

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich 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: Rich Pietrzak, Eric Graf, David Eenigenburg, Michael O'Rourke, and George Kouros. Staff members present: Police Chief Pete Sormaz, Deputy Police Chief Jeffrey Cook, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, and Attorney Alfredo Estrada, Recording Secretary Jennifer Lanting.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD Conditional Offer Update – Ramon Gandarilla

Chief Sormaz recommended the Board rescind the conditional offer of employment to Ramon Gadarilla. Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to rescind the offer, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. PD New Hire/Supervisor Process – Update

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board that the new hire list was launched by Stanard and Associates on January 26, 2021. The physical agility test is scheduled for March 13, 2021. Chief Sormaz will update the Board on the as to when the written test will take place.

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board to pursue the Emergency Hire of one (1) additional police officer. Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve Chief's request, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. All in favor (5-0).

Chief Sormaz advised the board that they were still working with Stenard and Associates to establish a Sergeant's list. He will update the board when the test date will be.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. PD – Promotion of Officer Ian Segovia to the rank of Corporal

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the promotion of Officer Ian Segovia to the rank of Corporal effective February 7, 2021. Mr. Graf made a motion to approve the Chief's request, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. PD – General Order Policies (Department Complaint and Disciplinary Procedure)

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board regarding the General Order Policy regarding Department Complaint and Disciplinary Procedure, # 5.03. Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve Chief's request, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. All in favor (5-0).

THERUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Department

Chief Sormaz recognized Officer Scott Savich who received the Indiana Criminal Justice Institutes first-ever Traffic Safety All-Star Award for his number of OWI arrests in 2019 (35).

Chief Sormaz advised the Board of the assignment of Dan Drexler to the Crime Reduction Unit of the Detective Bureau.

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board that the Police Department initiated an Animal Control Volunteer Program in January. The advertising flyer will be mailed with the February Utility Bill.

Chief Sormaz updated the Board regarding the Security Video System work that was started in January should be finished by Tri-Electronics next week.

Chief Sormaz reported that for the year 2020, the Patrol Division had 14,656 calls for service, 1,076 accidents, 784 arrests, and 3,403 citations.

Chief Sormaz reported that for the year 2020, the Criminal Investigations Division filed two hundred seventy-seven (277) charges, one hundred thirty-six (136) felony charges, one hundred forty (140) misdemeanor charges, and one (1) local ordinance.

ITEM B. Fire Department

Chief Patterson advised the board that they were moving forward with the building of their second engine and hope to have it in use by the end of 2021, beginning of 2022.

Chief Patterson reported that for the month of January, 2021 the Schererville Fire Department performed 58 inspections, responded to 363 incidents and attended 429.5 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor

ITEM A. F.O.P. President Michael Bork

1. Retirement Insurance

F.O.P. President Michael Bork reported to the Board that the members of the F.O.P. Executive Board and the Retirement Insurance Committee met with Town Manager Volkmann, Assistant Town Manager Gorman, Town Treasurer Troxell, and Human Resources Coordinator Thiel on January 14, 2021, in reference to benefits relating to retirement insurance. President Bork requested it be noted on record the appreciation the F.O.P. has for the support, communication, and due diligence they were shown in regards to this matter by all those involved.

2. Patrol Division Schedule

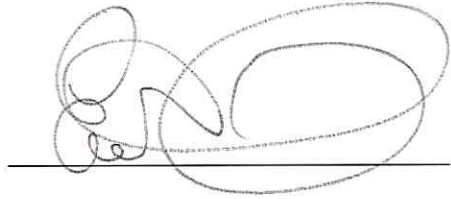
President Bork wanted to publicly thank both Town Manager Volkmann and the Police Department Administration in their continuous efforts to honor the revised Patrol Division schedule, which was put into place this week.

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Graf. All in favor (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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