

**LaPorte City Fire Department Merit Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2019**

Present:

Commission Members Darrell Crites, Dr. James Edwards, Edward Gondeck, Jessica Romine, and Gary Travis. Also present were Chief Andrew Snyder and mayoral candidate Tom Dermody.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President, Dr. Edwards. The May minutes of the regular and the special meeting were read aloud by Ms. Romine. There were no changes. Mr. Gondeck approved them as read, Mr. Crites seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Old Business: The 3rd shift has not completed the mid-year performance ratings as of yet. This is primarily due to vacations and medical leave by the firefighters. Chief expects this should be done within 1-2 weeks.

Professor Smith showed up for the first 2 exams dates but did not show up for the last 2 exam dates. There have been numerous attempts to contact her, however she has not responded in any way. The City attorney was contacted on this issue and he advised that we begin the testing for all firefighters over again and not to try to reach out to Professor Smith anymore. The tests that were taken are void and no longer valid. The exams should be given in September or October, 2019. Chief and Dr. Edwards will contact national associations for bids on their testing services.

The second fire truck should arrive in LaPorte around the middle of July.

Fire station #3 will likely see construction start in another month. Larson Danielson was awarded the contract. The station will be approximately 8200-8400 sq. ft.

New Business: 3 firefighters Jesse Bowen, Tyler Weller and Derek Devereaux graduated this morning from the Academy. Chief and Mayor Krentz were in attendance. All three firefighters will begin working within the week.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday July 2 at 1:00 pm at Fire station #1.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica N. Romine, Secretary