

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

August 3, 2023

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman David Eenigenburg 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: David Eenigenburg, Rich Pietrzak, Mike O'Rourke, and Eric Graf. Staff members present: Police Chief 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 Alfredo Estrada, Town Manager Jim Gorman, and Schererville Town Council President Tom Schmitt. Absent: George Kouros.

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD – CN Police 100th Anniversary Letter

Chief Sormaz advised the Board he received a thank-you letter from CN Railroad, whom are celebrating their 100th Anniversary. In the letter, Stephen Covey, Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer for CN, thanked the Schererville Police Department for partnering with them to protect people and property as well as their continued support. Chief Sormaz went on to add that, along with the letter, several CN 100th Anniversary commemorative pins were included, which were passed out to office personnel.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

At this time, Chairman Eenigenburg stated before they went on to correspondence for the Fire Department, they needed to have the approval of minutes from the July 6, 2023 meeting. Mr. Pietrzak made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2023 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (4 – 0).

ITEM B. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – NONE

ITEM C. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Approval to hire to hire two Part-Time Personnel

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board to hire two part-time personnel: Ariara Herrera, Firefighter/EMT and Brandon Nallenweg, Paramedic. Motion made by Mr. Graf, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (4 – 0).

ITEM B. PD – Time Promotion for Officer Guillermo

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Officer Madeline Guillermo from Probationary Officer to 3rd Class Patrolman, effective August 20, 2023. He went on to add that. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Pietrzak. Motion carries (5 – 0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz informed the Board he had received a retirement letter from Detective Chris Goldasich stating his last day of work is September 29, 2023, with the final pay being November 3, 2023. Chief Sormaz went on to add that Detective Goldasich is a part of the drop program and that his retirement was originally announced three years ago. He is updating the Board with the formal document.

Chief Sormaz stated all the reports were in the packet.

For the month of July, 2023 the Patrol Division Reports were unavailable.

For the month of July, 2023, the Criminal Investigations Division filed 73 criminal charges, of which 50 were felony, 21 were misdemeanor, and 2 were Federal. 12 were filed in Schererville Town Court, 54 were filed in Lake County Court, 2 were filed in Federal court, and 5 were filed in the Lake County Juvenile Court. The breakdown of the 45 cases being investigated by the Criminal Investigations Division for July: 11 Miscellaneous, 14 Theft/Shoplifting, 6 Fraud, 6 Drugs/K9/Overdose, 2 Sex Offenses, 1 Auto Theft, 3 Burglary/Home Invasion, and 2 Battery/Domestic/Fight.

For the month of July, 2023, Schererville Police Officers attended 417 hours of training.

The Animal Control Division reports were unavailable at the time of the meeting.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

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

For the month of July, 2023, the Schererville Fire Department performed 10 inspections, responded to 325 incidents of which 263 were EMS related, 31 Fire related, 26 were Alarms/Investigations, and 5 were Fire Prevention, Inspections and or trainings. They also attended 454.5 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. Pietrzak made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (4 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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