



MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES

January 06, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Merit Commission was held at the Lawrence Government Center, Lawrence, Indiana. Those in attendance were as follows:

Commissioners:	Amy Coats	President
	Randy Warman	Commissioner
	Tom Taylor	Commissioner

CLFD:	Dino Batalis	CLFD Fire Chief
	Kalie KD	CLFD Admin Assistant

Call to Order: Pres. Coats called the meeting to order at 18:00 hours and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer.

Commission Members Comments: Pres. Coats solicited comments from the Commission members and Tom Taylor wishes everyone a happy New Year.

Fire Chief's Comments: Chief Batalis would like to wait for all members to be present before speaking on the topic of reelection and a new member. Chief Batalis mentions Recording Secretary, Kalie, is at home sick but taking notes via phone.

Old Business: There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business: Hiring list.

Good of the Order Comments: Chief Batalis stated that the department normally takes candidates in order on list; however, we are in desperate need of a medic. The first candidate on the list has already been hired. Since then, we've had one resignation and one retirement. Chief Batalis is requesting approval to jump down the list to one of our medics. The Fire Dept has lost 7-8 medics of the last 10 Firefighter retirements. If we can hire #9 – who is a medic – then we will go back to the top of the list when we need to hire again. President Coats asked for clarification that the other candidates up until #9 do not have the qualifications needed in a medic. Chief Batalis agrees with the exception of #2, who was contacted today but he declined.

Adjournment: President Coats solicited a motion to adjourn that was provided by Comm. Taylor, seconded by Comm. Warman and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 18:25 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalie Kearney-Dunkerson

Kalie Kearney-Dunkerson, Recording Secretary