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Minutes of the December 7, 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, Keith Harris, John Stimley, and Louise Mock in attendance. Others present included Attorney Pam Krause, Steve Stimley, Tony Drzewiecki, Ron Oman, Jeff Cox and Secretary, Gale Neulieb.

President Lombard advised that Commissioner Skierkowski would be absent and has sent a proxy regarding some issues the Commission would be voting on.

President Lombard advised the 2010 election of officers would be taking place opening the floor for nominations; Louise Mock made a motion to keep the 2009 Officer's for 2010, President Lombard stated since this is an annual election it doesn't need to be second. President Lombard asked if there were any other nominations and hearing none, nominations were closed.

President Lombard asked if there were any other nominations; stating for the record a proxy was received from Commissioner Skierkowski stating he votes to retain the present slate of Officers.

By the motion of Louise Mock to retain the present slate of Officers for 2010 by acclimation the 2010 elections of Officers were approved.

On a motion by John Stimley, second by Louise Mock and Keith Harris the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Mock stated the Commission received a letter from Attorney Martin R. Ulferts and Associates regarding a disciplinary action.

President Lombard asked to put this matter under Old Business.

There was no report from Council Liaison Nelson.

The Commission presented a "Life Saving Award" to Firefighter Ron Oman, stating off duty Firefighter Oman saved Ron Stahoviak from choking at the Stadium Inn Restaurant on August 28, 2009.

Firefighter Ron Oman introduced his family and co-workers stating what took place on August 28, 2009 at Stadium Inn. Firefighter Oman thanked Chief Lamb and the Commission for the award.

Attorney Krause reported on the status modifications regarding the amendments to the proposed Fire Merit Ordinance.

Discussion ensued among Attorney Krause, President Lombard, Commissioner Harris and Recording Secretary Gale Neulieb.

President Lombard asked Attorney Krause to report back at the January meeting and Commissioner Harris to report back at the February meeting regarding the Fire Merit Ordinance and the municipal codes.

Commissioner Harris stated that he had spoke to Firefighter Stimley advising Attorney Ulferts no longer represents him. Commissioner Harris asked to TABLE this matter until the January 2010 meeting.

There was discussion among Attorney Krause, President Lombard, Commissioner Harris, Chief Lamb, Tony Drzewiecki, and Firefighter Stimley regarding a disciplinary action.

Attorney Krauses advised the Commission that she would contact Attorney Ulferts requesting a letter stating he is no longer representing Firefighter Stimley for the Commission's records.

Keith Harris addressed the Commission making a motion to reconsider the Findings and Conclusions of the October 22, 2009; President Lombard asked if there was a second (repeating three times) and hearing none, the motion died.

President Lombard and Attorney Krause addressed Firefighter Stimley's questions and concerns regarding the language in the Fire Merit Ordinance, asking them to reconsider the disciplinary action taken against him.

Louise Mock made a motion to accept the Findings and Conclusions of October 22, 2009 as previously adopted by the Commission, second by President Lombard. President Lombard stated he received by proxy from John Skierkowski his vote against any appeal regarding this matter. The motion was approved by the following vote: AYES: Louise Mock, Bart Lombard, and John Skierkowski (by proxy)(3). NAYS: Keith Harris(1). ABSTAINED: John Stimley(1).

Keith Harris presented the eligibility list of the 2009 scoring ranks of the minority applicants to the Commission, Attorney Krause and Chief Lamb. Commissioner Harris advised that there were six members on the list ranked in order.

Keith Harris made a motion to accept as presented the minority ranking list, second by Louise Mock. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Harris advised a 10% compliance is required, stating the next hire would be from the minority list. Commissioner Harris stated after the next hire, the two applicant ranking lists would be merged into one until October, 2010 when testing is scheduled to be done.

President Lombard and Commissioner Harris addressed Tony Drzewiecki concerns and questions regarding the merging of the two applicant lists.

Louise Mock made a motion to re-appoint Gale Neulieb as Recording Secretary for 2010, second by Keith Harris. The motion was approved.

Louise Mock made a motion to retain Attorney Pam Krause as the Commission's Attorney for 2010, second by John Stimley. The motion was approved.

Chief Lamb advised the Commission that the Academy located in Indianapolis would be scheduling at least one more class which would start in February, 2010 and he would be contacting the Commission in January to replace Richard Santana.

Chief Lamb announced that Richard Santana retired from the Fire Department with thirty(30) years of service on November 6, 2009.

Commissioner Stimley wished Richard Santana well on his retirement.

There were no comments by the Commissioners

There were no comments by the general public.

President Lombard asked if there were any more comments or questions and hearing none, a motion by Keith Harris, second by Louise Mock the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.