

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE
BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA
October 7, 2021

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

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (3-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD

Chief Sormaz advised the Board they received a thank-you note from Mr. & Mrs. Beddings thanking Officer Lopez for his assistance on call for service at Speedway, 77th & US 41 on September 4, 2021.

Chief Sormaz further reported to the Board that they received a thank-you note from St. John Chief of Police Steve Flores for their response to Lake Central High School on September 8, 2021 for an incident that occurred. Mr. Graf added that he too, had attended the event and found Chief Sormaz very helpful as he was at the front entrance of the school directing and thanked him for this.

Chief Sormaz notified the Board of a thank-you note from the Myers family for their assistance during a funeral procession.

Chief Sormaz advised the Board of a thank-you note from the family of retired Police Chief Elmer Doctor for their assistance and presence during the funeral and procession.

ITEM B. FD

Deputy Fire Chief Meyer advised the Board of a donation of \$750.00 they received from Enterprise Pipeline for Fire Prevention.

Deputy Fire Chief Meyer notified the Board of a donation of \$690.00 they received from Greg's Place from a raffle they held.

Deputy Fire Chief Meyer advised the Board that they had received a thank-you note from St. John Chief of Police Steve Flores and the St. John Fire Department for their Emergency Medical Services (EMS) assistance at Lake Central High School on September 8, 2021 for an incident that occurred.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – Corporal Promotional Process Update

Deputy Chief McNamara advised the Board that the process is continuing. He stated the date has been set and all that are testing have been given the information in regards to the study guide and the books they will need. Mr. Graff asked Deputy Chief McNamara when he anticipated the process to start, to which he replied the written exam would take place on November 30, 2021 with the oral exam to take place a few days later, during the first week of December.

ITEM B. PD – Traditional Hire Process Update

Deputy Chief McNamara announced to the Board the process is moving forward. He explained there is a meeting schedule for Monday, October 11, 2021, with the local Pension Board. Once the applications are approved by the Pension Board, they will be sent down state to the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) for their approval. The department is anticipating a response from INPRS sometime in November, but currently, there is no definitive date.

ITEM C. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Approval of Captains Promotional List

Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer advised the Board that interviews had been conducted with the assistance of some members of the Board of Safety. He requested approval from the Board to accept the Captains Promotional List. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (3-0).

ITEM B. FD – Approval for Job Status Change for two Employees

Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer requested approval from the Board for the promotion of Lieutenant Natalie Ferrantella to Captain, and Firefighter Ryan Abens from Entry Level to third class Firefighter/EMT effective October 17, 2021. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (3-0).

ITEM C. & ITEM D. FD - COMBINED

– Approval to hire Part Time Firefighter/Paramedic Tom McCauley

– Approval to hire Part Time Firefighter/EMT Donald York

Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer requested approval from the Board to hire Tom McCauley as a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT Donald York. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (3-0).

THERUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Department

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board that all reports were in the packet. In addition, he stated the department received a thank-you note today from Battalion Chief Bill Howe in regards to his wife Cathryn's passing. Mr. Graff, who also assisted with the funeral procession, commended the Police Department on their assistance with the funeral procession for Cathryn Howe.

For the month of August, 2021, the Patrol Division had 1,364 calls for service, 111 accidents, 418 traffic citations, and 87 adult arrests.

For the month of September, 2021, the Criminal Investigations Division filed 27 criminal charges, 26 thefts, 2 thefts from motor vehicles, and 0 burglaries.

ITEM B. Fire Department

Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer reported that all reports were in the packet.

For the month of August, 2021, the Schererville Fire Department performed 32 inspections, responded to 324 incidents, and attended 478 hours of training.

ITEM C.

Attorney

NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members

Mr. O'Rourke expressed his gratitude for all that participated in the 9/11 memorial service.

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor

NONE

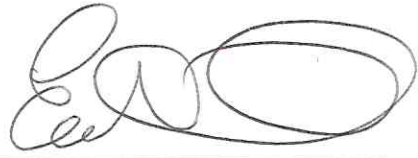
THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



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