



## MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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### Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: November 6, 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 Texas shooting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the minutes from the October 2, 2017 Regular meeting, and the October 19, 2017 Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance 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 October 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 advising the Controller's Office is still working on issues with the new system and that this is expected with any program change.

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

**Report from Commission Attorney-** Ms. Poff advised there would be a committee meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the Fire Admin Building.

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

**Report from Fire Chief Randy Novak-** Chief Novak congratulated Capt. Chris Furness for winning Firefighter of the Year.

The six (6) new recruits have been scheduled to meet with PERF.

Chief Novak is in discussions with Homeland Security to talk about helping with the background investigations.

Finally, the two (2) recruits are doing well at the academy.

**New Business-** Discussion ensued between Chief Novak and Commissioner Pollock regarding the next testing date and advertisement; it was determined to at least accept applications until the middle – end of January 2018.

**Old Business-** Commissioner Vance stated that the Promotional Test is to be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018; he has spoken to Sarah Smith and suggested grading the test right there so the firefighters can see their scores as well as have the past performance scores there and seniority figured as well; the test score then can be plugged in and everyone will know their final score that day.

Chief Novak stressed the need for new study material for the Promotional Testing be made available as soon as possible.

**Public Comment-** Capt. Rob Steinborn stated that the same as Chief Novak, please get the new study material or information about the study material out to the firefighters as soon as possible as some of the guys like to buy their own material.

**Commission Comments-** Chief Novak took this time to announce the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Kick Off which will be on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 8:00 am at the McDonald located at 3507 S. Franklin Street.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock at 5:18 pm and seconded by Commissioner Vance Ayes 4 Nays 0; Motion Carries.**

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2017 at 5:00 PM.**