



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: December 1, 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 were Fire Chief Ronnie Martin, Attorney Pamela Munsey, and Councilman Chris Schwanke.

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

Election of officers was held and the following are the 2015 officers: President – Louise Mock, Vice President – Charles Williams, Secretary – Robert Pollock.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to accept the minutes from the November 3, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Plummer 2nd. **5 ayes 0 Nays, Motion Carries**

Communications/Claims-

Claims-Commissioner Pollock stated the payroll for December 2014, which included attorney fees was \$1,426.27, However, Commissioner Pollock wanted to add an additional \$200 for overtime pay that the Recording Secretary had worked throughout the year. Commissioner Gring thought that the pay should be more. Commissioner Pollock made a motion to accept the payroll plus the additional \$200, Commissioner Plummer 2nd. **4 Ayes 1 Nays, Motion Carries.**

Commissioner Pollock stated that he was writing a letter to the Controller's office to move money from one account to another. That would cover a few invoice that could be paid out of 2014 budget instead of 2015. Commissioner Mock thanked him for doing this for the commissioner.

Report from City Council Liaison- Councilman Chris Schwanke though the last workshop was very educational, and he looks forward to holding another one in the future. And he would also like some suggestions.

Report from Commission Attorney- Based on a recommendations, and orientation was held with the commissioners and several questions were answered.

It was also announced that due to a promotion, Pamela Munsey would no longer be able to be the commission's attorney starting January 1, 2015. Commissioner Pollock thanked her for all she has done and made a motion to advertise for a new attorney. Commissioner Gring 2nd. **5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion Carries.**

Report from Union Local 475- None

New Business- None

Old Business- Kyle Kazmierczak stated that a workshop for training instructors was never scheduled and that there were several on the department that wanted to be instructors. Chief Martin stated that we only need 48 hours to schedule a workshop and asked if December 8 at 5:00 pm at the Administration Building would work for everyone. It was agreed upon that a workshop would be held on that date.

Kyle also was interested in knowing where the applicants from the 8/15 testing stood.

Report from Chief Martin- With our facility being closed or winterized for the year, meaning no heat, another option needed to be talked about so that the new applicants could get their agility test done.

On December 8, 2014 Chris Hartsburg will be celebrating 20 years on the department.

Brock Kohler and Marques Reese will be starting the EMT classes at Ivy Tech starting January 12, 2015.

As talked about earlier, there will be a workshop with the union on December 8, 2014 at the Administration Building at 5:00 PM.

Thanked the Union for the great job they did this past Thanksgiving for handing out food baskets.

Last, after 3 years of work, the Fire Science Academy is going to start in the High School the fall of 2015-2016. It is open to all LaPorte County students. Firefighter 1 will be 2015-2016 school year and Firefighter 2 will start 2016-2017. By the students that have been showing interest, it was the females and the ROTC students.

Commissioner Mock thanked Chief Martin for all the hard work he has done. Commissioner Pollock stated that he has talked to over 1,000 students and this is a great program for Michigan City.

Public Comment- Sharon Carnes asked if the demographic information had been provided yet. The answer was no not yet due to that the new applicants still need to take their agility test.

Commission Comment- None

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 5:00 pm.