

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

February 1, 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, George Kouros 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, Schererville Town Council President Tom Schmitt, Town Manager Jim Gorman, and Director of Operations Andy Hansen.

THEREUPON, Amendment of the Agenda

Chairman Eenigenburg requested from the Board members present a motion to amend the Agenda and remove Article A under New Business. Motion made by Mr. Graf, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5 – 0).

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pietrzak. Motion carries (5 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD – NONE

ITEM B. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – Emergency Hire Update

Deputy Chief McNamara advised the Board the last officer they offered the Conditional Offer of Employment to was Officer Voss, from the Dyer Police Department, who accepted the offer. His starting date is April 5, 2023. Mr. O'Rourke asked how many officers, including Voss, the department now has to which Deputy Chief McNamara responded 52. Mr. O'Rourke then asked if that number was our max, to which Chief Sormaz responded 51 was our max, and Officer Voss would be replacing Det. Goldasich who is retiring later in the year.

ITEM B. PD – Reserve Program Update

Deputy Chief of Police McNamara advised the Board the physical agility test for the Reserve Program was held on January 15, 2023, with all applicants passing. He further apprised the Board the department was in the process of performing background checks.

ITEM C. FD – None

THEREUPON, New Business

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

Fire Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board to hire part-time Paramedic Kaitlin Setlak and Firefighter/EMT Andrew Wilusz. Motion made by Mr. Pietrzak, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion Carries (5 -0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

For the month of January, 2023, the Patrol Division reports were unavailable.

For the year 2022, the Patrol Division responded to 18,093 incidents and took 1,277 accident reports. There were 8,422 traffic stops performed resulting in 5,757 tickets issued of which 1,460 were local ordinances and 4,297 were state infractions. There were 1,695 total arrests. The Patrol Division filed 2,719 charges of which 1,126 were Class A Misdemeanors, 540 Class B Misdemeanors, 705 Class C Misdemeanors, 2 Level 1 Felonies, 3 Level 3 Felonies, 6 Level 4 Felonies, and 14 Level 5 Felonies. The Patrol Division served 793 warrants, and had 2,047 Proactive Patrols for the year.

For the month of January, 2023, the Criminal Investigations Division reports were unavailable.

For the month of January, 2023 the Police Officer training hours were unavailable.

For the month of January, 2023, the Animal Control Report was unavailable.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

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

For the month of January, 2023, the Schererville Fire Department performed 11 inspections, responded to 344 incidents of which 289 were EMS related, 25 Fire related, 21 were Alarms/Investigations, and 9 were Fire Prevention, Inspections and or trainings. They also attended 1,179.2 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney

Attorney Estrada

Attorney Estrada thanked the Board and Staff members for accommodating his schedule and moving the meeting to today so he could handle personal business.

THEREUPON, Board Members Job Well Done

Mr. Graf advised the Board he and Mr. Eenigenburg were having lunch last week when he needed to call 911 for a subject that fell and injured herself. He advised the dispatcher did an incredible job and asked all the correct questions as well as staying on the phone with him until the Fire Department arrived. He went on to add the Fire Department response was very quick. He commended everyone for a job well done.

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Graf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pietrzak. Motion carries (5 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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