

Minutes of the February 5, 2007, Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting

Chairman John Skierkowski called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was noted as present with John Skierkowski, Chris Chatfield, Louise Mock, John Stimley, and Bart Lombard in attendance. Others present included Pamela Krause, Dave Koss, Pat Boy, Phillip Jankowski, and Kathy Dubie.

On a motion by Bart Lombard and a second by Chris Chatfield the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. John Skierkowski asked that proposed ordinance wording be changed to indicate that the eligibility list will not be in effect for more than two years.

There were no Communications.

New Business: Chris Chatfield introduced a proposal from Sarah Smith to provide training for the fire department staff that will be conducting the performance evaluations. This training is necessary to ensure that the evaluators know how to proceed. Bart Lombard moved to accept the proposal at a fee not to exceed \$1183 and to forward the proposal to the Board of Public Works and Safety for final action. The motion was seconded by Chris Chatfield and passed.

Old Business: The evaluation amendment was approved by the City Council. Pat Boy will obtain updated copies of the fire merit ordinance and forward them to the Commissioners.

John Skierkowski reported that he attended the City Council meeting at which the proposed two-year eligibility list was introduced as an amendment. The City Council requested information on testing costs, etc. Bart Lombard said the motive behind extending the time of the eligibility list involves time spent in the process as well as costs and added that the proposed wording does not ban the Commission from creating a new list prior to the suggested two years. Also, Mr. Lombard again requested a wrap-up from Stanard.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the Commission can either move forward by answering the questions from the City Council or can sit down with all involved and make plans accordingly. Further discussion followed. It was agreed that Chris Chatfield would invite representatives from Stanard to a workshop on March 5 at 6:00 p.m. At that time Stanard will provide a wrap-up to the Commission and any Council members wanting to attend.

Chris Chatfield moved to request that the pending amendment be tabled by the City Council. The motion was seconded by Bart Lombard. After a brief discussion the motion was changed to withdraw the amendment with approval by both Chris Chatfield and Bart Lombard. The motion to withdraw then passed.

The City Council has requested a copy of the eligibility list. This issue will be discussed during the workshop.

As Secretary, Louise Mock requested access to the files.

On a motion by Bart Lombard, Louise Mock, and Chris Chatfield the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Mock, Secretary

by: Kathy Dubie, Recording Secretary