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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Regular Meeting Minutes: August 3, 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 Butcher. Absent were Commissioners Harvey and Espar. Also, present was Fire Chief Barrett Taylor and Attorney Cory Schoffner. (At this time, Commissioner Harvey arrived)

Approval of the Minutes- Commissioner Adrian asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2026 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Harvey and was seconded by Commissioner Deutscher. **All in favor: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 4-0**

Payroll and Claims- Commissioner Deutscher addressed the Payroll from June 2026 in the amount of \$600.00 Claims for June 2026 in the amount of \$500.00. Commissioner Adrian did not ask for a motion to approve the payroll or claims.

Report from Michigan City Common Council- Absent

Report from Commission Attorney- No Report

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

There was a total of 488 calls:

Fires	20
Hazardous Situations	26
Medical	306
Public Service	31
Non-Emergency	100
Rescue	3
Law Enforcement Support	2

Narcan was used 3 times.

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

Lieutenant Judd Rose	33 Years
Driver/Operator/Specialist	13 Years
Firefighter James Manuel	7 Years
Probationary Firefighter Tyler Martin	1 Year
Probationary Firefighter Larz Stanford	1 Year

Chief Taylor asked that Probationary Firefighter Jeffrey Furst come off Probation effective June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Deutscher made the motion to promote Probationary Firefighter Furst to Firefighter 1-2 effective June 30, 2026. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. **All in favor: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 4-0**

Chief Taylor asked that Probationary Firefighter Edwin Schmidt come off Probation effective July 2, 2026.

Commissioner Harvey made that motion to promote Probationary Firefighter Edwin Schmidt to Firefighter 1-2 effective July 2, 2026. Commissioner Deutscher seconded that motion. **All in favor: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 4-0**

Report from Local 475- President Zibutis stated that the Retiree Dinner will be held on September 8, 2026 and the commissioners should keep an eye on their mailboxes or let him know by the end of the meeting if they would like to attend and what they would like to eat.

Commissioner Deutscher asked about the golf outing and President Zibutis said they would talk after the meeting.

Old Business- Commissioner Adrian stated the commission needs to pick an interview date. Commissioner Deutscher suggested having the interviews right after the agility testing.

Commissioner Deutscher made a motion to have the interviews the day of the agility testing. Commissioner Harvey seconded that motion. **All in favor: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 4-0**

Discussion ensued regarding someone that was on the hiring list, declined the job offer, has now called and stated he would like to be added back on the hiring list. It was determined that if this person has an ordinance that they think can get them back on the hiring list, they need to provide it to the Fire Merit Commission.

New Business- Training Officer Sonntag asked the commission for permission to run the academy here for the new hire. He also added that he is an instructor III for the state.

Commissioner Butcher made the motion to allow Training Officer Sonntag to hold the onsite academy. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion. **All in favor: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 4-0**

Public Comments-None

Commissioner Comments-None

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deutscher at 5:37 PM and seconded by Commissioner Harvey. All in favor: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion Carried 4-0

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 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: _____

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