



M I C H I G A N C I T Y

the place is here, the time is now!

Fire Merit Commission – 100 East Michigan Boulevard – Michigan City, IN 46360

Minutes of the September 18, 2008, Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting

Bart Lombard called the meeting to order. A quorum was noted as present with Bart Lombard, Louise Mock, John Stimley, Keith Harris, and John Skierkowski in attendance. Others present included Pam Krause, Dave Lamb, Chuck Oberlie, Angie Nelson, and Kathy Dubie.

On a motion by Keith Harris and a second by Louise Mock the minutes of the August, 2008, meeting were approved.

One disciplinary item was received and will be acted on at the Commission's October meeting.

Old Business: Bart Lombard reported that a make-up ability test was conducted on September 6, and Keith Harris now has the final rankings for minority applicants. There are four people on that list; however, the #1 person must still provide his military paperwork.

Keith Harris moved to certify the minority list as is as long as the military information is submitted to and received by the Fire Merit Commission. The motion was seconded by John Stimley. It was agreed that a timeframe for receipt of the requested information should be set. Attorney Krause indicated that the ordinance does not provide that language. Bart Lombard said that those individuals on both hiring lists have not been notified of their rankings. Some discussion about ways the applicant could receive the needed paperwork followed. Apparently, the applicant, at the time of applying, did not realize that the paperwork needed to be submitted. Louise Mock suggested that the applicant be given 10 days to comply, and John Skierkowski seconded the motion. Keith Harris agreed to modify his original motion to indicate that the applicant will be sent a certified letter stating that the required paperwork must be received by the Commission by 5:00 p.m. on September 25. Keith Harris added that he will personally contact the applicant and give him some advice on how to obtain the military paperwork. The motion passed 3 – 2 with Bart Lombard and John Stimley voting in opposition.

Bart Lombard said there was a mix-up in the paperwork which resulted in one applicant being allowed to take the make-up ability test. The Commission will be charged by Portage for the extra testing.

It was reported that Sarah Smith provided tutorials for the promotional testing to be held on September 20. Chief Lamb reported that Ms. Smith has the requests to test and Randy Novak has verified the eligibility of those testing.

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John Skierkowski discussed the 2009 budget. Bart Lombard added that the Controller's office is trying to get answers from the state.

Chief Dave Lamb gave a brief report and said that the training tower should be in Michigan City by mid-October.

Comments: Keith Harris indicated that one of the current applicants was present. It was added that letters to all those ranked on both lists will be sent out by the end of September.

Bart Lombard said that he was recently involved in a traffic accident. He is very impressed with the professionalism of the police and fire staff that arrived.

On a motion by John Stimley, the meeting was adjourned.