

Minutes of the La Porte City Fire Department

Merit Commission

February 9, 2022

Merit Commission met in person at Fire Station 1. Present were commission members, Edward Gondeck, Miles Fettinger, Dr. James Edwards, Alison Zoll and Josh Huelat. Chief Andy Snyder, Assistant Chief Kelly Burke and Union President Michael Mulcrone were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

A motion to accept minutes from January was made by Edward Gondeck and seconded by Miles Fettinger.

Old Business - Miles Fettinger reported that he and Dr. James Edwards met regarding applications. Miles suggested and created a check list for applicants to ensure all items of packet have been completed prior to submission. An authorization to release information will be included in each packet. Application packets will be available for print online at the City of LaPorte website or pick up at Station 1. All applications must be postmarked or delivered to Station 1 by April 8th, 2022.

There was discussion regarding advertising for hiring via radio ads such as B100, WCOE and Hometown News and/or social media. Union President Michael Mulcrone reported that he spoke to Tim Franke and Erica Kanney of Duneland Media regarding Facebook & Google ads. Michael requested permission talk more with Erica Kanney on the specifics of ad costs and will forward information to board members as soon as possible before moving forward.

Union President Michael Mulcrone reported that things are going well regarding updates to the Rules and Procedures. Captain Doug Biernacki is heading the team with multiple members and has contacted other Departments for new ideas. Any possible changes will be shared with the Union before a final presentation is made to the Board.

Union President Michael Mulcrone also reported that he and Tom Lusco will be touring a paramedic school.

New Business – Chief Andy Snyder requested the board to do background checks for the top three applicants of the current hiring list. He is expecting a letter of retirement on or about March 2, 2022 from Battalion Chief Robert Sabie.

Ed Gondeck made a motion to adjourn, Josh Huelat seconded at 7:32 PM

Recorded by Dawn Prater

Alison Zoll Merit Commission Secretary