

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

June 6, 2024

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Graf at 5:30 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: Eric Graf, George Kouros, David Eenigenburg, and David Jaroszewski. 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: Director of Operations Andy Hanson. Absent: Giovanni Veitkus.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024 regular Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD – NONE.

ITEM B. FD – Thank-you cards from Munster Fire Department & St. Michael's School

Chief Patterson advised the Board he had received a thank-you card from the Munster Fire Department for their assistance with a structure fire on April 22, 2024, where there was a fatality of a young child in the residence. Chief Patterson also informed the Board he had received a thank-you note from St. Michael's School. St. Michael's held a school wide competition in which the prize was a ride in a fire truck and lunch with the firemen. Chief Patterson went on to add the winners were picked up from school in a fire truck and taken to Culver's for lunch.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – NONE

ITEM B. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Time Promotion Enrique Pulido

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Enrique Pulido from Firefighter/EMT 3rd class, to Firefighter/EMT 2nd class. Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (4 – 0).

ITEM B. PD – Retirement Notification of Jeffrey Myszak

Chief Sormaz made the Board aware he had received a retirement notification letter from Jeffrey Myszak. Officer Myszak began his career with the Schererville Police Department on January 23, 2004, with his last day being July 9, 2024. Chief Sormaz thanked Officer Myszak for his twenty years of service and wished him well in his next endeavor.

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz informed the Board that the reports were in the packet. He went on to add that the National Night Out would be held on August 6, 2024, and the department had begun their advertising and donation campaign for this event. He invited all those that were present to join them on

August 6th, at Redar Park starting at 5 pm. Chairman Graf inquired of the Chief whom was running the event, to which Chief Sormaz replied Corporal Adam Biella.

For the month of April, 2024 the Patrol Division responded to 1,467 incidents and took 102 accident reports. There were 147 total arrests. The Patrol Division filed 241 charges of which 77 were Class A Misdemeanors, 42 were Class B Misdemeanors, 81 were Class C Misdemeanors, 2 Level 5 Felonies, and 39 Level 6 Felonies. The Patrol Division served 83 total warrants. They performed 606 traffic stops resulting in 434 citations issued of which 94 were local ordinances and 340 were state infractions. 460 warnings were also issued. The Patrol Division performed 109 vehicle searches, of which 26 were K9 vehicle searches. There were 152 Proactive Patrols.

For the month of April, 2024, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) filed 65 criminal charges which were the result of 33 cases. Of these 65 charges, 33 were felony, 30 were misdemeanor, and 2 were Federal. 21 were filed in the Schererville Town Court, and 42 were filed in the Lake County Court. The CID is currently investigating 58 incidents for the month of April.

For the month of April, 2024, Schererville Police Officers attended 653 hours of training.

For the month of April, 2024, the Animal Control Division responded to 51 calls for service, 0 bite reports, and took in 5 animals.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

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

For the month of May, 2024, the Schererville Fire Department performed 19 inspections, responded to 336 incidents of which 295 were EMS related, 24 were Fire related, 16 were Alarms/Investigations, and 1 was a Fire Prevention, Inspection and/or training. They also attended 631.20 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney – NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members Thank-you

Mr. Kouros thanked Officer Myszak for his years of service to the town. He also thanked Attorney Estrada for all of his hard work for the Board of Safety over the years.

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (4 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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