TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING June 4, 2026

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman George Kouros in the absence of Chairman Eric Graf at 5:15 p.m., in the Schererville Town Hall Meeting Room, 10 E. Joliet Street, Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: George Kouros, David Jaroszewski, David Eenigenburg, and Robert Volkmann. Staff members present: Chief of Police Peter Sormaz, Deputy Chief of Police Steven McNamara, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Bottiger. Also present: Attorney Christian Bartholomew, Town Manager James Gorman, and Director of Operations Andrew Hansen. Absent: Eric Graf.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Volkmann made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2026, Regular Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – Thank-you letter from Lake Central Director Kissinger

Chief Sormaz informed the Board he had received an email from Director of Safety and Security of the Lake Central School Corporation, Brian Kissinger, thanking the Police Department for their assistance during the 2026 High School Graduation.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – Emergency Hire update

Chief Sormaz informed the Board the Department had received nine applicants for the Emergency Hiring Process. He recommended the Board extend the conditional offer of employment to Joseph Calkins, Christopher Wanat, and Joshua Anthony Williams. Motion made by Mr. Volkmann, seconded by Mr. Jaroszewski. Motion carries (4 – 0).

ITEM C. PD – Tow Service Agreement Update

Chief Somaz notified the Board the Town Council had approved the Tow Service Agreement at the May 13, 2026, meeting. He went on to add that he had visited the current firms to answer any questions they may have had in regards to the agreement. Chief Sormaz recommended the Board maintain three tow firms as authorized towers for the Police Department: Stan's Towing, Hansen's Towing, and Tom & Ed's Towing. Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Approval to hire one new part-time employee

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board to hire one part-time Firefighter/EMT, Buddy Reczek. Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. Motion passes (4 – 0).

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz thanked the Board for their assistance during the emergency hire process, new hire process, and promotional processes over the past few months.

Chief Sormaz advised the Board all the reports were in the packet.

For the month of April, 2026, the Patrol Division reports were unavailable.

For the month of April, 2026, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) filed 31 criminal charges which were the result of 12 cases. Of these charges, 13 were felony, 17 were misdemeanor, and 1 was Federal. 15 were filed in Lake County Court, 13 were filed in Schererville Town Court, 1 was filed in Federal Court, and 2 were filed in Juvenile Court. The CID is investigating 49 incidents for the month of April. Cross Trained Detective Paprocki was the detective of the month.

For the month of May, 2026, Officers attended 870 hours of training.

For the month of May, 2026, the Animal Control Division had 55 calls for service, 4 bite reports and took in 4 animals. There was 1 adoption for month. 2026 year-to-date adoption total is 5 animals.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

Fire Chief Patterson informed the Board that all the reports were in the packet.

For the month of May, 2026, the Schererville Fire Department performed 55 inspections, responded to 376 incidents of which 321 were EMS related, 33 were Fire related, and 21 were Alarms/Investigations/Trainings. They also attended 640.45 total hours of training of which 481.95 were Fire Trainings, 148.5 were EMS Trainings, and 10 were Leadership Trainings.

ITEM C. Attorney – NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members David Jaroszewski

Mr. Jaroszewski congratulated Chief Sormaz for the success of the Cop-On-the-Rooftop event where the Schererville Police Department placed first for the seventh year in a row in raising funds for the Special Olympics. Mr. Volkmann concurred with Mr. Jaroszewski, stating the Department did a great job. Chief Sormaz thanked everyone that attended and supported the event.

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. Volkmann. Motion carries (4 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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