

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Ladue Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., at Ladue City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road and via Zoom.

Members Present via Zoom:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman

Mr. L. Shepley Hermann

Mr. John Schaperkotter

Mr. John Stupp

Mr. Stephen Jones

Absent:

Ms. Carol D. Gaskin

Also present via Zoom were Mayor Nancy Spewak, Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr., Captain Brian Dieckmann and Fire Chief Steven Lynn. Ms. Laura Rider, Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk, was present at City Hall via Zoom.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

Chief Lynn introduced two recently hired firefighter/paramedics, Shane Marhanka and Eric Stegman. The Commissioners welcomed both men to the Ladue Fire Department and offered their support.

Chief Andreski presented the monthly NIBRS report and YTD June through November report. The case clearance rate was 53%. Chief Andreski reported that a serial burglar had been taken into custody and there were thirteen charges pending against him. The Chief praised the detective division for their excellent work on gathering evidence leading to the identification of the suspect and subsequent arrest. The Police Department sent an email blast and posted a statement on social media notifying residents that the burglar had been taken into custody and Captain Dieckmann had personally called the victims.

The Chief reported that five new officers had been hired in 2020 and distributed a department photo directory to the Commissioners.

Chief Andreski next reported on the promotion process for Lieutenant noting that two candidates, Sergeant Chris Armstrong and Sergeant Dennis Pohlmann, competed in the process. Both were exceptional candidates but Sergeant Pohlmann took the lead on total cumulative points. The Chief reported that both candidates were well rounded but Sergeant Pohlmann's leadership abilities set him apart. He is a natural leader, a strong individual with a military background, began employment with Ladue at age twenty-one and grew up in the department.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Jones, the Commissioners accepted the Chief's recommendation and authorized the promotion of Dennis Pohlmann to Lieutenant.

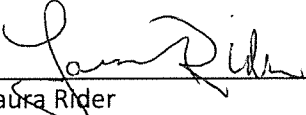
Fire Chief Lynn presented the monthly report and noted the continued trend of decreasing calls for service. The average number per week are twenty-five to thirty calls where previously there were thirty-six to forty-

five calls per week. Upon inquiry by the Commissioners the Chief stated that there is no data indicating that individuals who should be calling for service but are not is because of concerns regarding the pandemic.

Chief Lynn complimented Chief Andreski on the positive and professional way he had handled all the events and unusual occurrences during 2020. The Commissioners wholeheartedly agreed that Chief Andreski had performed well during difficult times.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.

William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Rider
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk