



## MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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### Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: September 3, 2013

President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Keith Harris, John Skierkowski, Robert Pollock and Geoff Plummer in attendance. Commissioner Louise Mock noted as absent. Also present Attorney Pamela Krause.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to change on the agenda Monday, September 3, 2013 to Tuesday, September 3, 2013. **Ayes 4 Nays 0; motion carries.**

The minutes from the August 5, 2013 meeting were not completed, and at that time Commissioner Harris asked and introduced the new Recording Secretary, Jennifer Clouse if she would take the minutes off of Alco and prepare them.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on August 28, 2013. Commissioner Pollock made the motion and Commissioner Plummer 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Ayes 4 Nays 0; motion carries.**

There were no communications/claims.

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

Fire Merit Attorney, Pamela Krause stated that she has been in contact with City Attorney, Amber Lapaich about the Ordinance changes.

There is no report from Union 475.

New Business-The commission approves as written the discipline action presented on August 21, 2013. Commissioner Skierkowski motioned to approve and Commissioner Pollock 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Ayes 4 Nays 0; motion carries.**

Old Business-Commissioner Harris stated that City Attorney, Amber Lapaich has the changes for the Ordinance form. These changes have to be noted before they can move on. The Mayor has changed the existing hiring list. Right now we are at 2 years with retest in 2014. It will be changed to 3 years. It was stated that the mayor is opposed to the Ordinance section for change. It involves criteria for chief and

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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Plummer. Ayes 4 Nays 0; motion carries.**

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