



## **MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION**

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Minutes of the November 2, 2009, Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting.

President Bart Lombard called the meeting to order. A quorum was noted as present with Commissioners Bart Lombard, John Skierkowski, Keith Harris, John Stimley, and Louise Mock in attendance. Others present included Attorney Pam Krause, Assistant Chief Novak, Deputy Chief Greis, Councilwoman Angie Nelson, Steve Stimley, Tony Drzewiecki, Christain Bietry, Dave Koss, John Mellen, Howard Fuller, Jeff Bruder, Brandon Lee, James Young, Craig Krivak, Mike Orzech, Alan Kreighbaum and Secretary, Gale Neulieb.

On a motion by John Stimley, second by John Skierkowski the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Mock stated there were no communications to report.

There was no report from Council Liaison Nelson.

Attorney Krause reported on the status of amendments regarding the proposed Fire Merit Ordinance, advising she had a draft to present to each Commissioner.

Attorney Krause addressed President Lombard's concerns regarding the language of the Fire Merit's City Ordinances, comparing them with State Statutes.

Discussion ensued among President Lombard, Councilwoman Nelson, and Attorney Krause in regards to amendments that were adopted to the original Fire Merit Ordinance.

President Lombard asked Councilwoman Nelson and Attorney Krause to contact City Attorney Lapaich in regards to changing the language of the hearing process to the proposed Fire Merit Ordinance.

New Business: On a motion by John Skierkowski and a second by Louise Mock the disciplinary action of August 4, 2009 that was appealed and the executive session that was held by the Commission on October 22, 2009 be accepted.

President Lombard asked if there were any comments and hearing none the disciplinary action taken by the Chief's office was accepted by the following vote: AYES: Bart Lombard, John Skierkowski, and Louise Mock (3). NAYES: Keith Harris (1). ABSTAINED: John Stimley (1).

On a motion by Keith Harris and a second by John Skierkowski to take the disciplinary action of August 3, 2009 off being TABLED. The motion was approved.

On a motion by Keith Harris and seconded by Louise Mock to accept the disciplinary action dated August 3, 2009 as written. President Lombard asked if there were any comments or questions and hearing none the disciplinary action was accepted by the following vote: AYES: John Skierkowski, Keith Harris, Louise Mock (3). NAYS: Bart Lombard (1). ABSTAINED: John Stimley (1).

President Lombard advised there would be a report of Facts of Finding presented to each Commissioner regarding the appeal of the disciplinary action taken on August 3, 2009 from Attorney Krause.

Keith Harris reported on the status of the minority applicant's tests they completed.

After a brief discussion, President Lombard stated the oral interviews for the minority applicants would be scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Fire Training Center, 2510 E. Michigan Boulevard.

Deputy Chief Novak introduced probationary firefighters Christain Bietry and Brandon Lee to the Commission.

John Stimley presented a life saving award by Chief Dave Lamb to Firefighter Jeff Brueder for saving a life on November 2, 2009. President Lombard reported what happened during that call.

Firefighter Brueder addressed the Commission, introduced his crew; Howard Fuller, David Koss, Alan Kreighbaum, John Mellen and thanked his family for all there support.

Aprila VanBuran, representing the LaPorte County African American Democratic Organization, presented the 2009 Firefighter of Year Award to Captain Howard A. Fuller.

Captain Howard Fuller addressed the Commission stating that Commissioner Stimley was his first Captain when he became a firefighter, that he has been on the department for twenty-five (25) years.

There were no comments by the Commission

There were no comments by the public.

The next meeting will be December 7, 2009

President Lombard asked if there were any more comments or questions and hearing none, a motion by John Skierkowski, second by Keith Harris the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.