

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 Steven McNamara, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, and Attorney Alfredo Estrada, Recording Secretary Stephanie Bottiger.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Graff made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD NONE

ITEM B. FD NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – Emergency/Traditional Hire Process – Update

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board, for the Emergency Hire Process they are finalizing the backgrounds on the candidates and will have a list for the Board next month.

Chief Sormaz communicated to the Board, in regards to the Traditional Hire Process, testing has been completed and they are finalizing with Stanard and Associates the list which will be ready for the Board next month.

ITEM B. PD – Supervisor/Sergeant Testing Process – Update

Chief Sormaz advised the Board, the oral interviews for the Supervisor/Sergeant Testing Process were slated for June 11, 2021. Once those are completed, they will send the results to Stanard and Associates and should have the results for the Board next month.

ITEM C. FD NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Approval of Full – Time Hire List

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board for the approval of the Full-Time Hiring List. Motion made by Mr. Graf, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM B. PD – Resignation of Officer Robert Pride

Chief Sormaz requested the Board accept the resignation letter of Officer Robert Pride. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM C. PD – Duty Weapon Purchase Request from Officer Pride

Chief Sormaz requested the Board table this agenda until next month as he had not yet received the necessary paperwork. Attorney Estrada recommended a continuance in lieu of tabling the motion. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM D. PD – Time Promotion of Officer Riley Arvanitis

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Riley Arvanitis from Probationary Officer to 1st Class Patrolman to be effective June 13, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM E. PD – Time Promotion of Officer Ricardo Ascencio

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Ricardo Ascencio from Probationary Officer to 1st Class Patrolman to be effective June 13, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM F. PD – Time Promotion of Officer Mark Djordjevich

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Mark Djordjevich from Probationary Officer to 1st Class Patrolman to be effective June 13, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM G. PD – Time Promotion of Officer Ryan Eger

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Ryan Eger from Probationary Officer to 1st Class Patrolman to be effective June 13, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM H. PD – Time Promotion of Officer Iman White

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Iman White from Probationary Officer to 1st Class Patrolman to be effective July 11, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM I. PD – Time Promotion of Officer Thomas Ruzga

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Thomas Ruzga from Probationary Officer to 1st Class Patrolman to be effective July 11, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Graf. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM J. PD – Time Promotion of Officer Josette Quiroga

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Josette Quiroga from 3rd Class Patrolman to 2nd Class Patrolman to be effective June 27, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM K. PD – Time Promotion of Officer Thaddeus Spyrnal

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Thaddeus Spyrnal from 3rd Class Patrolman to 2nd Class Patrolman to be effective June 27, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM L. Change Date of July Board of Safety Meeting

Chief Sormaz requested the date of the July 2021 Board of Safety Meeting be moved from July 1st to July 8th due to the holiday. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. Graf. Motion carries (5-0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Department

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board that the annual Coffee with a Cop would be held on June 18th from 8a to 10am at Sophia's House of Pancakes and welcomed all in attendance.

Chief Sormaz advised the Board that Cop Camp application process will start on June 14, 2021 for Schererville residents.

Chief Sormaz further reported to the Board that for the month of May, 2021, the Patrol Statistics were not ready at the time of the meeting.

Chief Sormaz reported that for the month of May, 2021, the CID filed 39 criminal charges, 18 thefts, 3 thefts from motor vehicles, and 1 burglary.

ITEM B. Fire Department

Chief Patterson reported that all reports were in the packet. For the month of May, 2021, the Schererville Fire Department performed 19 inspections, responded to 306 incidents and attended 451.75 hours of training.

Chief Patterson stated construction at Fire Station #3 in Pine Island is moving along with the foundation being poured and encouraged the Board to stop by and see the work that has been completed. The expected completion date is September 2021.

ITEM C. Attorney NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

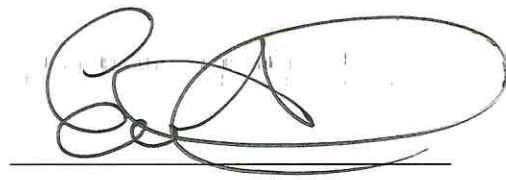
THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Graff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



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