

AGENDA
FIRE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, April 8, 2024
3:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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

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MEETING NUMBER (Access Code): 2314 955 5885

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 March 11, 2024**
- 5. Fire Department**
 - Request to Hire- Robert Newville**
 - Swearing in Ceremony**
- 6. IAFF Local 338**
- 7. Public Participation**
- 8. Adjournment**

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President Mandy Leazenby called a regular meeting of the Fire Merit Commission (FMC) to order at 3:30 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024. Nancy Wilson called the role. Commissioners Mandy Leazenby, Doug Bowlby, Regina Fultes, and Jim Rodino were present. Commissioner Bunita Fields-Buggs was absent.

1. AGENDA

On motion by Doug Bowlby, seconded by Jim Rodino and carried 4-0, the agenda was approved as presented.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Jim Rodino, seconded by Regina Fultes and carried 4-0, the minutes from February 26, 2024 were adopted.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Request to Hire

Chief Rodney Dale presented a request to hire prospective firefighter Daniel Gassman. Mr. Gassman 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. He requested approval to hire this candidate with a start date of March 25, 2024. On motion by Doug Bowlby, seconded by Jim Rodino and carried 4-0, the FMC hired Probationary Firefighter Daniel Gassman with a starting date of March 25, 2025.

Chief Rodney Dale presented a request to hire prospective firefighter Cortez Owens. Mr. Owens 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. He requested approval to hire this candidate with a start date of March 25, 2024. On motion by Regina Fultes, seconded by Jim Rodino and carried 4-0, the FMC hired Probationary Firefighter Cortez Owens with a starting date of March 25, 2025.

Chief Rodney Dale presented a request to hire prospective firefighter Tyler Garab. Mr. Garab 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. He requested approval to hire this candidate with a start date of March 25, 2024. On motion by Doug Bowlby, seconded by Jim Rodino and carried 4-0, the FMC hired Probationary Firefighter Tyler Garab with a starting date of March 25, 2025.

Chief Rodney Dale presented a request to hire prospective firefighter LaVarius Macon. Mr. Macon 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. He requested approval to hire this candidate with a start date of March 25, 2024. On motion by Jim Rodino, seconded by Regina Fultes and carried 4-0, the FMC hired Probationary Firefighter LaVarius Macon with a starting date of March 25, 2024.

Chief Rodney Dale presented a request to hire prospective firefighter Daniel

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4. ADJOURNMENT

Mandy Leazenby adjourned the City of Elkhart, Indiana Fire Merit Commission at 3:57 p.m.

_____ Mandy Leazenby, President

Attest: _____ Doug Bowlby, Secretary

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Rodney Dale
Fire Chief

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Assistant Fire Chief

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RE: New Hire
Robert Newville

Dear Commissioners:

Prospective firefighter, Robert Newville, 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 April 8th, 2024 with a start date of April 8th 2024.

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

Respectfully,

Rodney Dale
Fire Chief