



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2013

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Keith Harris, John Skierkowski, Louise Mock, Robert Pollock and Geoff Plummer in attendance. Others present Chief Ronnie Martin, Councilman Chris Schwanke, and Attorney Pamela Krause.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Skierkowski 2nd. **Ayes 5 Nays 0; motion carries.**

Commissioner Skierkowski made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2013 meeting and Commissioner Mock 2nd. **Ayes 5 Nays 0; motion carries.**

There were no communications/claims.

There was no report from the City Council Liaison, Chris Schwanke.

There was no report from Fire Merit Commission Attorney, Pamela Krause.

Report from Union 475 – Stated that they wanted to thank Chief Westphal along with other firefighters for setting up for the Hoosier Burn camp a weekend for the campers. This included boat rides, picnic and breakfast the next morning. City Council Liaison, Chris Schwanke also added that he was thankful to the firefighters that help arrange and make this day fun for all. The Commission also thanked the firefighters.

New Business-Commissioner Harris stated that the recording secretary was not present, but that she would take the minutes off of Alco. At that time, he stated that due to her full time job, she was unable to attend meetings and asked to look for a new Recording Secretary. Commissioner Pollock made a motion and also asked to run an ad in two papers. Commissioner Plummer 2nd. **Ayes 5 Nays 0; motion carries.**

Old Business-Commissioner Harris stated that he has met with the mayor and City Attorney, Amber Lapaich about the Ordinance changes. Ms. Lapaich is putting these changes into Ordinance format for the commission to review, and then take it before the council.

administrative positions. So at this time, there will be no changes. Firefighter Spencer Walker asked who was involved with these changes as many firefighters move up and down in job duties daily and gave several examples. The commission stated they would look into this.

There was no report from Fire Chief Ronnie Martin.

There were no public comments.

Commission Comments-Commissioner Pollock thanked the Fire Department for a fundraiser that was held for Muscular Dystrophy at the park. Commissioner Plummer thanked Spencer Walker for his input about the Ordinance changes.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Pollock and 2nd by Commissioner Plummer. Ayes 4 Nays 0; motion carries.

Next meeting Monday, October 7, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m. 5:10 p.m.