



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: September 5, 2017

President Mock called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Louise Mock, Bob Pollock, Charles Williams and Edward Zaknoen in attendance. Patrick Vance was absent. 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the minutes from the August 7, 2017 Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, and Zaknoen (4). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Communications/Claims- Commissioner Pollock made a motion to accept the claims and payroll for August 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams and Zaknoen (4). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Report from City Council President Chris Schwanke- Absent

Report from Commission Attorney- No Report

Report from Union Local 475- No Report

Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak- Chief Novak announced that the Michigan City Fire Department has been awarded the Safer Grant and gave details; thanking Mayor Ron Meer, the City Council, Senator Joe Donnelly and Congressman Pete Visclosky.

Chief Novak asked that the four (4) probationary firefighters come off their probationary status and go to 1st class firemen effective September 1, 2017, they are Nick Palmer, Joshua Allen, Dwayne Brown and Daniel Nona.

Chief Novak announced that the next academy will be starting September 18, 2017 and therefore would like to hire the next minority on the list. Commissioner Pollock made the motion to put the next minority on probationary status. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams and Zaknoen (4). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Commissioner Pollock made the motion to remove the four (4) probationary firefighters off probation and promote them to 1st class firefighters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams and Zaknoen (4). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Chief Novak announced the following anniversaries:

Operator Dan Legault	20 Years
Fire Marshall Kyle Kazmierczak	18 Years
Captain Rob Schaffer	18 Years
Operator Rob Watkins	18 Years
Firefighter Armand Buslon	3 Years
Firefighter Brock Kohler	3 Years
Firefighter Marcus Reese	3 Years
Firefighter Daniel Nona	1 Year
Firefighter Dwayne Brown	1 Year
Firefighter Nick Palmer	1 Year
Firefighter Joshua Allen	1 Year

New Business- Commissioner Pollock updated the commission that 10 applicants passed the written portion of testing held on Saturday, September 2, 2017; they will move on to the agility testing to be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 and if the ladder is available, they applicants will be required to do their ladder climb at this time.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Pollock and Chief Novak regarding the budget for next year and how many recruits could be going to the academy in 2018.

Commissioner Zaknoen thanked Chief Novak for the hard work down for getting the Safer Grant. Chief Novak thanked Fire Marshal Kyle Kazmierczak for making this happen.

Old Business- None

Public Comment- None

Commission Comments- None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:12 pm and seconded by Commissioner Williams Ayes 4 Nays 0; Motion Carries.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM.