

## LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2013

Present:

Col. William Francis, Jr., Chairman  
Ms. Carol D. Gaskin  
Mr. John D. Schaperkotter  
Mr. John P. Stupp, Jr.

Also present were Fire Chief John Bailot, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, Police Chief Rich Wooten, Mayor Anthony Bommarito, Councilman John Fox, Councilwoman Nancy Spewak, and Mayoral Assistant Michael Wooldridge.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

The agenda was amended to include a request for approval of the closed meeting minutes for October 8, 2012, January 14, 2013, and January 17, 2013 upon motion and second of Commissioners Stupp and Gaskin.

All of the minutes were approved following motions and seconds by Commissioners Stupp and Gaskin.

Mayor Bommarito began by complimenting the Commission on their work on behalf of Ladue and expressed his appreciation for everyone's time and efforts.

During the opportunity for comment from the public, none was offered.

Chairman Francis welcomed John Bailot as the new Fire Chief for Ladue. Assistant Fire Chief Johnson introduced Eric Coleman, the new Fire Department employee indicating that the Fire Department is now at full staff.

Police Chief Wooten mentioned his monthly report and discussed the hiring of new department personnel indicating fourteen candidates have been tested.

Police Chief Wooten discussed at length the active shooter training that is currently underway for the Department based on a committee formed within the Department in 2007 looking at changing and adapting officer equipment and training in light of recent active shooter episodes around the country. Officer Chris Armstrong made the presentation on a proposal to acquire active shooter equipment and demonstrated how it would be implemented and what would be involved in this program intended to protect officers in high risk situations. Chief Wooten noted that this is something being implemented by a number of area police departments and indicated that the preliminary cost estimates of the equipment, although perhaps available for a somewhat lesser amount, is approximately \$27,000. After some extensive discussion the Board voted to approve the acquisition of such equipment by the Department although the Board encouraged Chief Wooten to explore means outside of the regular budget by which to acquire this equipment, including raising of private funds and/or grant possibilities.

Chief Wooten concluded by indicating there was no updates on the residential burglaries in Ladue.

Fire Chief Bailot asked Assistant Fire Chief Johnson to give his report which included the monthly reports noting only the recent assist by the Fire Department with a Clayton fire. Assistant Fire Chief Johnson also reviewed the issues on Pumper 3914 regarding its mechanical problems.

Assistant Fire Chief Johnson requested that departmental personnel with military service be permitted to wear the same pins as previously granted to Police Department personnel. Upon motion of Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Gaskin, that proposal was approved.

Chairman Francis expressed his and the Board's gratitude for Mayor Bommarito's contributions to Ladue and noted that the Mayor had accomplished a great deal for the City during his term.

Chairman Francis mentioned that the next meeting, unless another one is needed in the interim, will be held on May 13 according to the current calendar. He reminded Police Chief Wooten and Fire Chief Bailot of the Commission's desire to be updated on major events occurring in the community and both agreed to do so. Chairman Francis also requested a pictorial roster of department personnel by the time of the next meeting.

At 4:52 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.



William Francis, Jr.  
Chairman

  
John D. Schaperkotter  
Secretary