



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: March 6th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adrian, Commissioner Biege, and Commissioner Kulavik. Vice President Neulieb and Commissioner Deutscher were absent. Also present were Chief Legault, commission attorney Cory Shoffner, City Council Representative Angie Nelson and Union Local 475 President Barrett Taylor.

A motion to table officer elections was made by Commissioner Kulavik. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adrian. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Approval of Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting on February 6th, 2023, was made by Commissioner Kulavik. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Biege. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Communications and Claims- No report.

Report from City Council Representative- No report.

Report from Commission Attorney- No report.

Report from Union Local 475- President Taylor mentioned the conversation he had with the Chief's office the week prior; multiple discussions ensued.

Report from Fire Chief Doug Legault- Chief Legault began his report by congratulating Captain David Nespo on his retirement, as well as Driver/Operator Alan Kreighbaum on his retirement. He briefly discusses the correlated promotions.

The call reports for February are as follows:

- 331 calls, of those calls:
- 5 fires
- 270 rescues/medical calls
- 3 hazardous condition calls

- 4 service calls
- 40 good intent calls
- 4 false calls
- Narcan was used on 5 calls.

March Department Anniversaries:

- Battalion Chief Howard Fuller – 39 years
- Capt. Dennis Wantland – 34 years
- Capt. Darren Kaletha – 20 years
- Deputy Chief Mike Jasnieski – 20 years
- Lt. Shannon Borders – 11 years
- Dr/Op Jason Weiss – 11 years
- Dr/Op Sean Baker – 9 years
- Dr/Op Kyle Neulieb – 5 years
- FF Joshua Hughes – 3 years
- FF Victoria Armstrong – 3 years
- FF Scott Manns – 2 years

Chief Legault stated that the department currently has 3 probationary firefighters attending the Fire Academy in Valparaiso. All have passed the Hazmat Awareness and are thriving with the physical aspects. He then follows with an update on the 4 incoming new hires, stating that final details are nearing completion. Chief Legault states that there is an upcoming retirement as of March 30th, 2023; the individual retiring is currently ranked as a captain. Upon their retirement, he asks that the next person on the promotional list receives the promotion to the rank of Captain, as well as all promotions following said action.

A motion to approve the promotions for the role of Captain, including the following promotions, was made by Commissioner Kulavik. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Biege. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Following this motion, Chief Legault asks the commission to start the hiring process for the next individual on the list. Commissioner Kulavik motions to begin the hiring process for the next applicant on the list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adrian. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Old Business- Brief discussion regarding small mistakes on the Michigan City website ensued.

New Business- Chief Legault introduced Ms. Angie Nelson as the new City Council Representative.

Public Comment- No comment.

Commission Comment- Commissioner Kulavik gives his respects and support to Union President Taylor and Chief Legault. Further discussion ensues.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Biege. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulavik at 5:16pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3rd, 2023, at 5:00pm.