



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: March 4, 2019

Vice-President Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Charles Williams, Edward Zaknoen, Bob Pollock, Ricky Jackson and Greg Deutscher all in attendance. Also present was Attorney Cory Schoffner and Fire Chief Randy Novak.

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

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Commissioner Zaknoen to accept the minutes as presented which are February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting; February 4, 2019 Executive Session; February 11, 2019 Executive Session; February 12, 2019 Executive Session and February 25, 2019 Executive Session. The minutes from February 12, 2019 and February 25, 2019 Special Meetings were not approved at this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Motion Carried 5-0

Communications/Claims- Commissioner Pollock made a motion to accept the claims and payroll for February 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Pollock gave an update on the budget stating the commission has used 46% of their budget so far in 2019; Commissioner Pollock explained that he had planned for four (4) individuals to go to the academy and that there are currently five (5) there right now, Commissioner Pollock made the motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commission Zaknoen. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Report from City Council Representative- Absent

Report from Commission Attorney- Attorney Cory Schoffner stated that she is currently trying to schedule a hearing for an appeal and for everyone to please check their emails for availability.

Report from Union Local 475- Rob Steinborn addressed the commission stating the following:

- 1) Welcoming Commission Deutscher to the commission.
- 2) Asking who was the City Council Representative as no one has seen them in over a year.
- 3) Asking about the promotions even though it was probably further down on the agenda.

Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak- Chief Novak gave an update on the five recruits at the South Bend Fire Academy, they are Tia Free; Randall Hallett, Austin Swistek; Brian Gonzalez and Jory Palmer adding that all are doing well and have passed the EMT National Registry. A graduation date has been set for June 4th and there is an academy planned for the fall. Adding also that any commissioner that would like to go to South Bend and see the recruits may do so and to contact the office to set this up.

The department had 15 Firefighters pass the joint rescue operators' portion and 14 out of 15 have pass the technical part as well. Chief Novak added that the department is working to try and help all the firemen in any promotion that could come available to them.

Chief Novak gave an update on the upcoming Officers Class which is to be held on April 30, May 1 and May 2 in conjunction with South Bend, Clay and La Porte Fire Departments.

Anniversaries this month:

Assistant Chief Howard Fuller	35 Years
Captain Dennis Wantland	30 Years
Lieutenant Judd Rose	26 Years
Driver/Operator Scott Kaletha	16 Years
Driver/Operator Mike Jasnieski	16 Years
Driver/Operator Andrea Glover	8 Years
Driver/Operator Shannon Borders	7 Years
Firefighter Jason Weiss	7 Years
Firefighter Sean Baker	5 Years
Firefighter Kevin Hutson	5 Years
Firefighter Kyle Neulieb	1 Years

Chief Novak also stated that Kyle Neulieb has completed his 1-year probation and would like to ask the commission to promote him to 1st Class Firefighters on March 14, 2019.

Commissioner Pollock made motion to allow Probationary Firefighter Kyle Neulieb to be promoted to 1st Class Firemen on March 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Chief Novak gave a brief update on the current promotions that would need to be filled once the promotional list was approved.

New Business-Commissioner Zaknoen stated that there were 8 appeals and all have been heard and adjustments have been made.

Commissioner Jackson made the motion to remove test number 280 on the Lieutenants score sheet and to remove test number 337 on the Captains score sheet ,with that, the list can stay as is and certify the promotional list effective January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Old Business- None

Public Comment- Rob Steinborn addressed the commission asking when the Promotional list would expire.

Commission Comment- Commissioner Jackson stated he had the chance to watch the Firefighters at the harbor do the Ice Rescue and it was amazing.

Chief Novak addressed the commissioner asking that they set a date for applicant test sooner than later.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:26 pm and seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen Motion Carried 5-0.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2017 at 5:00 PM.