



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Special Meeting Minutes: January 31, 2017

President Mock called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. A quorum was noted with Commissioners Louise Mock, Charles Williams, Patrick Vance and Edward Zaknoen all in attendance. Also present was Council President Chris Schwanke.

PROMOTIONAL LIST

Commissioner Vance explained the original promotional list had errors on it; further explaining the errors to the commissioners; Commissioner Vance also explained there have been questions about how the review sessions were handled.

Commissioner Vance and Commissioner Zaknoen presented the following:

- 1) The test review process was not done inappropriately.
- 2) No septate notice of the test results, like a letter, was mailed to the individual firefighters taking the test, they only saw the list that was posted.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Vance and Commissioner Zaknoen regarding the process of challenging a question; several sections of the ordinance were brought up, but all agreed the ordinance was not clear.

Council President Chris Schwanke wanted to make it clear, that several of the sections being brought to the commissions attention were about two different testing procedures; one being the applicant testing the other being promotional testing; Commissioner Zaknoen gave his reasoning for referencing the two sections stating is one section gets the privilege, then the other should.

Commissioner Vance stated a list with all the test scores was posted on December 29, 2016 with all the corrections, firefighters have 10 business days to appeal; then the promotion list will be generated.

Further discussion went on between the commissioners regarding which scores to accept; possibly contacting Sarah Smith again to go over the procedures; and sections of the ordinance.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the test scores that were corrected and posted on December 29, 2016. The motion was seconded by President Mock. **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Williams and Vance (3). NAYS: Zaknoen (1). Motion Carries 3-1.**

Commissioner Vance explained the appeals would be received until January 11, 2017, anything dated after would not be accepted.

APPLICATIONS

Commissioner Williams stated that there have been 6 applications received; one of them needed to be contacted and provided the information about residency. Commissioner Williams stated he has looked at the applications but that the other commissioners should look at them as well.

Discussion ensued between the commissioners about setting a testing date for applicants.

President Mock made the motion to hold testing for these applicants on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 8:00 am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (4). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

STENOGRAPHER

President Mock asked that this be TABLED until the February 6, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vance. **AYES: MEMBERS Mock, Williams, Vance and Zaknoen (4). NAYS: None (0). Motion Carries.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Williams at 6:20 PM and seconded by Commissioner Zaknoen. Ayes 4 Nays 0; Motion Carries.

Louise Mock, President