



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: October 1, 2018

President Mock called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Louise Mock, Charles Williams, Edward Zaknoen and Bob Pollock were in attendance. Also present was Fire Chief Randy Novak and Attorney Nelson Pichardo filling in for Attorney Amber Poff.

At this time, President Mock asked all present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the minutes as presented which are September 4, 2018, Executive Session of September 18, 2018 and Special Meeting of September 18, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. **Motion Carried 4-0.**

Communications/Claims- Commissioner Pollock made a motion to accept the claims and payroll for September 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. **Motion Carried 4-0.**

Commissioner Pollock gave an update on the budget stating the commission has used 79% of their 2018 budget; further details included the letter to Mayor Ron Meer for the additional appropriation, adding bills still need to come out of the 2018 budget included the South Bend Fire Academy for eight (8) recruits who graduated August 10th, an agility test, the consultant contract for the promotional testing. Commissioner Pollock made the motion to accept the budget report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commission Zaknoen. **Motion Carried 4-0.**

Report from City Council Representative- Absent

Report from Commission Attorney- Attorney Nelson Pichardo filling in for Attorney Amber Poff stated that there was movement with the appeal and there would be an update at the November meeting.

Report from Union Local 475- No Report

Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak- Chief Novak stated that as of today, the department hired Joe Guncheon.

October was Fire Prevention Month and the department was holding an Open House on October 13th at Station 4 from 10 am – 3 pm.

New Business- Discussion ensued about the commissioners regarding the resignation of Duane Harrigan effective September 27th, Ryan Smith effective October 15th, certifying the minority hiring list, and holding off the promotion of the next name on the promotional list for two weeks until the results of the Driver/Operator class are in.

Old Business- Discussion ensued among the commissioners regarding the promotional testing and Ivy Tech, Ivy Tech stated that they would not provide the test in Michigan City, but would in Indianapolis.

Public Comment- Discussion ensued among the commissioners, Rob Steinborn, Mike Neulieb and Scott Kaletha regarding concerns about the upcoming promotional testing which include, date and material to study.

Commission Comments- None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:58 pm and seconded by Commissioner Williams Motion Carried 4-0.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM.