m. pursuant to posted notice.

In attendance were Fire Commissioners Cox, Sherman, and Clemons. Fire Chief Kambarian, District Trustees Ford, Rynders, and Hand; members of the public; members of the Fire Department; and legal counsel for the Fire Protection District were also present.

The Chair called first for public comments. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on February 13, 2019 were presented and upon motion of Mr. Clemons, seconded by Mr. Cox, and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The Chair noted that the first order of business was to take up promotional matters. It was noted that vacancies have occurred in the officer ranks. The Chief noted the individuals who are eligible for promotion from the Commission's promotional eligibility list. A motion was then made by Mr. Clemons to promote Lieutenant Estes to the rank of Captain and Firefighter Wilson to the rank of Lieutenant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox. The motion was unanimously approved and the recommendation for promotions will advance to the Board of Trustees of the District.

The meeting next took up consideration of postponement of promotional testing for the rank of lieutenant. It was noted that discussions had been held with the officers of the firefighter's union. Two of the potential candidates for participation in promotional testing, Firefighters Warner and Stratton, are now off duty as a consequence of the March 5, 2019 incident. It was suggested that the current promotional eligibility testing for the rank of Lieutenant be extended at this time until the two potential additional candidates are available to participate in testing. Mr. Farmer on behalf of Local 1692 indicated there would be no objection to taking that

step under the circumstances. There was also discussion regarding the examination for the rank of captain. It was noted that Lieutenant Hamburg is the only person now eligible to participate in that testing based on the current promotional list which will expire in May 2020. It was suggested the current list be extended to May 2021. There was discussion with the officers of the Firefighters Local regarding extending the current promotional list until May 2021 which will allow Department members to attain the rank of lieutenant and to then qualify for promotion to the rank of captain. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. Clemons, seconded by Mr. Cox, and unanimously approved to extend the promotional eligibility list for the rank of captain to May 2021. A motion was then made by Mr. Clemons, seconded by Mr. Cox, and unanimously approved to postpone the promotional examination for the rank of lieutenant indefinitely pending the availability of members of the Department to participate in the testing. The motion was unanimously approved. It was noted that both of the actions taken by the Commission were with the agreement of the Firefighter's Union.

Thereafter, there being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

Delbert Clemons, Secretary