



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Minutes of the November 7, 2011 Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting.

President Harris called the meeting to order. A quorum was noted as present with Commissioners Keith Harris and Louise Mock, John Stimley, John Skierkowski and Bart Lombard in attendance. Others present Deputy Chief Randy Novak, Attorney Pam Krause, and Recording Secretary Gale Neulieb.

Commissioner Lombard made a motion to approve the October 3, 2011 drafted minutes, second by John Skierkowski and Louise Mock; the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting were approved. **Motion 5 - 0.**

Commissioner Stimley made a motion to pay the November payroll in the amount of \$1,426.67, and Stanard for the testing material held on September 22, 2011 in the amount of \$180.00 and office supplies from Kramer and Leonard in the amount of \$171.50, second by Commissioner Lombard and approved. **Motion 5 - 0.**

Commissioner Lombard asked if there were monies in the 2011 budget to hire a temporary person to get the Fire Merit Commission's Office in order.

There was nothing to report from Council Liaison Boy.

There was nothing to report from Attorney Krause.

President Harris stated that with Recording Secretary Gale Neulieb taking her new position, the Commission needs to advertise to replace her position.

Discussion ensued among the Commission regarding the advertisement and hiring of a Recording Secretary.

Attorney Krause said she would bring her proposal/contract at the next Fire Merit Commission meeting on December 5, 2011 for the Commission to sign.

Commissioner Stimley made a motion not to advertise for the Fire Merit Commission Attorney position, only for the Recording Secretary's position, second by Commissioner Lombard. **Motion 5 - 0.**

President Harris advised the four (4) appeals received regarding evaluation scores have been resolved and withdrawn.

President Harris addressed the Commission regarding the proposed amendments made to the Fire Merit Ordinance.

Commissioner Lombard questioned the language regarding if a new hire had previously attended a fire academy and completed would they have to attend the academy during their probationary period.

Discussion ensued among President Harris, Attorney Krause, Commissioners Lombard, Skierkowski, Stimley, and Deputy Chief Novak.

Commissioner Lombard addressed the Commission regarding the terminology in Section 54-173 Governing Factors.

Attorney Krause advised that she would make these changes to the amended ordinance and forward them to each Commissioner and Councilwoman Boy.

Commissioner Lombard asked if there was a time frame to present the amended ordinance to the Council.

Attorney Krause explained Section 54-136 General Powers; adoption of additional regulations, the language and what procedures the Commission has to follow regarding the adoption of the Fire Merit Commission.

Tony Drzewiecki addressed the Council regarding the language in Section 54-196; Dismissal (termination) (1) On conviction of ~~criminal offense~~ felony and Section 54-174. First responder/EMT training.

There was discussion between President Harris, Commissioner Lombard, Attorney Pam Krause, Deputy Chief Novak and Fire Fighter Tony Drzewiecki.

Commissioner Skierkowski made a motion for Council Liaison Boy to present the changes/amendments as written (with the two minor changes that Attorney Krause will make and forward to Councilwoman Boy) to the City Council, second by Commissioner Lombard. **AYES: Commissioner Lombard, Stimley, Skierkowski, Harris, and Mock (5). NAYS: None (0).**

Deputy Chief Novak reported forty-seven (47) firefighters completed a voluntary wellness physical that was held at the training center.

Deputy Chief Novak stated there was training at the burn tower last week advising that it went well and the probationary firefighters did an good job.

President Harris informed the Commission that his term expires on December 20, 2011.

President Harris wished “good luck” to everyone on the election ballot tomorrow.

Virginia Martin thanked the Commission for leaving the points in the Fire Merit Ordinance regarding City residency.

President Harris asked if there were any more comments or questions and hearing none, a motion by Commissioner Skierkowski , second by Commissioner Stimley the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.