

**MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2025 MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was called to order at 5:03pm by Commissioner Michael T. Trucco.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Commissioner Michael T. Trucco, Nate Mellman, and Frowene Rodgers

Also Present: Village President Cathy Adduci, Village Administrator Matthew Walsh, Human Resource Manager Trish Ivansek, Fire Chief Thomas Gaertner, Deputy Chief David Bochenek, Police Chief James O'Shea, Deputy Chief James Greenwood, Commander Michael Swierczynski, and Commission Secretary Renee Morris

**Public Forum (Citizen Comments)**

There were no citizen's comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

The first order of business was a motion to approve minutes from the April 8, 2025 meeting. We will table the minutes for next meeting.

**Correspondence**

The Commission received a request to hire one new firefighter/paramedic and promote one new police sergeant.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Commissioner Trucco stated that the BFPC has seen a drastic change in response to our application process. This is not limited to police or fire. The Commission would like to increase our yield to help the department.

President Adduci addressed the newer commissioners to provide history of the weighty responsibility of the BFPC.

Discussion continued to brainstorm on methods to capture a larger candidate pool.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trucco and seconded by Commissioner Mellman to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.