

AGENDA
FIRE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, March 11, 2024
3:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Municipal Building, 229 S. Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516

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MEETING NUMBER (Access Code): 2301 095 3873

MEETING PASSWORD: Fire24 JOIN BY PHONE: 1-415-655-0001

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll call**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting February 26, 2024**
- 5. Fire Department**
 - Request to Hire- Daniel Gassman, Cortez Owens, Tyler Garab, LaVarius Macon, Daniel Martin, Brent Curry, Zack Stamatovich, Andrew DeVreese Ashten Williams**
 - Swearing in Ceremony**
- 6. IAFF Local 338**
- 7. Public Participation**
- 8. Adjournment**

FIRE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, February 26, 2024

President Mandy Leazenby called a regular meeting of the Fire Merit Commission (FMC) to order at 3:30 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2024. Nancy Wilson called the role. Commissioners Mandy Leazenby, Doug Bowlby, Bunita Fields-Buggs, Regina Fultes, and Jim Rodino were present.

1. AGENDA

On motion by Jim Rodino, seconded by Doug Bowlby and carried 5-0, the agenda was approved as presented.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Doug Bowlby, seconded by Bunita Fields-Buggs and carried 5-0, the minutes from January 8, 2024 & the MOU for the Special Meeting on February 12, 2024 were adopted.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Disciplinary Notice Firefighter Holly Reed

Chief Rodney Dale presented a request to approve a Settlement Agreement between Firefighter Holly Reed , Chief Rodney Dale, Deputy City Attorney Kevin Davis, and Jason Gour. On motion by Doug Bowlby, seconded by Jim Rodino and carried 5-0, the FMC approved the Settlement Agreement between Firefighter Holly Reed , Chief Rodney Dale, Deputy City Attorney Kevin Davis, and Jason Gour dated 2-21-24 as presented.

4. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bunita Fields-Buggs, seconded by Doug Bowlby and carried 5-0, the City of Elkhart, Indiana Fire Merit Commission was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

_____ Mandy Leazenby, President

Attest: _____ Doug Bowlby, Secretary

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RE: New Hire
Daniel Gassman

Dear Commissioners:

Prospective firefighter, Daniel Gassman, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with The Elkhart Fire Department as a firefighter. I am requesting your approval to hire this candidate on March 11th 2024 with a start date of March 25th 2024.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



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Cortez Owens

Dear Commissioners:

Prospective firefighter, Cortez Owens, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with The Elkhart Fire Department as a firefighter. I am requesting your approval to hire this candidate on March 11th 2024 with a start date of March 25th 2024.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Dale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Tyler Garab

Dear Commissioners:

Prospective firefighter, Tyler Garab, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with The Elkhart Fire Department as a firefighter. I am requesting your approval to hire this candidate on March 11th 2024 with a start date of March 25th 2024.

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LaVarius Macon

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Prospective firefighter, LaVarius Macon, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with The Elkhart Fire Department as a firefighter. I am requesting your approval to hire this candidate on March 11th 2024 with a start date of March 25th 2024.

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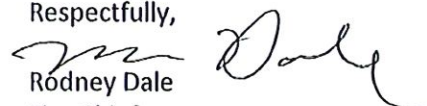
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Daniel Martin

Dear Commissioners:

Prospective firefighter, Daniel Martin, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with The Elkhart Fire Department as a firefighter. I am requesting your approval to hire this candidate on March 11th 2024 with a start date of March 25th 2024.

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Brent Curry

Dear Commissioners:

Prospective firefighter, Brent Curry, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with The Elkhart Fire Department as a firefighter. I am requesting your approval to hire this candidate on March 11th 2024 with a start date of March 25th 2024.

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Zack Stamatovich

Dear Commissioners:

Prospective firefighter, Zack Stamatovich, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with The Elkhart Fire Department as a firefighter. I am requesting your approval to hire this candidate on March 11th 2024 with a start date of March 25th 2024.

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Andrew DeVreese

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Prospective firefighter, Andrew DeVreese, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with The Elkhart Fire Department as a firefighter. I am requesting your approval to hire this candidate on March 11th 2024 with a start date of March 25th 2024.

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Ashten Williams

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