



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2014

President Mock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Louise Mock, Robert Pollock, Geoff Plummer, Charles Williams and David Gring all in attendance. Also present was Attorney Pamela Krause and Councilman Chris Schwanke.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock however, Commissioner Gring asked for a change in the minutes and it was decided that change be done.

Communications/Claims-

Claims-Commissioner Pollock stated the payroll for October 2014, which included attorney fees was \$1,426.27. Commissioner Gring 2nd. **5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion Carries.**

Commissioner Pollock also stated that we have used 54.43% of the budget for 2014. Also as a reminder, if there are any bills that need to be paid, please get them in because for 2015 there is a budget cut.

Report from City Council Liaison- Councilman Schwanke stated that he has been working with trying to get a workshop scheduled and some of the commissioners have been out of town. That at this meeting he would like to set a date. It was decided that a workshop would be scheduled on Monday, November 3 at 6:00 pm right after the Fire Merit Commissions monthly meeting. Mike Neulieb asked if there was a list of the old changes that never went to council. Commissioner Pollock suggested that we go through the total ordinance and Spencer Walker suggested maybe line by line would be good.

Report from Commission Attorney- No Report

Report from Union Local 475- No Report

New Business- The question was brought up about election of officers. Commissioner Mock stated that election of officers would be held in December. Spencer Walker stated that the spot of Vice President has been vacant for some time now and that every office should be filled.

Mike Neulieb asked about promotional testing and stated his dissatisfaction which how it was all handled. Commissioner Williams explained how there was miscommunicates with the postings and how everyone was able to test when they wanted.

Old Business- The Stair Climber was discussed again. Commissioner Pollock explained that anything that has a net asset of a year or more has to be purchased by the fire department. The commission does not have any money in the budget to purchase this.

Public Comment- Mike Neulieb brought up section 54-173 that the posting for the promotional testing were not posted 3 weeks prior to testing. Also that the commission allow one firefighter to arrive 15 minutes late and still take the test. Another complaint was that the signup sheets were not taken down until the day after.

Mike asked the attorney about section 54-176 and being assigned to a position for only 90 days. The attorney stated that she did not want to make a comment at that time but wanted to review her notes.

Spencer Walker stated that the makeup date for the promotional testing has always been the week before the test and Commissioner Williams how can you have a makeup date before? It was stated that it goes back to October of 2010 that it has always been like this.

The question was asked why the budget was cut by 29%. Commissioner Pollock stated that it was only cut by 10%. A firefighter had watched the budget meeting and states that President Parry clearly stated our budget was cut by 29%. Commissioner Pollock stated that no one from our commission was invited to this meeting, but was told by phone that our budget was approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commission Pollock and 2nd by Commissioner Plummer, Ayes 5; Nays 0 motion carries.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014 at 5:00 pm.