

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Milton Reed, President  
Richard Trembczynski, Vice-President  
Thomas Davis, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 12, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Milton Reed  
Richard Trembczynski  
Thomas Davis

MR. REED: First item is a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 22, 2020.

Motion to approve meeting minutes of January 22, 2020, as written, made by Richard Trembczynski. Second by Thomas Davis.

Questions/Comments: None

MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.  
(All signify aye.)

MR. REED: Motion carries.

Okay, there is no correspondence in front of us, so we'll move on to New Business from the Fire Department.

CHIEF SERNA: Anthony Serna, Fire Chief. You have before you our regular monthly reports on Training, Absentee, Equipment, Fire Prevention Bureau -- which does include December 2019 and January 2020.

MR. REED: Is there a motion to accept the reports as presented from the Fire Department?

Motion to approve Fire Department reports made by Thomas Davis. Second by Richard Trembczynski.

Questions/Comments: None

1 MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.  
(All signify aye.)

2 MR. REED: Motion carries.

3 CHIEF SERNA: Thank you, Board members.  
4 I also have a couple of letters that I sent you in  
5 regards to promotions. May I read the first letter?

6 MR. REED: Yes, please.

7 CHIEF SERNA:

Dear Board Members,

8 The following firefighters have  
9 successfully passed all requirements for East  
10 Chicago Fire Department, Civil Service  
11 Commission rules and regulations for  
12 promotion, they stand highest on the Civil  
13 Service Eligibility list for promotions. And  
14 they are, Chauffeur Michael Wiedermann,  
15 Chauffeur Jose Campos, Master Firefighter  
16 David Mata, Master Firefighter Alan Suarez,  
17 Master Firefighter Cameron Barber, Master  
18 Firefighter Robert Nunez.

19 I recommend Chauffeur Wiedemann and  
20 Chauffeur Campos for promotion to Fire  
21 Suppression/Line Captain, effective  
22 January 16, 2020, with their six month  
23 probation waived due to their continuous  
24 service in the role of temporary acting  
25 captain since March of 2018 for Captain  
Wiedemann, and August of 2018 for Captain  
Campos.

Also recommend Master Firefighter  
Mata for promotion to Chauffeur, effective  
January 16, 2020, with his six month  
probation period waived due to his  
continuous service in the role of temporary  
acting chauffeur since March of 2018.

Also I recommend Master Firefighter  
Suarez for promotion to chauffeur, effective  
January 16, 2020, with his six month  
probation period waived due to his continuous  
service in the role of temporary acting  
chauffeur since May of 2018.

I also recommend Master Firefighter  
Barber for promotion to chauffeur, effective  
January 16, 2020, with six month probation  
period waived due to his continuous service  
in the role of temporary chauffeur since

1 August of 2018.

2 Also I recommend Master Firefighter  
3 Robert Nunez for promotion to chauffeur,  
4 effective January 16, 2020, with his six  
5 month probationary period reduced to four and  
6 a half months, with completion date of May  
7 19, 2020 due to his continuous service in the  
8 role as temporary acting chauffeur since  
9 December of 2019. Respectfully submitted,  
10 Anthony Serna, Fire Chief.

11 MR. REED: Thank you, sir. Is there a  
12 motion on the floor to accept the recommendations from  
13 the Fire Chief?

14 Motion to approve recommendations of Chief Serna for  
15 promotions made by Richard Trembczynski. Second by  
16 Thomas Davis.

17 Questions/Comments: None

18 MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.

19 (All signify aye.)

20 MR. REED: Motion carries.

21 CHIEF SERNA: Thank you, Board members.  
22 I have another letter to present, if I may.

23 Board Members and President Reed,

24 I am respectfully requesting the  
25 Board of Safety approve the acceptance of  
26 Probationary Firefighters, Israel J.  
27 Rivera, David Ramirez, Gage A. Philp,  
28 Juan C. Avalos, Justin A. Abascal, James  
29 D. Pintor, as Third Class Firefighters  
30 for the City of East Chicago Fire  
31 Department. The above names have  
32 successfully completed their probationary  
33 year as of January 16, 2020.  
34 Respectfully submitted.

35 MR. REED: Is there a motion to accept  
36 the request to approve and accept probationary  
37 firefighters listed in the letter in front of us?

38 Motion to approve Probationary Firefighters as listed by  
39 Thomas Davis. Second by Richard Tremczynski.

40 Questions/Comments: None

1 MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.  
(All signify aye.)

2 MR. REED: Motion carries.

3 CHIEF SERNA: Thank you, Board members.

4 MR. REED: Next we have election for  
Merit Commissioner. I have not been briefed on this.

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6 MS. MORGAN: Carla Morgan. So, the  
members of the police department get to elect a  
7 Republican member and Democratic member to the Police  
Commission. Basically they can't be the same political  
8 party. So the Republican member, his term is up, so  
it's time for the membership to choose the Republican  
9 member again. I believe the terms are four years for  
that position. So what happens is, this Board has to  
10 approve to hold the election, set the date -- I believe  
there is a recommendation in there for what date it will  
be held.

11 MR. MORRISROE: March 12th.

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13 MS. MORGAN: And then with that -- Mr.  
Morrisroe, have you been there to observe the election?  
We've had a member of the Board go to observe the vote  
14 count before, a member of this Board go to -- the  
election takes place at the police department -- and  
15 they make sure it's open so that whatever shift you are  
working, you have an opportunity to come in and vote.  
16 And then at the end of the day, we have a member of this  
Board generally go over and observe the vote count.

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18 MR. DAVIS: I remember being one of the  
officers that went over there before.

19 MS. MORGAN: So we would ask that you  
approve that they can conduct the election, and then  
20 you'd observe, someone from this Board -- hopefully Mr.  
Davis would go -- everyone is welcome -- but Mr. Davis  
21 would go observe the vote count for his former  
colleagues over there.

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23 MR. REED: Okay. Thank you for that  
explanation. Is there a motion to approve the election  
for Merit Commissioner, Republican candidate only, on  
24 March 12, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the  
Public Safety Building gymnasium?  
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1 Motion to approve election on March 12, 2020, made by  
2 Thomas Davis. Second by Richard Trembczynski.

3 Questions/Comments: None

4 MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.  
(All signify aye.)

5 MR. REED: Motion carries. And as a  
6 matter of record, we are requesting Mr. Davis to attend.  
7 And if you can make a note, maybe reminder to all that  
8 would like to attend, but that should be about 5:00 p.m.  
9 when they take the count I presume.

10 MR. DAVIS: Okay. No problem.

11 MR. REED: We appreciate that.  
12 Now we have Resolution 2020-03,  
13 Walsh Avenue, Release of Lien.

14 Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-03 made by Thomas Davis.  
15 Second by Richard Tremczynski.

16 Questions/Comments: None

17 MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.  
(All signify aye.)

18 MR. REED: Motion carries.  
19 Next Resolution 2020-04, 4022  
20 Ivy Street, a Release of Lien.

21 Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-04 made by Richard  
22 Trembczynski. Second by Thomas Davis.

23 Questions/Comments: None

24 MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.  
(All signify aye.)

25 MR. REED: Motion carries.

As far as the Building Department,  
there is only one agenda item, that is to rescind order  
to demolish 4714 McCook. As I understand it, they are  
satisfied with the progress, status that has been made  
and so there is a motion to rescind the order to  
demolish, 4714 McCook.

Motion to approve rescind order to demolish made by  
Thomas Davis. Second by Richard Trembczynski.

Questions/Comments: None

1 MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.  
(All signify aye.)

2 MR. REED: Motion carries.

3 Is there anyone in the audience that  
cares to participate? (None) No audience participation  
4 today.

5 Next meeting will be Wednesday,  
February 26th, at 5:30 p.m.

6 There is no other business before  
us, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Thomas Davis. Second  
by Richard Trembczynski.

8 MR. REED: All in favor signify aye.  
(All signify aye.)

9 MR. REED: Motion carries. Meeting is  
adjourned.

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11 \*\*\* Meeting Adjourned \*\*\*

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13 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes  
Approved and Signed, Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

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Milton Reed, President

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Richard Trembczynski, Vice President

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Thomas Davis, Member

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Olga Cosme, Secretary

## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 14th day of February, 2020.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR