

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE  
BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA  
November 4, 2021

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard 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: Richard Pietrzak, Eric Graf, David Eenigenburg, Michael O'Rourke, and George Kouros. Staff members present: Police Chief Pete Sormaz, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, and Attorney Alfredo Estrada, Recording Secretary Stephanie Bottiger. Also present: Schererville Town Council Liaison Thomas Schmitt. Absent: Deputy Chief of Police Steven McNamara.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. FD

Fire Chief Patterson advised the Board that they had received a thank-you note from the Macewicz Family for the services rendered by the Fire Department during a medical call.

Fire Chief Patterson further reported to the Board that they had received a thank-you note from the Howe family for the support they provided when Battalion Chief Howe's wife passed.

ITEM B. PD

Police Chief Sormaz advised the Board of a donation from Tom Kuryga in the amount of \$605.00. This money was donated for the K9 unit from a fundraiser he held at Halloween. Robert and Roberta Imborek also contributed \$50.00 to the fundraiser.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – Corporal Promotional Process Update

Chief Sormaz advised the Board that the Corporal promotional process is still ongoing, but on schedule. Officers are currently in the study period. The written exam is to take place on November 30, 2021, followed by the oral interviews to take place December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021.

ITEM B. PD – Traditional Hire Process Update

Police Chief Sormaz reported to the Board that they were able to obtain four approvals through the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS). The swearing in of said individuals will take place on November 15, 2021 at 9 am in the Schererville Police Department Meeting and Training Facility. He further advised the Board that he would send out a notice reminding everyone of the swearing time and date.

ITEM C. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Official Badging of Captain Natalie Ferrantella

Town of Schererville Clerk Treasurer Michael Troxell assisted with the official swearing in of Captain Natalie Ferrantella. Captain Ferrantella's husband Joe did the official badging.

ITEM B. FD – Years of Service Awards

Fire Chief Patterson advised the Board that he was approached by several Fire-fighters requesting the tradition of honoring Fire personnel with certain years of service with the department be reinstated. After review, it was decided that they would, at this time every year, honor those with years of service, starting with five years. Four people were honored:

- Terry Morgan, Fire-fighter/paramedic – 10 years of service
- Ron Blyth, part-time Fire-fighter paramedic – 15 years of service
- Adam Niemiec, Battalion Chief – 20 years of service
- Robert Patterson, Fire Chief – 25 years of service

Fire Chief Patterson further related to the Board that Battalion Chief Jon Gettemans designed a key chain in the shape of a miniature badge with the recipients badge number and current rank. Recipients will also receive plaques rewarding recipients with their years of service. Battalion Chief Adam Niemiec was awarded his key chain at the meeting and Fire Chief Patterson thanked him for his many years of service.

THERUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Department

Chief Sormaz requested the Board move the regular meeting from December 2, 2021 to December 13, 2021 in the hopes that all the results for the Corporal testing would be in and the Board could certify the list. He also requested a special meeting be held on December 16, 2021. The Board agreed with no voting taking place.

For the month of September, 2021, the Patrol Division had 1,235 calls for service, 121 accidents, 439 traffic citations, and 127 adult arrests.

For the month of October, 2021, the Criminal Investigations Division filed 24 criminal charges, 15 thefts, 2 thefts from motor vehicles, and 1 burglary.

ITEM B. Fire Department

Fire Chief Patterson stated that all reports were in the packet. He further stated the Fire Department was in the process of hiring five fire-fighters to fill a shortness in staff. Three of these will be starting within the next few weeks.

For the month of October, 2021, the Schererville Fire Department performed 31 inspections, responded to 340 incidents, and attended 443.5 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

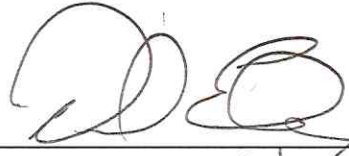
THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



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