

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

May 6, 2021

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, Interim 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. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2021 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. 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 have completed all interviews and are currently in the background stage of the process. He stated he would have a finalized list within the next few weeks.

Chief Sormaz communicated to the Board, in regards to the Traditional Hire Process, approximately 21 interviews were completed on May 3, 2021 and May 5, 2021, with a few more that were rescheduled for next week. Chief Sormaz thanked the Board Members, Michael O'Rourke and David Eenigenburg, for assisting with the interviews. He advised he would have the results of the interviews next month.

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

Chief Sormaz advised the Board, nothing had changed since the last meeting. The eligible personnel are in the study phase of the process with the written test schedule for June 1, 2021 in the training room.

ITEM C. FD NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Time Promotion of Bryce Czepinski

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Bryce Czepinski from 2nd Class Firefighter/Paramedic to 1st Class Firefighter/Paramedic. Motion made by Mr. Graf, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM B. FD – Adding Part-Time Hires to the Agenda

Attorney Alfredo Estrada requested the Board, on behalf of Chief Patterson, to amend the agenda and add Part-Time hires for the Fire Department to the agenda. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM C. FD – Hiring of Part-Time Firefighters

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board to hire four part-time Firefighter/EMT's. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM D. PD – Retirement letter of Deputy Chief Cook

Chief Sormaz requested the Board accept the retirement letter of Deputy Chief Cook. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM E. PD – Retirement letter of Sergeant Joseph Gasiorek

Chief Sormaz requested the Board accept the retirement letter of Sergeant Joseph Gasiorek. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM F. PD – Recommendation of Deputy Chief

Chief Sormaz requested the Board accept the recommendation of Patrol Commander Steven McNamara as the new Deputy Chief. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Chairman Pietrzak called for a Roll Call Vote for Steven McNamara as the new Deputy Chief. The Board voted as follows:

Rich Pietrzak – Yes
Eric Graf – Yes
David Eenigenburg – Yes

Mike O'Rourke – Yes
George Kouros – Yes

Motion carries (5-0).

THERUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Department

Chief Sormaz informed the Board the CALEA re-accreditation was completed on April 7, 2021, with the virtual on-site visit. All paperwork has been sent to the CALEA board for their recommendation, the results of which are still pending.

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board the Police Memorial will be held May 14, 2021 at the 911 Memorial between the hours of 6 am and 6pm.

Chief Sormaz advised the Board the Drug Take Back on April 24, 2021, netted 356 pounds (13 boxes) of unused prescription medicine.

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board the Patrol Ticketing Standard Suspension implemented in March 2020, due to Covid, has been lifted as of May 1, 2021. The Patrol Division is now at full gear.

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board that for the month of March, 2021, the Patrol Division had 1,176 calls for service, 88 accidents, 98 traffic citations, and 28 arrests.

Chief Sormaz further reported to the Board that for the month of April, 2021, the Patrol Division had 1,181 calls for service, 94 accidents, 151 traffic citations, and 43 arrests.

Chief Sormaz reported that for the month of April, 2021, the CID filed 69 criminal charges, 8 thefts, 0 thefts from motor vehicles, and 2 burglaries.

ITEM B. Fire Department

Chief Patterson stated construction has begun at Fire Station #3 in Pine Island and encouraged the Board to stop by and see the work that has been completed.

Chief Patterson reported that all reports were in the packet. For the month of April, 2021, the Schererville Fire Department performed 81 inspections, responded to 301 incidents and attended 461.75 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney

Attorney Estrada requested the Board adopt the executive session memo. Motion made by Mr. Graf, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0).

THEREUPON, Board Members NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

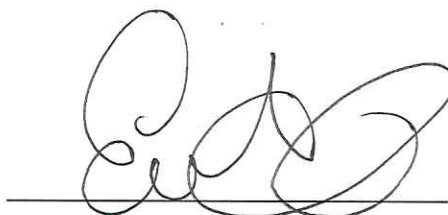
THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Graff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



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