Minutes of the La Porte City Fire Department

Merit Commission

November 2, 2022

The Merit Commission met in person at Fire Station 1. Present were commission members, Miles Fettinger, Dr. James Edwards, Alison Zoll and Ian Eldridge. Chief Andy Snyder and Assistant Chief Kelly Burke were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

A motion to accept minutes from October was made by Miles Fettinger and seconded by Alison Zoll.

Old Business – Chief Andy Snyder reported the officers are ahead of schedule with the annual performance ratings.

Chief Andy Snyder reported that Kyle Dant is moving along in the process. He has passed the swim, ladder, and the mask test. He is working towards getting his CPAT certification and waiting on Public Safety Medical.

Discussions for recommendations regarding the implementation of a minimum score for promotional testing will be postponed until Battalion Chief Doug Biernacki is able to attend the meeting and make his presentation.

New Business – Chief Andy Snyder informed the Commission that he was contacted by Rob Shaffer, the teacher for the Fire Science class at the AK Smith Center in Michigan City. Mr. Shaffer wanted to know if any of the Merit Commission members would be interested in being a part of the Advisory Committee. Ian Eldridge expressed interest in participating.

Assistant Chief Kelly Burke reported that he will be checking with other Departments on how we can hire Firefighters who may be employed by another Department but looking to transfer with a hiring list already in place.

Alison Zoll made a motion to adjourn, Ian Eldridge seconded at 6:56 PM.

Recorded by Dawn Prater

Alison Zoll Merit Commission Secretary