



## MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. All in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were President Neulieb, Vice President Adrian, Secretary Biege, Commissioner Deutscher, and Commissioner Kulavik. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Doug Legault and City Council representative, Angie Nelson-Deutch.

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion to approve June's minutes was made by Commissioner Kulavik. The motion was seconded by Vice President Adrian. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Communications and Claims-** President Neulieb received an invoice for the hiring tests, the invoice has been paid and taken care of.

**Report from City Council Representative-** No report.

**Report from Commission Attorney-** No report.

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

**Report from Fire Chief Doug Legault-**

July Department Anniversaries:

- Captain John Mellen – 29 years
- Captain Barrett Taylor – 20 years
- Lieutenant Christian Bietry – 14 years
- Driver/Operator Jenna Tepavceovich – 8 years
- Lieutenant Nicholas Pabon – 8 years
- Training Officer William Sonntag – 8 years
- Firefighter Christopher Blake – 6 years
- Executive Secretary Jennifer Clouse – 6 years

The call reports for June are as follows:

- 434 calls; of those calls:
- 22 fires
- 329 rescues/medical calls
- 23 hazardous condition calls
- 9 service calls
- 43 good intent calls
- 6 false calls
- Narcan was used on 9 calls in June.

Discussion ensues between the commission and the City Council representative; discussion was regarding the move to change the age maximum requirement for hiring from 35 to 40 years old.

**Old Business-** President Neulieb states that a date for the hiring test and the ladder climb needs to be decided upon. Commissioner Deutscher suggested the date of Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023; relevant conversation continues. Doors open at 8:00am and the testing will begin at 9:00am; President Neulieb stated there will be roughly 49 applicants. A motion to approve the date and time was made by Commissioner Deutscher. The motion was seconded by Vice President Adrian. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Those present then discuss the date for the Physical Agility Test (PAT); the date of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, was brought up. The times will be the same as the written test and the PAT will take place at the training center on Hitchcock St. A motion to approve the date and times for the PAT was made by Vice President Adrian and seconded by Commissioner Kulavik. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**New Business-** No report.

**Public Comment-** Chief Legault and the commission briefly talk about the individual hiring interviews for the applicants.

Mr. Rodney McCormick noted that the workshop at City Hall was run very well and very efficiently. He commended everyone that was present for their ability to work things out.

More discussion ensues between those present over the topic of the hiring and interview process. This conversation covered topics such as residency points, lateral transfers, and similar subjects.

**Commission Comment-** Those present briefly discussed the recent food truck fire within the past month.

**With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kulavik at 5:39pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deutscher. Motion carried 5-0.**

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:00pm.