



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: August 7, 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 July 3, 2017 Regular meeting. 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 July 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams 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 the City Council is working to add an additional \$220,000.00 in overtime and stressed the importance for the efficiency with quality applicants; it was also addressed that the Council President Schwanke is working with the Fire Department on the Habitat for Humanity house giving an update on the house, discussing the CO Detectors and Smoke Detectors with a possible ordinance to have these in all new homes.

Report from Commission Attorney- Ms. Poff stated she would like to schedule a committee meeting for August 24, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

Report from Union Local 475- No Report

Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak- Chief Novak discussed the CO Detectors being used in the Habitat for Humanity house and that the Linsey O’Brian Kessler Foundation funded these adding the Kessler Family in La Porte started this foundation.

Chief Novak gave an update on the Safer Grant stating it is about ½ way through but the department is still hopeful.

Anniversaries for the month of August are:

Captain Doug LaGault, D/O Andrew Knouse, FF Lemon Kelley Sr., and Chief Randy Novak.

New Business- Commissioner Pollock brought up concerns regarding the key fobs associated with starting cars and how if someone forgets the car is running, it would create a dangerous situation and how CO Detectors are needed as well as awareness.

Commissioner Pollock also addressed concerns about the life rings on the Michigan City Lighthouse Pier and of signage could be placed there so people would stop using them for non-emergencies.

Chief Novak stated that Arcelor Mittal is working on the next step of a grant to install cameras.

There was an update on the applications received for the upcoming written applicant testing to be held on September 2, 2017.

Old Business- None

Public Comment- None

Commission Comments- None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:20 pm and seconded by Commissioner Vance. Ayes 5 Nays 0; Motion Carries.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 5:00 PM.