

**PIKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
MERIT COMMISSION
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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46268**

President:

Stephen Buschmann

Vice President:

Natrina DeBow

Secretary:

Russell Sipes

Members:

Steve Hendrixson

Nancy Poore

August 21, 2024
Regular Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Merit Commission –Nancy Poore, Steve Hendrixson, Stephen Buschmann, Russell Sipes

Pike Township – Chief Jeff Beam, Lt. Steve Mills, FF Sean Manning, HRM Kris Harrison, Payroll/Benefits Administrator Jill Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the March 20, 2024 minutes were distributed for review. There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

AGENDA/NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting was called to order at 1804 hours.

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance.

There were six employees who were recommended for promotion from FFI to FFII: K. Acevedo, D Brees, S. Manning, S. New, B. Nissen and A. Orlich. Chief Beam stated that these six firefighters have completed all necessary training and were eligible for promotion on August 15. President Buschmann asked for a motion to promote these firefighters to the rank of FFII as of August 15th. Secretary Sipes made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Poore. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Beam said that Angela Highland and Ryan Ross had completed their time as probationary Lieutenants on July 27th and he recommends that their merit rank be made permanent. President Buschmann asked for a motion to promote Angela Highland and Ryan Ross to the permanent rank of Lieutenant effective July 27th. The motion was made by Secretary Sipes, seconded by Commissioner Poore and passed unanimously.

MISC. BUSINESS:

Chief Beam provided an update on the hiring process. He plans to bring the final eligibility list to the September or October meeting. Chief Beam informed the Commission that former Fire Chief Joe Olofson had passed away. .

The meeting adjourned at 1812 hours.