



**ZIONSVILLE SAFETY BOARD  
MEETING MEMORANDA**

**January 21, 2025**

Zionsville Town Hall  
1100 W. Oak Street

**1. OPENING**

A. Call meeting to order: President Sampson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00am.

Board members present: President Sarah Sampson, Dr. Jeff Papa, Joe Stein (remote), Valerie Swack and Vice President Evan Norris

Members absent: None

**2. MEETING ITEMS**

A. Fire Department Monthly Report: Chief VanGorder announced the Fire Department Merrit Commission voting has concluded and Democrat Brandon Mooradian and Republican Aaron Haskell have been appointed to the Board. That board will have their first meeting in the month of February. Chief VanGorder also briefly reviewed the 2025 fire department budget.

Deputy Chief Aaron Gibbons reviewed his position, positions he oversees and his responsibilities with the fire department. He then reviewed a couple of staffing snapshots of the fire department. He reviewed staffing requirements and minimums, noting that some days are not meeting the minimum requirements. On those days, the fire stations either run short or pay overtime. He discussed the importance of adding more firefighters to help resolve the staffing shortages and improve firefighter safety. Brief discussion held.

B. Oath of Office: Chief VanGorder conducted the Oath of Office to all Board Members.

C. Approval of Minutes: Vice President Norris motioned to approve the December 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes. President Sampson seconded. Valerie Swack refrained from voting, as she was not at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. All others were in favor and motion was passed.

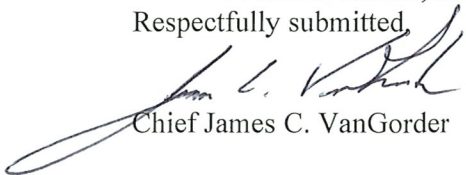
D. Old Business: None

E. New Business: None

F. Other Matters: Chief VanGorder noted the ZFD Awards Banquet is on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the board is invited to attend.

**3. ADJOURN at 7:33 a.m.** President Sampson motioned to adjourn, Vice President Evan Norris seconded, all were in favor motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chief James C. VanGorder