



## MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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### Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: June 4, 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 and a moment of silence for the Chicago Firefighter who lost his life.

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2018 Regular 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 May 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Pollock gave an update on the budget with discussion regarding where the consultant bill will be deducted from; further discussion ensued regarding the South Bend Fire Academy bill which has not yet been received, the recruit's meals and fuel reimbursement. Commissioner Pollock made the motion to accept the budget report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commission Vance. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

**Report from City Council Representative-** Absent

**Report from Commission Attorney-** Discussion ensued between Attorney Poff and Commissioner Williams regarding when the committee meetings would start again; Attorney Poff stated that she would contact the Council Representative Ron Hamilton Jr and report back; Attorney Poff also gave an update on where the committee has left off.

**Report from Union Local 475-** Captain Rob Steinborn invited all the commissioners to the Fire Fest that is to be held on Saturday, June 30 starting at 2:00 pm and hoped to see all of them

there; offered congratulations to the firefighters that would be receiving promotions later in the night; and asked for an update on the Syllabus.

**Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak** Chief Novak announced the retirement of Captain Jeff Peckat after 38 years of service.

The following anniversaries for the month of May are:

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| Captain Jeff Peckat            | 38 Years of Service |
| Lieutenant Michael Neulieb     | 32 years of Service |
| PIO Tony Drzewiecki            | 29 Years of Service |
| Captain James Young            | 28 Years of Service |
| Driver/Operator Steve Stimley  | 28 Years of Service |
| Captain Michael Orzech         | 23 Years of Service |
| Driver/Operator Jeff Bruder    | 22 Years of Service |
| Driver/Operator Joe Zerbes     | 11 Years of Service |
| Driver/Operator Ryan Smith     | 11 Years of Service |
| Driver/Operator Duane Harrigan | 11 Years of Service |
| Firefighter Leo Martorano      | 6 Years of Service  |

At this time Chief Novak asked for the three names to be promoted to Captain, Lieutenant and Driver/Operator due to the retirement of Captain Jeff Peckat.

Discussion ensued between Chief Novak and Commissioner Pollock regarding the budget and how many recruits Chief Novak thought he would need for next year.

**New Business-** Commissioner Mock announced that the promotions are as follows:

Captain Dennis Wantland  
Lieutenant Tom Frontcakas  
Driver/Operator Anthony Stahoviak

Commissioner Pollock made the motion to accept the mention promotions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Vance stated that there were only 6 applications in the office and suggested moving the acceptance of applications date back some. Commissioner Vance made the motion to move the date to accept applications till July 7<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollock. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

**Old Business-** Commissioner Vance stated he had the syllabus; discussion ensued between him and Chief Novak regarding approval of the syllabus.

Commissioner Vance made the motion to approve the Syllabus that came from Sarah Smith. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

Driver/Operator Barrett Taylor explained that all they were asking for was that the commission state that the syllabus came from Sarah Smith and was not generated from anyone else; no one was asking for anything more.

**Public Comment-** None

**Commission Comments-** Commissioner Mock gave her condolences to Commissioner Williams on the passing of his brother in law that morning.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:36 pm and seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen Motion Carried 5-0.**

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM.**