TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING January 12, 2022

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Pietrzak at 7:00 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: Richard Pietrzak, Eric Graf, David Eenigenburg, Michael O'Rourke, and George Kouros. Staff members present: Police Chief Pete Sormaz, 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, Schererville Town Council Liaison Thomas Schmitt.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the minutes of both the December 13 and December 16, 2021 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD – NONE

ITEM B. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – Reserve Program Update

Chief Sormaz advised the Board that in their packets there is a resolution prepared by Attorney Estrada to be sent to the Town Council for the Reserve Program. He recommended the resolution be accepted as presented. Mr. Kouros made a motion to approve Resolution 22-1 pending final review of the whole council, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0).

Mr. Graff added a great deal of work and professionalism by all involved was put into the preparation of the document and believed it would be a tremendous stepping stone for the program.

ITEM B. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Board Election

Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion for Mr. Eric Graf to be Chairman, Mr. David Eenigenburg to be Vice Chairman, and Mr. Michael O'Rourke to be Secretary for the Board of Safety, 2022 year, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion Carries (5-0). At this time Mr. Graf and Mr. Pietrzak traded places.

ITEM B. PD NONE

ITEM C. FD NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz advised the reports were in the packet.

For the month of December, 2021, the Patrol Division had 1,272 calls for service, 139 accidents, 298 traffic citations, and 192 adult arrests.

For the month of December, 2021, the Criminal Investigations Division filed 56 criminal charges, 19 thefts, 3 thefts from motor vehicles, and 1 burglary.

For the year 2021, the Criminal Investigations Division filed a total of 571 Felony/Misdemeanor charges: 308 Felony charges, 263 Misdemeanor charges, 4 Federal charges, and 1 Local ordinance charge. 34 background investigations were completed and over 200 gun permits (from July to December) were processed. The Criminal Investigations Division also assisted with patrol and supervisor shortages as well as training three officers to become part-time detectives.

For the month of December, 2021, the Animal Control Division had 31 calls for service and 1 bite report. 8 new animals were taken in, 4 animals were adopted out, 2 animals were returned to owner/guardian and 3 animals were transported out.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

Chief Patterson advised the reports were in the packet.

For the month of December, 2021, the Schererville Fire Department performed 15 inspections, responded to 400 incidents, and attended 352 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney

Attorney Estrada thanked the Board and the Town Council; he is beginning his third year as their attorney, and appreciates the retainer.

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. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ERIC GRAF
SCHERERVILLE BOARD OF SAFETY CHAIRMAN
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DAVID EENIGENBURG
SCHERERVILLE BOARD OF SAFETY VICE CHAIRMAN
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