

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the City of Bedford Civil Service Commission was called to order on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 4:45 p.m. Members in attendance were Chairman James Judd, Secretary, Jennifer Howland, Richard Palcisko, Jeffrey Slezak, Denise Lachowski, and Chris Bulanda. Also present was Fire Chief Nagy.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No one had any conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Denise Lachowski, seconded by Chris Bulanda to approve the minutes of the civil service Commission meeting of May 1, 2024. All were in favor, except James Judd abstained. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Fire Lieutenant Promotional test protested question

The commission reviewed and discussed the protested question and the response given by Retired Fire Chief Jim Powers from Written Testing Services of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association.

Motion was made by Chris Bulanda, seconded by Denise Lachowski to accept the response from Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association which did not change any of the questions or answers on the test. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Secretary Jennifer Howland stated that the Fire Lieutenant's oral assessment is being administered on May 23 and that 5 out of 6 candidates who took the written test were eligible to move on to the oral assessment.

Review and Certify Fire Medic Entry Exam Results

The commission reviewed all complete applications to verify the accuracy of the list put together by Secretary Howland. Extra points were awarded based on documentation submitted.

Three applicants had incomplete applications.

Motion was made by Denise Lachowski, seconded by Jeffrey Slezak to certify the Fire Medic Entry List which removes the three incomplete applications. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Nagy gave an update on the number of positions that needed to be filled. He stated that they still need to hire three new Fire Medics by September 2024 due to retirements and promotions.

Secretary Jennifer Howland stated that the joint Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief oral board is being administered on May 22.

The commission discussed the timing of hiring Fire Medic's based on whether they had their paramedic certification and Fire Fighter I and II. If too many candidates did not already have the certifications in time for the September appointment, then a new list may have to be established.

Upcoming Civil Service Meetings:

- Wednesday, June 5, 2024 to certify the Fire Lieutenant promotional list, Fire Chief promotional list and Assistant Fire Chief promotional list. If necessary, the recertification of the Fire Medic list will be added.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Chris Bulanda, seconded by Richard Palcisko to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Secretary, Jennifer Howland

Chairman, James Judd

