



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: July 3, 2017

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

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 June 5, 2017 Regular meeting, and the Executive Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2017 and June 5, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (5). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Communications/Claims- Commissioner Pollock made a motion to accept the claims and payroll for June 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (53). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Commissioner Pollock gave an update to the commission regarding the 2017 budget stating there are still some claims he is looking to come through such as the future academy cost, travel expenses to the academy, two (2) more agility testing's and employment advertising; advising the commission has used 46.06% of its budget to date.

Commissioner Pollock made the motion to accept the budget report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (5). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Commission Pollock then updated the commission on the 2018 budget that was submitted on June 8, 2017 to the City Controller.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Pollock and Fire Chief Randy Novak regarding the Safer Grant.

Commissioner Pollock made the motion to accept the 2018 budget that was submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (5). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Report from City Council President Chris Schwanke- Council President Schwanke stated that once the budget comes to the City Council and the hearings are scheduled, he will make sure Commissioner Pollock is aware of the date.

Report from Commission Attorney- Ms. Poff stated she looks forward to working with the commission.

Report from Union Local 475- No Report

Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak- Chief Novak updated the commission that the Fire Fest that was held on July 1, 2017 went well; advising the commission the next academy starts September 18, 2017; advising Christopher Blake will start July 5, 2017; further announcing several anniversaries for June and July.

New Business- Discussion ensued between the commissioners and Chief Novak regarding the next round of testing.

Commissioner Vance made the motion to hold the written testing for minorities on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollock and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (5). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Further discussion ensued regarding the testing of all applicants at the end of the year with discussion being advertising from July 24, 2017 thru August 11, 2017, the written test to be held on September 2, 2017 and the Physical Agility to be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

Commissioner Pollock made the motion to remove the first motion to hold the testing on Saturday, July 22, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (5). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Commissioner Vance made the motion to approve the testing for all applicants on Saturday, September 2, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (5). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Old Business- None

Public Comment- None

Commission Comments- Commissioner Pollock asked if there was something the department could do to get the kids in the county more involved.

Chief Novak talked about the Junior Firefighter Challenge.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:43 pm and seconded by Commissioner Vance. Ayes 5 Nays 0; Motion Carries.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2017 at 5:00 PM.