

Minutes of the La Porte City Fire Department

Merit Commission

September 6, 2023

The Merit Commission met in person at Fire Station 1. Present were commission members, Miles Fettinger, Dr. James Edwards, Josh Huelat and Alison Zoll. Assistant Chief Kelly Burke and Battalion Chief Chase Robowski were also in attendance.

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

A motion to accept the minutes from the August Executive Session was made by Alison Zoll and seconded by Josh Huelat.

A motion to accept the minutes from August was made by Dr. James Edwards and seconded by Alison Zoll.

Old Business –The Battalion Chief and Training Chief mid-year performance ratings will be completed soon.

Jackson Hakes declined to move through the hiring process, as he has already accepted a position elsewhere.

Battalion Chief Chase Robowski reported that at the October meeting, Chief Andy Snyder would like to discuss with the Merit Commission changing the hiring age to 18.

John Coggins attended the meeting to introduce his son, John Coggins Jr., who will be taking over the applicant testing process once he retires. He discussed the new testing company he would like to see the Merit Commission move to. Some advantages of the new company include the ability to test online and 500 questions to pick from versus 150. He requested permission to move forward with the change in test company process.

Miles Fettinger made a motion was made to approve John Coggins Sr. to begin the application process with the new testing company; Josh Huelat seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business – Battalion Chief Chase Robowski reported that Chief Snyder requested the next name from the hiring list to forward to the Human Resource Director.

Annual performance ratings will be distributed to the officers shortly.

Dr. James Edwards made a motion to adjourn, Josh Huelat seconded at 7:03 PM.

Recorded by Dawn Prater

Alison Zoll Merit Commission Secretary