

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 and Michael O'Rourke, 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. Absent: Recording Secretary Jennifer Lanting

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Public Meeting, seconded by M. O'Rourke. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. FD Horvath Gift Card

Chief Patterson received a gift card for Strack & Van Til from Jeff and Myrna Horvath who thanked the Fire Department for the work they do.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Conditional Offer Update – Ramon Gandarilla

Chief Sormaz reported that Ramon Gandarilla accepted the offer and application is before the pension board for approval.

ITEM B. Update for New Hire/Supervisor Process

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board that the new hire list will be opened as of January 18, 2021. The Supervisor list will be opened as of the end of January.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Board Elections

Mr. Graf moved to nominate Rich Pietrzak as Chairman for the Board of Safety 2021. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. There being no further nomination, the nominations were closed. All in favor (4-0).

Mr. Eenigenburg moved to nominate Eric Graf as Vice-Chairman for the Board of Safety 2021. The nomination was seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. There being no further nomination, the nominations were closed. All in favor (4-0)

Mr. Graf moved to nominate D. Eenigenburg as Secretary for the Board of Safety 2021. The nomination was seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. PD Retirement Letter of Corporal Ray Lea

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board to accept Corporal Ray Lea's retirement letter. Mr. Graf made a motion to accept Chief's request, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. General Order Policies (Use of Force and Duty to Intervene)

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board regarding the General Order policy regarding Use of Force. Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve Chief's request, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. All in favor (4-0).

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board regarding the General Order policy regarding Duty to Intervene. Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve Chief's request, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Fire Department

Chief Patterson reported that for the month of December, 2020 the Schererville Fire Department performed 58 inspections, responded to 355 incidents and attended 387.5 hours of training.

ITEM B. Police Department

Chief Sormaz reported that the Police Department received two donations. The first donation was from Ms. Shirley to Animal Control Shelter in the amount of \$250.00. The second donation is from United Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$500.00 to the equipment fund.

Chief Sormaz reminded the board of Corporal Joe Uzubell's upcoming retirement as of January 28, 2021.

Chief Sormaz reported that for the month of November, 2020 the Patrol Division had 1,195 calls for service, 108 accidents, 169 traffic citations and 48 arrests.

Chief Sormaz reported that for the month of December, 2020 the Criminal Investigations Division had thirty-seven (37) criminal charges filed, twenty-four (24) thefts, two (2) thefts from motor vehicles and one (1) burglary.

ITEM C. Attorney

Attorney Estrada reported briefly regarding the documents request by the F.O.P.

THEREUPON, Board Members NONE

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. O'Rourke. All in favor (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



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