

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: January 27, 2026

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Bob Grabowski, Fire Chief

Topic: Oath of Office – Firefighter/Paramedic

PURPOSE

Staff is requesting the Village Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Taylor.

PROCESS

Brandon Taylor joins the Homewood Fire Department after beginning his career with the Garden Homes Fire Department in Alsip, IL in 2024.

Brandon is a longtime resident of the southwest side of Chicago and a graduate of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences in the Mount Greenwood neighborhood. After high school, Brandon attended Prairie State College where he completed his Basic Firefighter certification. He then received his EMT certification from Malcom X College. He also earned his Bachelor's of Arts in Exercise Science from Trinity Christian College in 2024.

Brandon was unanimously approved for hire by the Fire and Police Commission and began his full-time employment with the Village on May 5, 2025 after completing his pre-employment testing. Brandon completed his paramedic training through Edwards Hospital in Naperville, IL and graduated in December 2025.

OUTCOME

Welcome Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Taylor to the Fire Department and Village.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Request that the Village Clerk administer the Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Taylor.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

None