



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: May 5, 2014

President Mock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Louise Mock, Robert Pollock and Charles Williams all in attendance. Commissioner Geoff Plummer was absent. Also present were Councilman Chris Schwanke, Attorney Pamela Krause and Fire Chief Ronnie Martin.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Williams 2nd. **Ayes 3 Nays 0; motion carries.**

Communications/Claims-

Claims-Commissioner Pollock stated the payroll for May 2014 was \$1,276.67.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to accept and Commissioner Williams 2nd. **Ayes 3 Nays 0; motion carries.**

Report from City Council Liaison, Chris Schwanke- Chris stated that the council was not ready to approve the ordinance changes. That he would like to give it back to the commission and asked that the commission attorney work with the city attorney to make sure all wording is correct. Mike Neulieb asked if there were going to be any workshops like stated there would be in past meetings. Councilman Schwanke stated that once it goes to the city council then there will be workshops.

Report from Commission Attorney- No Report

Report from Union Local 475- No Report

New Business- Commissioner Pollock made a motion to uphold the disciplinary action from the chief. Commissioner Williams 2nd. **Ayes 3 Nays 0; motion carries**

Old Business- No Report

Report from Chief Martin- Chief Martin stated that the books for the 2014 promotional exam have been ordered. That Sara Smith information was forwarded and the commissioner needed to contact her.

There were several awards and recognitions. First the Peters family was introduced. They had a house fire on Green St. on May 1. The family survived the fire however a friend staying with them did not. Mr. Peters spoke first thanking the Firefighters that were there and that it meant the world to him. Mrs. Peters then spoke saying she wanted the city to know just how lucky they were to have a fire department like what we have. They would have lost everything if it weren't for them. Chief Martin talked to the daughter, Nina about how she saved her little sister and acknowledge Mark Baker who goes out into the schools to teach the children. He then asked the firefighters present to stand up to say how proud he was of them.

Chief Martin acknowledge four firefighters on their promotion. They were John Mellen promoted to Captain, Duane Harrigan to rank of Driver, Chris Kosakowski to Captain and Alan Kreighbaum to Driver.

Five firefighters were recognized by Hurst Tool Carp for the efforts on January 23 for the multi vehicle accident on I94. Chief Martin presented the Green Cross award to Daryl Westphal, Mike Neulieb, Robert Watkins, Doug Gardner and Andrew Belue.

B Shift of Engine 2 was recognized for their efforts in saving a man's life after responding to a smoke alarm even after the nephew called them off. They didn't feel comfortable and still went to the home where they found an uncle in a diabetic emergency. They were able to stabilize him and saved his life. The firefighters recognized for this were Rob Steinborn, John Mellen, Matt Schooley and Alan Kreighbaum.

Rob and Jan Hoepfner received special recognition for their efforts in creating an art exhibit at the Old Lighthouse Museum. The exhibit will feature art work honoring past, present and future Michigan City Firefighters. Mike Drubert also got special recognition for his art work that will be part of this exhibit.

Chief Martin once again stated how he was proud to be part of the Michigan City Fire Department.

Public Comment- No Report

Commission Comment- Councilman Chris Schwanke and the commission stated they do appreciate the courage and the patriotism of the fire department. Commissioner Mock added how she loves the firefighters and that she speaking for the commission cannot tell them that enough.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commission Pollock and 2nd by Commissioner Williams. Ayes 3; Nays 0 motion carries.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2014 at 5:00 pm.