TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING October 6, 2022

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Graf at 6:30 p.m., in the Schererville Police Department Meeting and Training Facility, 25 E. Joliet Street, Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Eric Graf, David Eenigenburg, Mike O'Rourke, and George Kouros. Staff members present: Deputy Chief of Police Steven McNamara, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Bottiger. Also present: Attorney Alfredo Estrada. Absent: Rich Pietrzak and Police Chief Peter Sormaz.

THEREUPON, Amendment of the Agenda

Chairman Graf requested from the Board members present a motion to amend the Agenda under New Business. Under New Business, letter C would be the request by the Fire Department to hire two new part-time employees. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD – No correspondence, recognition

Deputy Chief of Police McNamara advised the Board that on September 23, 2022 at the Police Appreciation Banquet, Board of Safety Chairman Graf received the Law Enforcement Community Service Award for all of his dedication for the past forty-one years of his career, both on and off duty. He congratulated Chairman Graf on the award and thanked him on behalf of the Police Department.

ITEM B. FD – Thank you letter from Dyer Fire Department

Fire Chief Patterson informed the Board that he had received a thank-you letter from the Dyer Fire department for their assistance with a structure fire in unincorporated Dyer, the 8000 block of Moraine Street, on September 18, 2022.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Job Status change for Ryan Abens

Fire Chief Patterson stated it was Ryan Abens second year on the department. He requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Ryan Abens from 2nd Class Firefighter/Paramedic to 1st Class Firefighter/Paramedic. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (4 – 0).

ITEM B. PD – NONE

ITEM C. FD – Approval to hire part-time employees

Fire Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board to hire two (2) part-time employees. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Deputy Chief of Police McNamara advised the Board the reports were in the packet. He further advised the Board the Patrol Commander was present if there were any questions for him. There were no questions however, Mr. O'Rourke advised the Board he went on his ride-along on October 5, 2022, with Officer Scott Savich. During his ride-along, Mr. O'Rourke questioned Officer Savich in regards to the change in productivity standards. Mr. O'Rourke stated everything Officer Savich had to say about the new standards was positive. Officer Savich stated even the officers that have been with the department for numerous years have followed suit, making the work environment more positive.

For the month of September, 2022, the Patrol Division had: 1,552 calls for service; 115 accident reports; issued 454 warnings and 444 total citations of which 130 were Local Ordinance Citations, and 314 were State Infraction Citations. There were 121 total arrests. The Patrol Division filed 227 total charges of which 65 were Class A Misdemeanors, 41 were Class B Misdemeanors, 43 were Class C Misdemeanors, and 12 Level 6 Felonies. The Patrol Division served 59 total Warrants, and had 239 Proactive Patrols for the month.

For the month of August, 2022, the Criminal Investigations Division filed 32 criminal charges, of which 18 were felony, 14 were misdemeanor, 0 were local ordinances, and 0 were Federal. The breakdown of the 49 cases assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division for August: 16 Miscellaneous, 15 Theft/Shoplifting, 5 Fraud, 3 Drugs, 2 Sex Offenses, 4 Auto Thefts, 2 Burglary/Home Invasions, 2 Battery/Domestics.

For the month of September, 2022, Schererville Police Officers attended 879 hours of training.

For the month of September, 2022, the Animal Control Division had 50 calls for service and 2 bite reports. 4 new animals were taken in of which 2 were cats and 2 were dogs.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

Chief Patterson advised the Board the reports were in the packet.

For the month of September, 2022, the Schererville Fire Department performed 24 inspections, responded to 342 incidents of which 279 were EMS related, 27 Fire related, 23 were Alarms/Investigations, and 13 were Fire Prevention, Inspections and or trainings. They also attended 796.5 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (4 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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