

# WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: January 4, 2023

Meeting called to order: 5:01 pm

## In Attendance

Brett Voorhies  
Brandi Bannon  
Karen Burke  
Mark Scutchfield  
Fire Chief Marc Reed  
Assistant Chief John Garino  
Assistant Chief Matt Stewart  
Assistant Chief Courtney Rice  
Ellen Robinson (Human Resource Director)  
L416 Wayne District President, Brian McKee  
Attorney Beth Copeland  
Tina Benson

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the December 12, 2022, minutes, Mark Scutchfield moved to approve, and Brandi Bannon seconded, all in favor.

## Notification of Discipline

No Discipline to review

## Old Business

None

## **New Business**

Board unanimously voted that Brett Voorhies is the President of the Merit Board.  
Board unaminously voted that Karen Burke is the Vice-President of the Merit Board.  
Board unaminously voted that Mark Scutchfiled is the Secretary of the Merit Board.

Informational: Brian McKee informs the Board the Union will have the Union Board member seat filled by the February board meeting.

Mark Scutchfield motioned to remove Lieutenant John Harrington and Captain Jonathan Abernathy from probationary status, Karen Burke seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

## **Good of the Order**

Before requesting the board to adopt a new Merit Commission Administrative Procedure, Attorney Beth Copeland will send a copy of the Merit Commission Administrative Procedures to the board with the changes marked in red for their review before the board is asked to adopt the changes.

Meeting dates scheduled and listed below.

February 8, 2023, March 1, 2023, April 5, 2023, May 3, 2023, June 7, 2023, July 12, 2023, August 2, 2023, September 6, 2023, October 4, 2023, November 1, 2023, December 6, 2023

Assistant Chief Rice asked Attorney Beth Copeland if it is legal to broadcast the Merit Board meeting via Teams, and the answer was yes, you can.

Informational: If anyone wants to speak, it needs to be a public hearing. No one has the right to speak at a public meeting, but the public does have the right to attend and record the meeting.

Assistant Chief Stewart asked Attorney Beth Copeland if she'd have an answer by February about using the current promotion list and the upcoming promotion process. Attorney Beth Copeland stated she'd rather not comment.

Brett Voorhies asked for a motion to adjourn; Mark Scutchfield motioned to adjourn; Brandi Bannon seconded, all in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

## **Next Meeting**

***February 8, 2023, @ 5 pm***