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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Regular Meeting Minutes: June 1, 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, Deutscher, and Espar. Absent were Commissioners Harvey and Butcher. Also, present was Fire Chief Barrett Taylor and Attorney Cory Schoffner.

Approval of the Minutes- Commissioner Adrian asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Espar and was seconded by Commissioner Deutscher. **All in favor: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 3-0**

Payroll and Claims- Commissioner Adrian addressed the Payroll from May 2026 in the amount of \$750.00.4 Claims for May 2026 in the amount of \$920.51. Commissioner Espar made a motion to approve the Payroll and Claims as presented, and Commissioner Deutscher seconded the motion. **All in favor: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 3-0**

Report from Michigan City Common Council- No Report

Report from Commission Attorney- Attorney Schoffner asked if the question about the applicant was resolved? Commissioner Deutscher stated the issue was resolved.

Report from Fire Chief- Chief Taylor started with the run data for May 2026:

There was a total of 420 calls

Fires	14
Hazardous Situations	15
Medical	280
Public Service	17
Non-Emergency	68
Law Enforcement Support	3

Incomplete/not through the system yet 22

Narcan was used 2 times

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

Battalion Chief James Young	36 Years
Battalion Chief Michael Orzech	31 Years
Fire Marshal Jeff Bruder	30 Years
Captain Joe Zerbes	19 Years
Driver/Operator Leo Martorano	14 Years
Firefighter Tristain Frazier	3 Years
Firefighter Jacob Ott	3 Years
Probationary Firefighter Jeffrey Furst	1 Year

Report from Local 475- President Zibutis asked a question regarding a firefighter had a one-year anniversary last month, should a motion be made for him to come off probation? Chief Taylor addressed no, that he still needs to pass his EMT test and he would address the commission when this happens. Chief Taylor explained to the commission the process.

Old Business- None

New Business-The commissioners discussed the new hiring testing, dates are as follows:

Deadline to accept applications is July 1, 2026
Written Test Date: August 1, 2026
Agility Practice: August 19, August 22 and August 26, 2026
Ladder Climb and Agility Test: August 29, 2026
Interviews: **Need to pick a Saturday date**

Public Comments- Council Representative Daisy Lee wanted to thank B Shift at Station 4 for doing 6 stations tours for classes.

Commissioner Comments-None

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Espar at 5:15 PM and seconded by Commissioner Deutscher. All in favor: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 3-0

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6, 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 K. Adrian

Date: 7-6-26

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