

**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

March 19, 2025

Regular Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Merit Commission –Stephen Buschmann, Steve Hendrixson, Russell Sipes

Pike Township – Chief Jeff Beam, Capt. Steve Mills, Capt. Daniel Pitts, FF Jeremie Bell,
HRM Jill Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the February 19, 2025 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 1802 hours.

The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Beam said that Cameron Wadlington had completed their time as probationary Lieutenant on March 20th and he recommends that their merit rank be made permanent. President Buschmann asked for a motion to promote Cameron Wadlington to the permanent rank of Lieutenant effective March 20th. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

There were two employees who were recommended for promotion from Probationary FFI to FFII: N. Boomershine and D. Summers. Chief Beam stated that these two firefighters have completed all necessary training and are eligible for promotion on March 27. President Buschmann asked for a motion to promote N. Boomershine and D. Summers to the rank of FFII as of March 27th. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Beam states that after the February meeting he was able to promote Steve Mills to Captain. This means there is now an open Lieutenant spot. Chief Beam requested that the Merit Commission provide the next three names on the Lieutenant Promotion Eligibility List. President Buschmann asked for a motion to release the Chief the names of Mark Raney, Jan Jas and Calvin Young. President Buschmann asked that it be noted that while Brian Hakes is the first on the list, he is not eligible for promotion until April 1, 2025 and that is why he is not included in the list of three this time. The motion was made and seconded. All voted in favor.

Chief Beam states that the current promotion list expires on October 18, 2025. He would like to note that we have begun the process to review information to hold a promotion process for Lieutenant, Captain and Battalion Chief. Unless the commission has any recommendations, we will continue the process as in the past. No recommendations from commission.

MISC. BUSINESS:

There was no additional business.

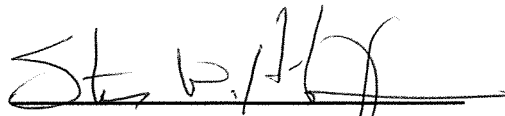
The meeting adjourned at 1808 hours.

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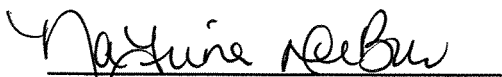
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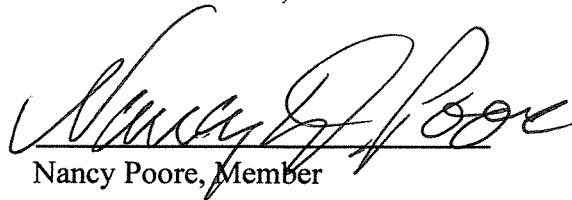
Stephen Buschmann, President



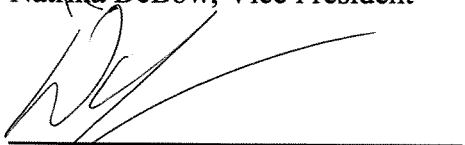
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