

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

November 6, 2025

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Graf at 5:20 p.m., in the Schererville Town Hall Meeting Room, 10 E. Joliet Street, Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Eric Graf, David Jaroszewski, George Kouros, and Robert Volkmann. Staff members present: Chief of Police Peter Sormaz, Deputy Chief of Police Steven McNamara, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Bottiger. Also present: Assistant Fire Chief Jon Gettemans in lieu of Deputy Chief David Meyer, Attorney Christian Bartholomew, Director of Operations Andrew Hansen, and Town Council Liaison Tom Schmitt. Absent: David Eenigenburg, David Meyer.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2025, Regular Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – Emergency Hire Update

Chief Sormaz advised the Board Deputy Chief McNamara would update the Board on the Emergency Hire. Deputy Chief McNamara notified the Board the Department currently had six applicants and the window was set to close on November 7, 2025, at 4pm. He went on to add that once all applications are in and the backgrounds are started, he hopes to set up interviews for the second or third week of November.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Approval to Hire Part-Time Employee

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board to hire one part-time Firefighter/EMT Brandon Zimmerman to fill an open slot. Motion made by Mr. Volkmann, seconded by Mr. Jaroszewski. Motion carries (4 – 0).

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz advised the Board all of the reports were in the packet.

For the month of September, 2025, the Patrol Division responded to 1,364 incidents and took 79 accident reports. There were 82 total arrests. The Patrol Division filed 139 charges of which 48 were Class A Misdemeanors, 30 were Class B Misdemeanors, 31 were Class C Misdemeanors, and 30 were Level 6 Felonies. The Patrol Division served 54 total warrants. They performed 411 traffic stops resulting in 220 citations issued of which 58 were local ordinances and 162 were state infractions. 282 warnings were also

issued. The Patrol Division performed 77 vehicle searches, of which 7 were K9 vehicle searches. There were 117 Proactive Patrols.

For the month of September, 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) filed 36 criminal charges which were the result of 13 cases. Of these charges, 20 were felony and 16 were misdemeanor. 31 were filed in Lake County Court, and 2 were filed in Schererville Town Court. The CID is investigating 63 incidents from the month of September. Detective Buonadonna, Detective Knight, and Detective Savich were the Detectives of the month.

For the month of October, 2025, the training report was unavailable.

For the month of October, 2025, the Animal Control Division had 32 calls for service, 0 bite reports and took in 6 animals, 4 of which were born while in the care of the shelter. There were 4 adoptions for month. 2025 adoption total is 23 animals.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

Fire Chief Patterson informed the Board he had no additional reports other than what was in the packet.

For the month of August, 2025, the Schererville Fire Department performed 31 inspections, responded to 331 incidents of which 261 were EMS related, 28 were Fire related, 30 were Alarms/Investigations, and 12 were Fire Prevention, Inspection and/or training. They also attended 763.65 total hours of training of which 352.15 were Fire Trainings, 220.50 were EMS Trainings, 17 were Leadership Trainings, and 174 were Community Training hours. 13 members recertified in Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS).

ITEM C. Attorney – NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members Mr. Kouros

Mr. Kouros requested information in regards to the National Protest planned for the Walmart stores around the nation. Chief Sormaz responded that the event was to have taken place three days ago on Monday, November 3, 2025. He elaborated further stating the Department had a large police presence in the retail district and no incidents were reported to the dispatch center.

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Volkmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Jaroszewski. Motion carries (4 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

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