

I. SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Public Safety met in a Special Meeting at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, with Board President Daniel Jones, and Board Members, Darryl Heller (not present) Lee Ross, Al Kirsits (virtual) and Pamela Claeys were present. Also present were Fire Chief Carl Buchanon, Attorneys Danielle Weiss, and Adam Taylor and Acting Board Clerk Hillary Horvath. Board Clerk Theresa Heffner was not present. The meeting was held at the Luther J. Taylor Sr. Fire Training Center, 710 East Sample Street, South Bend Indiana AND virtually Microsoft Team at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/BPS-Special-Mtg09122023>

Attorney Weiss asked that everyone mute their microphone when not speaking, Attorney Weiss then read through the agenda to note any additions or corrections. Attorney Weiss noted the correction of the rank for Mr. Lopez will be assigned and reinstated as Firefighter 2<sup>nd</sup> Class instead of Firefighter 1<sup>st</sup> on the original recommendation letter.

A. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Board President Jones welcomed the public, called roll, and confirmed the presence of the Board Members.

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. APPROVE RE-HIRING OF FIREFIGHTER 2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS - FERNANDO LOPEZ

Fire Chief Carl Buchanon requested the Board approve the re-hiring of former firefighter Fernando Lopez effective September 12, 2023. Chief Buchanon stated Firefighter Lopez previously resigned from employment with the Sbfd on March 18, 2023, and at the time Firefighter Lopez had not yet obtained his certification as an EMT-Advance or comparable certification which was a condition for employment. Chief Buchanon stated following his resignation, Mr. Lopez obtained his certification and remains a member of the 1977 Pension Fund through September 14, 2023 and meets all requirements for employment with the Sbfd.

Therefore, upon a motion by Pamela Claeys, seconded by Lee Ross, and carried by a roll call, the Board of Public Safety approved the re-hiring of firefighter Fernando Lopez.

2. SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTER 2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS

City Clerk Dawn Jones administered the oath.

B. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Pamela Claeys, seconded by Lee Ross, and carried by roll call, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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Daniel Jones, President



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Lee Ross, Member



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Al Kirsits, Member



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Pamela Claeys, Member

ATTEST:



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Hillary Horvath, Acting Clerk