



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2018

President Mock called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Louise Mock, Charles Williams, Edward Zaknoen, Bob Pollock and Patrick Vance in attendance. Also present was Fire Chief Randy Novak and Commission Attorney Amber Poff.

At this time, President Mock asked all present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers-

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to nominate Louise Mock as President. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to nominate Charles Williams as Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to nominate Edward Zaknoen as Secretary with Commissioner Pollock still managing the finances. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the minutes from the December 4, 2017 Regular meeting and the January 16, 2018 Special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Communications/Claims- Commissioner Pollock made a motion to accept the claims and payroll for January 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Pollock gave an update on the budget advising the commission used 93% of their budget in 2017. There were a few issues that Commissioner Pollock found on the January 2018 report but stated he would be contacting the Controller's Office as these are issues where accounts are linked.

Report from City Council Representative- Absent

Report from Commission Attorney- No Report

Report from Union Local 475- No Report

Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak- Chief Novak advised the commission that Ron Hamilton Jr. would be the new City Council representative for the Fire Merit Commission.

Chief Novak stated that Eugene Hanas and Kelsey Pawloski both graduated from the Fire Academy on February 2, 2018.

Adding that Eugene Hanas will come off probation effective February 21, 2018 and become a First-Class Fire Fighter. Also, that Tyler Kreighbaum and Alfonso Bray also became First Class Fire Fighters effective December 27, 2017.

Chief Novak advised the commission that the new academy would start March 19, 2018 and that eight (8) new recruits would be attending.

Finally: Fire Fighter Doug Gardner retired from the department on January 16, 2018 and the following anniversaries are in the month of January:

Lt. Randy Dibble	31 years
Capt. Dave Nespo	29 years
D/O Alan Kreighbaum	27 years
Capt. Chris Kosakowski	26 years
D/O Andrew Knouse	8 years
FF Javan Lee	8 years
FF Brandon White	8 years
FF Eugene Hanas	1 year

A motion was made by Commissioner Vance to accept the 7 new hires. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollock. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

New Business- A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the attorney's contract for 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. **Motion Carries 5-0.**

Commissioner Vance stated that a Firefighter contacted him at 4:15 pm on February 1, 2018 regarding an appeal about his suspension and the commission needs to set a date for the hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to promote Eugene Hanas to a First-Class Fire Fighter effective February 21, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to promote Tyler Kreighbaum and Alfonso Bray to First Class Fire Fighters effective December 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Old Business-None

Public Comment- None

Commission Comments- A motion was made Commissioner Vance to have the written portion of the applicant test on March 3, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:27 pm and seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. Motion Carried 5-0.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM.