



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: May 2nd, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Sperling. All in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum with President Sperling, Vice President Neulieb, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Nichols and Commissioner Deutscher was made. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Doug Legault.

Approval of Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes from the April 4th, 2022 meeting was made by Commissioner Pollock. The motion was seconded by Vice President Neulieb. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Communications/Claims- Commissioner Pollock briefly discusses the payroll for the month of April. He then makes a motion to approve the claims from April. The motion was seconded by Vice President Neulieb. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Following this, Commissioner Pollock discussed the issue of payroll being behind a month. He stated that he would talk this over with Ms. Shoffner.

Regarding the budget, Commissioner Pollock stated that the Fire Academy was \$1,050 for six individuals; food and transportation was \$764.10. As for major expenditures that did not make it to the month of April, they will be brought into May. These include the following: EMT Course for the 6 firefighters (\$6,000), Badges (\$316), as well as travel and meals (\$654). About 29% of the budget has been used and does not include May's expenditures. Discussion continues regarding the budget and May's expenditures. A motion to approve the budget was made by Commissioner Pollock. The motion was seconded by Vice President Neulieb. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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-

May Department Anniversaries:

Driver/Operator Brandon Lee 13 years

Chief Legault stated that the 6 probationary firefighters have completed and graduated from the MAAC Fire Academy as of April 29th. Probationary Firefighter Mary Catterlin received valedictorian. Following this, Chief Legault thanked Christopher Blake for his time as the Public Information Officer. He asked to go back on shift and his role was filled by Diver/Operator Nicholas Pabon. Due to this, he asked the commission for the next individual on the promotion list to take the Driver/Operator position that is currently empty.

Old Business- President Sperling stated that he is currently working on retrieving new locks for the commission's filing cabinets as well as a location for said filing cabinets.

Vice President Neulieb mentioned discussing a date for the hiring test date. The commission agreed on having the testing date on Saturday, June 25th, 2022. A motion was made by Vice President Neulieb to approve this date for the hiring test. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollock. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Discussion continued regarding the written and physical agility tests.

A motion to approve 8:00am as official time for the written test and ladder climb was made by Vice President Neulieb. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pollock. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Discussion ensued regarding the testing process and dates. A motion to approve the date for the physical agility test on Saturday, August 20th, 2022 was made by Commissioner Deutscher. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols. **Motion carried 5-0.**

New Business- Discussion ensued regarding the City's drug and alcohol policy.

Regarding the prior promotional list discussion during Chief Legault's report, Vice President Neulieb made a motion to retrieve the next name on the list for the Driver/Operator position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deutscher. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Public Comment- Driver/Operator Greg Fletcher submitted a letter to step down from his current position, however he would still like to be able to test for a higher promotional position. President Sperling noted that the commission would discuss this later on.

Commission Comment- No report.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pollock. The motion was seconded by Vice President Neulieb at 5:47pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6th, 2022 at 5:00pm.