



## MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: August 2, 2021

President Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. At this time, President Jackson called all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was noted with Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Deutscher, and Commissioner Pollock all in attendance. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Doug Legault. Commissioner Neulieb was absent.

**Approval of Minutes-** Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the minutes from July's Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the minutes from both the Executive Session and special meeting on July 21, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deutscher. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Communications/Claims-** Commissioner Pollock briefly went over the payments, which were \$150/commissioner and \$500 for the commission attorney (total \$1,250). A motion was made by Commissioner Pollock to approve the payments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Discussion ensued regarding the budget. Commissioner Pollock stated that 50% of the budget has been used, meaning that there is a little over \$16,000 left. After discussing with the chief, Commissioner Pollock mentioned that it seems like they will not be able to run a full fire academy. However, Chief Legault believes that four people will be able to be sent to EMT school. Commissioner Pollock mentions that the EMT school is typically the most expensive, generally running around \$1,200/student, as well as roughly \$4,800 for meals and travel. Discussion ensues regarding other fees (salaries, attorney fees, a mannequin).

**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-** Chief Legault states that, while he does not have a lot to share with the commission, he does have the department anniversaries for the month of August. They are as follows:

Lieutenant Judd Rose	28 years
Fire Chief Doug Legault	27 years
Captain Andrew Knouse	25 years
Driver/Operator Lemon Kelley	8 years
Firefighter James Manuel	2 years

Chief Legault states that the department was asked to provide smoke detectors to families attending the HealthLinc annual community health fair on July 22, 2021. Donators included the following: Kabelin Ace Hardware (50 smoke detectors), Kohl's (72 smoke detectors), Castle Ford (78 smoke detectors). The Chief would like to extend his thanks to these businesses for helping the department.

The department will be participating in the upcoming citywide back to school rally, providing 500 bags stuffed with school supplies to those that attend. The materials provided include the following: 500 drawstring bags, 500 spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, folders, pencils, ballpoint pens, and crayons. Donators included (as of Monday, August 2, 2021): Bosak Auto (\$500), David Tyler Michigan City (\$1,000), Andrew Mitchell State Farm (\$100).

Chief Legault states that there are numerous events coming up in the month of August, including the handicap boat ride (August 13) and burn camp (August 22).

Following this discussion, the Chief also stated that he received a message from a citizen of the city giving his thanks to Andre Glover and his crew to help reset his fire alarm system after an accidental alarm.

**Old Business-** President Jackson states that the new hiring testing is complete, and that the letters were sent out to everyone. He also mentioned that out of 34 applicants, nine made it through to the final hiring list.

**New Business-** Commissioner Pollock noted that, because not everyone will be sent to the fire academy, there will be some extra money. He also suggested that perhaps the commission could start taking new names for the next application process for the year of 2022 as a head start. However, this would be in the case of the department and commission not sending individuals to the EMT school.

**Public Comment-** No report.

**Commission Comment-** No report.

**With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Williams. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollock at 5:12pm.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 6, 2021 at 5:00pm.**