

# Minutes of the La Porte City Fire Department

## Merit Commission

February 1, 2023

The Merit Commission met in person at Fire Station 1. Present were commission members, Miles Fettinger, Ian Eldridge, Josh Huelat and Alison Zoll. Chief Andy Snyder, Assistant Chief Kelly Burke, City Councilwoman Julie West and Battalion Chief Doug Biernacki were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

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

Old Business – Battalion Chief Doug Biernacki attended the meeting to present recommendations from the Union regarding the implementation of a minimum score for promotional testing. Alison recommended that the email from Doug be available to discuss each recommendation. Since Dr. James Edwards was not able to attend the meeting, the Merit Commission will discuss further at the March meeting.

New Business – Chief Andy Snyder reported that Cameron Watt has been offered a position and will be starting the Fire Academy February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Patrick Roy will be taking his CPAT test February 2<sup>nd</sup> but may not be able to make it to academy with giving his current employer a two-week notice. The Pension Board is meeting Thursday February 2, 2023 to discuss a third potential hire and two additional applicants are being background checked now.

Chief Andy Snyder recommended the Merit Commission secure the promotional testing company to meet the May dates. Andy will contact the company. A motion was made by Alison Zoll to set the promotion testing dates for May 8-9 and May 15-16, 2023 at 1:00 PM, motion was seconded by Miles Fettinger.

Miles Fettinger made a motion to adjourn, Josh Huelat seconded at 7:12 PM.

Recorded by Dawn Prater

Alison Zoll Merit Commission Secretary