

**MINUTES OF THE  
LA PORTE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MERIT COMMISSION  
January 14, 2015**

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The La Porte City Fire Department Merit Commission met on January 14, 2015, at the Main Fire Station. Present were Commission members Jim Parks, Gary Travis, Ed Gondeck, Lou Ridenour and Jim Kaminski. Also present were Chief Snyder, Assistant Chief Pressler and one firefighter.

The meeting was called to order President Jim Parks at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary Jim Kaminski read the minutes of the December meeting of the Commission. The minutes were approved as read.

The first order of business was the election of officers for 2015. Ed Gondeck moved, seconded by Lou Ridenour, that Jim Parks serve as President, Gary Travis as Vice President, and Jim Kaminski as Secretary. The slate of officers was unanimously elected.

The Commission then discussed the performance ratings which had been distributed to Commission members for review. The Commission commended the Fire Department and the firefighters who participated in the update of the performance ratings. Jim Kaminski moved that the performance ratings be posted as proposed to the Rules and Procedures of the Fire Department. Ed Gondeck seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved that the performance ratings would be posted for further review at the February meeting of the Commission.

Chief Snyder then reported that Jerome Kelly was awaiting state PERF approvals that he could be enrolled as a new member of the Department. The Board of Public Works had approved his hiring pending the PERF approval. Adam Post had passed his PERF approval and was completing his training at the Fire Academy and would start to work in February or March.

Chief Snyder then reported that Gary Smith and Dave Hucksted would be retiring in February. Accordingly, the Chief requested that the next name on the hiring list be submitted to him for processing. Jim Parks submitted the next name on the hiring list for processing.

Thereafter, there being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Kaminski, Secretary

Next meeting: February 4, 2015