

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. Also present: Schererville Town Council Liaison Thomas Schmitt.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

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

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD

Chief Sormaz advised the Board they had received a thank-you note from the Schererville Parks Department for the assistance that was given by the Police Department for their "Touch-A-Truck" event that was held on August 14, 2021.

Chief Sormaz further reported to the Board that they had received a thank you note from St. John Chief of Police John Flores for their assistance with the first day of school at Lake Central High School.

ITEM B. FD

Chief Patterson advised the Board that they too, had received a thank-you note from the Schererville Parks Department for the assistance that was given by the Fire Department for their "Touch-A-Truck" event.

Chief Patterson further advised the Board that they had received a thank-you note from the Camden Woods Subdivision Home Owner's Association for their assistance with the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pet Parade, held July 24, 2021.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – Executive Session Memorandum August 5, 2021

Chief Sormaz requested approval from the Board to accept the Memorandum from the August 5, 2021 Board of Safety Executive Session Meeting. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM B. PD – Traditional Hire Process Update

Chief Sormaz stated Deputy Chief McNamara is overseeing this process and would update the Board. Deputy Chief McNamara informed the Board that five of the six applicants had gone through the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) program and exams and the department is currently awaiting the results. The sixth applicant will return to town on September 9, 2021, and appointments will be set up then.

ITEM C. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – New Full Time Hire List

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board to approve the new Full Time Hire list. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM B. FD – Conditional offer for top five candidates from list

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board to approve conditional offers of employment to the top five applicants from the full time list as well as permission to choose an alternate from the list in the event one of the applicants declines the conditional offer of employment. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5-0).

ITEM C. PD – Corporal List

Chief Sormaz advised the board the current Corporal List was set to expire on September 12, 2021. He is requesting permission from the Board to create a new list on September 13, 2021. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (5-0).

THERUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Department

Chief Sormaz advised the Board that the Police Department would be holding a remembrance ceremony on September 11, 2021 at 10 am at the 9/11 memorial at the front of the Police Department in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks.

Chief Sormaz reported to the Board that all reports were in the packet. For the month of July, 2021, the Patrol Division had 1,419 calls for service, 134 accidents, 428 traffic citations, and 167 adult arrests.

Chief Sormaz reported that for the month of August, 2021, the Criminal Investigations Division filed 29 criminal charges, 27 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 August, 2021, the Schererville Fire Department performed 49 inspections, responded to 365 incidents, and attended 421 hours of training.

Chief Patterson advised the Board that the Fire Department Open House occurs annually the first week of October. Due to the increase in Covid – 19 cases, they are contemplating possibly cancelling the event this year for the safety of all people.

ITEM C. Attorney NONE

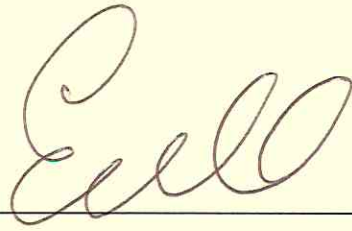
THEREUPON, Board Members

Mr. O'Rourke expressed his admiration for the new hire list for the Fire Department. He believes the Fire Department has an admirable group of candidates to choose from.

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Motion carries (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



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