



## MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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EDWARD ZAKNOEN, COMMISSIONER

### Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: October 2, 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 Patrick Vance in attendance. Edward Zaknoen 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; there was also a moment of silence for the victims of the Las Vegas shooting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the minutes from the September 5, 2017 Regular meeting with one change, changing Senator Pete Visclosky to Congressman Pete Visclosky, and the September 5, 2017 Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Pollock, Williams, and Vance (4). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

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

Commissioner Pollock gave an update on the budget meeting held with the City Council and the Controller's Office; advising the commission of the increase with totaled \$36,600.00 due to the Safer Grant; the increase was approved.

**Report from City Council President Chris Schwanke-** Absent

**Report from Commission Attorney-** Ms. Poff advised there would be a committee meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 10:00 am.

**Report from Union Local 475-** No Report

**Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak-** Chief Novak updated the commission on the academy stating it started September 18, 2017 and is scheduled to end the first week in February 2018. Further advising the next academy is schedule to start the end of February 2018. With the awarding of the Safer Grant, the department is looking to possibly hire a total of 10 people and would like to have them ready to by January 1, 2018.

October is Fire Prevention Month, there will be an open house at Fire Station 4 located at 5000 Cleveland Ave on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm., here you can get the Fire Department to come out and install Fire Detectors, however the Fire Department does have to install them.

The Fire Department is also involved in a car seat safety program and there are six (6) individual certified.

**New Business-** Commissioner Vance discussed the Promotional Testing for 2018, advising Sarah Smith has stated there are new books and Commissioner Vance asked that a committee be formed to reach out to Sarah Smith to discuss this.  
(Commissioner Zaknoen enters)

Commissioner Vance made the motion to form a committee to reach out to Sarah Smith regarding the promotional test. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollock and carried as follows: **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Williams, Pollock, Vance and Zaknoen (5). NAYS: None. Motion Carries.**

The committee will consist of Commissioners Vance and Zaknoen.

**Old Business-** Commissioner Williams mentioned advertising again for minorities firefighters as the list will be dropping below the required three (3). Commissioner Pollock suggested scheduling a test date before this happens and Chief Novak stated he had some suggestions for the commissioner before they advertised.

**Public Comment-** None

**Commission Comments-** None

**Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:24 pm and seconded by Commissioner Vance Ayes 5 Nays 0; Motion Carries.**

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:00 PM.**