TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

February 20, 2025

The Board of Safety Special Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Graf at 5:03 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, George Kouros, and David Jaroszewski. Staff members present: Chief of Police Peter Sormaz and Deputy Chief of Police Steven McNamara. Also present: Attorney Christian Bartholomew in lieu of Attorney Alfredo Estrada, Town Manager James Gorman, and Director of Operations Andrew Hansen. Absent: David Eenigenburg, Stephanie Bottiger.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Chief Sormaz advised the Board the minutes from the February 6, 2025, Regular Meeting were not yet completed and would have them for the March 6, 2025, Regular Meeting.

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. PD – Conditional Offer of Employment – Devin Watkins

Chief Sormaz recommended the Board extend the conditional offer of employment to Devin Watkins. Chief Sormaz advised the Board Devin Watkins meets the necessary requirements for the emergency hire and, if approved, would come to the Schererville Police Department with four years of experience. Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. Chairman Graf advised the Board he attended the interview of Devin Watkins and was impressed and believes he will make a great addition to the Police Department. Motion carries (4 - 0). Chief Sormaz thanked Chairman Graf for sitting in on the interview process.

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief – NONE

ITEM B. Attorney – FD Merit Board

Attorney Bartholomew advised the Board the Fire Department Merit Board Vote would take place February 21, 2025. He went on to add there were three candidates who were eligible for the vote, and the Fire Department had a few proposed candidates from the floor they may want to present. Attorney Bartholomew stated the process should be compliant with the statute. Chairman Graf inquired if the Board had any additional responsibility in regards to the vote, to which Attorney Bartholomew stated no, the Board had no more responsibility concerning the vote.

At this time Chief Sormaz inquired of Attorney Bartholomew if a Roll Call Vote needed to take place if a member of the Board was absent. Attorney Bartholomew advised Chief Sormaz he did not have a short answer to the question, but, to be judicious, recommended a Roll Call Vote. At this time the Board amended to motion to extend the conditional offer of employment to Devin Watkins to a Roll Call Vote. Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. The Board voted as follows:

Eric Graf – I George Kouros – I David Jaroszewski – I Robert Volkmann - I

Motion carries (4 - 0). With one Board Member absent.

THEREUPON, Board Members

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. Motion carries (4 - 0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

NONE

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GEORGE KOUROS SCHERERVILLE BOARD OF SAFETY VICE CHAIRMAN <u>A TRUE COPY</u>