

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Eric Graf at 7:05 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: Eric Graf, Tom Ruzga, Eric Kundich, Rich Pietrzak. Absent: Rodney Langel. Staff members present: Police Chief Dave Dowling, Deputy Police Chief Dennis Zagrocki, Fire Chief Joseph Kruzan, Deputy Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Attorney Randy Wyllie, Recording Secretary Jennifer Lanting.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Ruzga made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2017 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pietrzak. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Ruzga made a motion to amend the agenda to include under New Business Item F. PD Revisions to General Order regarding Department Complaint and Disciplinary Procedure, seconded by Mr. Kundich. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence None

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. FD Hiring Update

Chief Kruzan recommended that the candidate applying for the FF/PM position be offered an opportunity to complete a physical agility test. After the completion of the CPAT, a conditional offer of employment may be extended. Mr. Ruzga made a motion accepting Chief's request, seconded by Mr. Kundich. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A Election of New Officers

Mr. Kundich moved to nominate Eric Graf as Chairman of the Board of Safety for 2018. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Ruzga. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Kundich moved to nominate Rich Pietrzak as Vice Chairman of the Board of Safety for 2018. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Ruzga. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Kundich moved to nominate Tom Ruzga as Secretary of the Board of Safety for 2018. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Graf. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Graf, as the newly elected Chairman, conducted the remainder of the meeting.

ITEM B. FD PTO Roll Over Requests

Chief Kruzan requested permission from the Board to approve the PTO Roll Over Requests. Mr. Ruzga made a motion to accept Chief Kruzan's request per department policy, seconded by Mr. Pietrzak. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. FD FF Daniel Vasilak Badging

Chief Kruzan requested approval for the official badging of FF/PM Daniel Vasilak. Mr. Graf made a motion to accept Chief Kruzan's request and approve the official badging, seconded by Mr. Kundich. All in favor (4-0).

Chairman Graf welcomed FF/PM Vasilak to Schererville Fire Department on behalf of the Board of Safety.

ITEM D. PD General Order concerning School Crossing Guards

Chief Dowling requested approval of the amendments to the General Order regarding School Crossing Guards. Mr. Ruzga made a motion to approve the General Order as revised, seconded by Mr. Pietrzak. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM E. PD Retirement (Commander M. Vode)

Chief Dowling requested the acceptance of the retirement of Commander M. Vode. Commander Vode's last day of duty will be December 28, 2017 and his last day on payroll will be March 7, 2018. Mr. Ruzga made a motion to accept Commander M. Vode's retirement, seconded by Mr. Kundich. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM F. PD Revisions to the General Order Regarding Department Complaint and Disciplinary Procedure

Chief Dowling requested approval of the amended the General Order regarding Department Complaint and Disciplinary Procedure. Mr. Ruzga made a motion to approve the General Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Kundich. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Fire Chief

Chief Kruzan reported that the Food Drive that the Schererville Fire Department conducted was completed on December 15, 2017. The donations will be split among St. John Township Food Pantry (40%), St. Michael Church Food Pantry (40%) and a local families adopted by the FD Union (20%).

Chief Kruzan reported that for the month of December, 2017, the Schererville Fire Department performed 51 inspections, had 283 incidents, and attended 552 hours of training.

ITEM B. Police Chief

Chief Dowling reported that based on the 2017 Uniform Crime Report (UCR), the Town of Schererville has seen a decrease in 6 of the 8 categories that are reported to the FBI. The lone increase was in thefts, the other category remained the same.

Chief Dowling reported that for the month of December, 2017 the Patrol Division had 1,217 calls for service, 321 traffic citations, 108 property damage (PD) accidents, 20 personal injury (PI) accidents, and 72 arrests made.

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. Ruzga. All in favor (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



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