



CITY OF ROCHELLE
Fire & Police Commissioners Board Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers - 420 N. 6th Street

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

- I. Call meeting to order by Commissioner Johns at 2:58 PM.
- II. Roll call - Present Commissioners Bob Johns and Jim May, City Clerk Rose Huéramo, PD Admin Assistant Carmen Carr, Captain Zach Prewett, Police Chief Pavia.
- III. Approval of meeting minutes - September 9th Fire & Police Commissioner Meeting approval postponed to the March Board Meeting.
- IV. Public Forum - Swear-In of newly appointed Commissioner Chet Smith
- V. Correspondence - None
- VI. New business
 - a. Fire Chief's report
 - i. Discuss/approve joint written test with other area departments for Firefighter Candidate. Captain Prewett reviewed the current application, submission, and orientation timeline process. This process doesn't change orientation or preference points. He explained the potential benefits of the Fire Dept. joining the Sauk Valley's Open Firefighter/EMT Testing Program and noted that the Fire Dept. would retain authority to select its top candidates. This testing is applicable to any of the following departments: Oregon, Dixon, Blackhawk, New Milford, Byron, Dixon Rural, and Rockfalls. The applicants can pick which department they want to work for. They will need 70% to pass the standardized test.



Commissioner Johns made a motion to approve joining the Sauk Valley's Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

- ii. Discuss/amend test for Fire Captain. Lieutenants are now part of the union. Lieutenants from Firefighters and Captains from Lieutenants - listing is good for 3 years.**
- iii. The third phase of the building for fire training has been approved. Another structure was added. The 4th phase will be brick and mortar.**
- iv. The fire department's new ambulance is still on back order.**

b. Police Chief's report

- i. Hiring update. Background check to be finalized for Lateral candidate from Aurora Police Department. Current list is to be exhausted (2026), retesting after the 1st. The list is good for 3 years.**

c. Board of Commissioners - Members Q & A - None.

VII. Other business - None.

VIII. Adjournment - At 3:33 PM, Commissioner May made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Smith.