

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: March 11, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Denise McGrath, Chief of Police

Topic: Oath of Office – Police Officer

PURPOSE

Staff requests the Village Clerk administer the oath of office to Officer Alex Farkas for the position of Police Officer.

PROCESS

Officer Farkas is a Luther East High School graduate and attended Purdue University Calumet. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in history and concentration in criminal justice. He previously served as a full-time police officer for the Village of Steger from April 2015 through February 2025 and a part-time police officer for the Village of South Chicago Heights from December 2012 through April 2015. During his employment with Steger Police Department, he served as a Patrol Officer, Acting Officer in Charge, Field Training Officer, Accident Investigator and Detective.

In addition to the Basic Training Academy, Officer Farkas holds State certification for Evidence Technician, Crash Investigation 1 and 2, Juvenile Specialist, Field Training Officer and Lead Homicide Investigator.

Alex Farkas applied for the position of police officer through the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners' lateral application process. Lateral candidates are required to be State-certified police officers with a minimum of two (2) years with their current agency. Through that process, the Board of Fire and Police Commission met on January 17, 2025 to consider issuing a conditional offer of employment following a review of the background report. The Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of extending an offer of conditional employment, which was contingent upon successful completion of polygraph, psychological, and medical exams.

Officer Farkas successfully completed all exams and subsequently was hired as a full-time police officer effective March 3, 2025. As Officer Farkas holds State certification and previously attended the police academy, he immediately began the Homewood Police Department Field Training Program.

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OUTCOME

Welcome Officer Farkas to the Police Department and Village.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** N/A
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A
- **Cost:** N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

Not required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Request the Village Clerk administer the Oath of Office to Officer Alex Farkas for the position of Police Officer.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None