

MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION



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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: **October 1, 2012**

President Harris called the meeting to order. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Keith Harris, Louise Mock, John Stimley, and Robert Pollock in attendance. Others present Chief Ronnie Martin, and Attorney Pamela Krause.

Commissioner Harris asked for an approval of the agenda motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Pollock, 2nd by Commissioner Stimley; **Ayes 4 Nays 0; motion carries**

Minutes from September 4, 2012 by Commissioner Mock, and 2nd by Commissioner Stimley; **Ayes 4 Nays 0; motion carries**

There were no communications.

Claims for payroll \$926.67, Strand's 1,431.50, Margo's 119.90 (badge for Commissioner Pollock); Motioned by Commissioner Stimley, and 2nd by Commissioner Pollock. **Ayes 4 Nays 0 motion carries**

No reports from City Council Liaison
No reports from Fire Merit Commission Attorney Krause.

New Business

A.

Disciplinary Action Dated September 19, 2012; Motioned by Commissioner Pollock moved to accept the disciplinary action as is, 2nd by Commissioner Mock. **Ayes 4 Nays 0 motion carries**

B.

Promotional testing; past Saturday two individual in attendance; one took the test for Lieutenant and Captain. A list will be provided by Chief Martin for those taking the test on October 6, 2012 at the MC Training Administration. Commissioner Harris stated that three (3) individual that have signed for the promotional exams EMT/First Responder certifications have expired October 1, 2012. Commissioner Harris stated that today was the last day to sign up for the promotional exam. Under City Code Section 54:174 which states: "all fire employees must have demonstrated having obtained First Responder/Indiana EMT Certification; at the time of sitting for any promotional test; and First Responder/EMT Certification must be demonstrated." Commissioner Harris and Attorney Krause discussed the demonstration of the certification was questioned. Attorney Krause stated that according to the wording that at day of the exam the certification would need to be provided. Commissioner Harris stated that if the three could prove that they have been recertified by the end of the week then they would be able to sit for the exam. Chief Martin stated that he would contact each individual and let them know.

Commissioner Harris advised he would be at the morning session, but would be unavailable for the afternoon. Commissioner Pollock advised he could be there all day at the Michigan Boulevard

Training Center. Commissioner Skierkowski advised that there is only a need for one Commissioner to be present at the time of testing. Commissioner Pollock would come and observe the morning session and monitor the second session. The promotional testing will start at 8a.m.

Commissioner Harris stated for the record that Commissioner Skierkowski present.

Old Business

A. Update on Application

Commissioner Harris stated there were 82 applicants that passed the written exam, 27 that were scheduled for the 2nd session ladder climb, 5 were no shows, and all received certified letters. Commissioner Harris advised that the total for the physical agility test is now at 77. The dates for the physical agility testing will be October 13th, 14th, and the 20th. Commissioner Skierkowski will not be present for the testing. Commissioner Harris stated that the interviews will be conducted as each applicant when they are done.

Commissioner Harris stated that Captain Spencer Walker, crew and several off duty Fireman will be perform the set up and run the agility test. Discussions continued as to how to schedule and pay the crew for that day. **Commissioner Pollock motioned that the commission would pay the overtime pay for the Firefighters doing the physical agility testing; 2nd by Commissioner Skierkowski. Ayes (5) – Nays (0)**

Chief Martin added that Captain Walker would make sure there are individuals working that are not on shift, but working actual overtime.

B. Ordinance Workshop

Commissioner Harris requested to postpone any discussion regarding the Ordinance Workshop in order to speak with the Council Liaison; Motion to table by Commissioner Pollock and 2nd by Commissioner Stimley.

Report from Chief Martin

Chief Martin stated that he has reviewed and verified the application for promotions and will submit those to the commission. All applicants are ready to sit for the exam.

No Commissioner comments

No Public comments

Union President Mike Neulieb question the overage of \$40,000 discussed in previous meeting if it was transferred to the Fire Department Training line item from Fire Merit Training line item. Commissioner Harris stated he did not believe it took place. Mr. Neulieb reiterated that he would like to see that an applicant possess EMT Certification. Commissioner Harris stated that is something they have discussed in the Ordinance Workshop.

Next meeting November 5, 2012

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stimley and 2nd by Commissioner Pollock Commission voted (5) Ayes – (0) Nays motion carries.