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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Regular Meeting Minutes: April 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. All in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were Commissioners Adrian, Espar and Harvey. Also, present was Fire Chief Barrett Taylor Commission Attorney Cory Shoffner.

Approval of the Minutes- Commissioner Adrian asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2026 Special Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Espar and was seconded by Commissioner Harvey. **All in favor: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 3-0**

Communications and Claims- Commissioner Adrian addressed the Payroll from March 2026 was adjusted to the amount of \$450.00. Claims for March 2026 was \$604.00. (No motion was asked to approve Payroll or Claims)

Report from Michigan City Common Council- Council Woman Daisy Lee addressed the Commission stating that at the last meeting the council went to 3rd reading regarding the new radios for Police and Fire. She stated that there is a new state law but not to be alarmed, they will be doing all 3 readings at the April 7th Council Meeting.

The next was she is hosting a spring clean-up at Striebel pond, stating cleaning up trash, power wash, paint the gazebos, asking anyone that would like to come and help, the help would be appreciated.

Report from Commission Attorney- Attorney Shoffner stated that she was just asked to look at a lateral transfer but after looking at the ordinance, she believes that Michigan City Firefighters have not adopted a lateral transfer policy.

Discussion ensued amongst the commission, attorney and chief regarding the steps. Chief Taylor explained what had happened the last time someone left and then came back a few years later. Further discussion ensued regarding if a firefighter who left the department, was gone for 2 years and then returned can test for an officers position.

Commissioner Espar made a motion that the firefighter who was employed with the department, left and then came back be able to test for Driver/Operator only, but can not go any further with testing until he has more time on the department per his second hire date (stating further his time prior and current time not be added together). There was a second by Commissioner Harvey. **All in favor: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays**
Motion Carried 3-0

Report from Fire Chief- Chief Taylor handed the commission the evaluations for July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. He stated there is one missing due to one missing and Chief Taylor stated he could hold onto them and give them to the commission at the next meeting.

Chief Taylor gave the commission the call breakdown for the month of March:

There was a total of 418 calls

Fires	18
Hazardous Situations	21
Medical	286
Public Service	31
Non Emergency	62

Narcan was used 5 times

Fire Chief Barrett Taylor started by addressing the anniversaries for the month of April. They are as follows:

Capt Tony Stahoviak	15 Years
LT Brian Smith	14 Years
DC Frank Rebac	14 Years
D/O Robert Hooper	14 Years
D/O Matt Miller	14 Years
FF Marcus Thompkins	13 Years
FF Jacob Kubath	7 Years

Report from Local 475- No Report

Old Business- None

New Business-None

Public Comments- None

Commissioner Comments- Chief Taylor stated that Commissioner Butcher wanted to make sure that there were enough books at each station for everyone to study for the promotional test. Chief stated a set of books were ordered for one station and a book was ordered for another as that book has come up missing.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Espar at 5:27 PM and seconded by Commissioner Harvey . All in favor: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Members:

Alan Harvey	(Mayor Appointment 2/26/2026-11/1/2026)
William Espar	(Council Appointment; 5/21/2024-12/31/2026)
Fred Adrian	(Mayor Appointment; 1/2/2024-1/1/2028)
Larry Butcher	(Firefighter Appointment; (3/2/2026-10/31/2028)
Greg Deutscher	(Firefighter Appointment; 1/15/2025-12/31/2028)

Approved By: _____

Fred A. Adrian

Date: _____

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