

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

August 7, 2025

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Graf at 5:15 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, David Eenigenburg, George Kouros, and Robert Volkmann. Staff members present: Chief of Police Peter Sormaz, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Bottiger. Also present: Attorney Christian Bartholomew, Town Manager James Gorman, and Town Council Liaison Tom Schmitt. Absent: Deputy Chief of Police Steven McNamara.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2025, Regular Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. Motion carries (5 – 0)

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. FD – Thank-you letter from Gray Family

Chief Patterson advised the Board he had received a thank-you letter from the Gray family for an ambulance call at their residence.

FD – Thank-you letter from the Camden Woods HOA

Chief Patterson made the Board aware he had received a thank-you letter from the Camden Woods Home Owners Association for the Fire Department's assistance with the Pet Parade they held.

FD – Thank-you letter from the Schererville/Dyer Library

Chief Patterson notified the Board the final thank-you note the Fire Department had received was from the Schererville/Dyer Library thanking them for their assistance on July 31, 2025, with the Library's annual End of Summer Reading Celebration. During the celebration the Fire Department sprayed the children present with the water from the fire truck.

ITEM B. PD – Note from Camden Woods HOA

Chief Sormaz notified the Board, that he too, had received a thank-you letter from the Camden Woods Home Owners Association for the Department's assistance with the Pet Parade.

PD – Note from Cathy Lareau

Chief Sormaz informed the Board he had received a note of appreciation for public safety during the Schererville Fest and throughout the summer from the Township Trustee, Cathy Lareau.

PD – Kyle Kelly

Chief Sormaz advised the Board he had received a thank-you note from Ms. Kyle Kelly whom thanked the unnamed Officer for attending Mass at St. Michael's Church on June 15, 2025.

PD – Note from Merrillville Police Chief Nuses

Chief Sormaz made the Board aware he had received a thank-you note from Merrillville Police Chief Nuses thanking Officer Voss for his professionalism on a call that occurred last month in their town involving a lost child.

PD – Note from Erin McManos

Chief Sormaz disclosed to the Board he had received a thank-you note from Erin McManos thanking Officer Ruzga for his assistance with a disabled vehicle.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – General Order 03.08

Chief Sormaz informed the Board General Order 03.08, Inspection Services, had been updated and then reviewed by Attorney Bartholomew. Chief Sormaz went on to add that the Department is reducing the number of inspections it conducts from quarterly to bi-annually. Chief Sormaz recommended the Board approve the policy as it is presented. Motion made by Mr. Volkmann, seconded by Mr. Jaroszewski. Motion carries (5 – 0).

ITEM C. PD – Recommendation to promote Officer Sean Leto to Corporal

Chief Sormaz recommended the Board approve the promotion of Officer Sean Leto to Corporal, effective August 17, 2025, in preparation for an up-coming retirement within the Department. At this time, Chief Sormaz recited the contents of the recommendation letter he had written enumerating Officer Leto's accomplishments, highlighting his contributions to the department, as well as saluting his attainments as an Officer with a neighboring community where he cultivated valuable skills. Motion made by Mr. Eenigenburg, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. Motion carries (5 – 0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz thanked all the vendors, officers, and volunteers for their attendance and support at the National Night Out, which was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

For the months of May and June, 2025, the Patrol Division Reports were unavailable.

For the month of May, 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) filed 67 criminal charges which were the result of 23 cases. Of these charges, 40 were felony and 24 were misdemeanor, and 3 were Federal. 59 were filed in Lake County Court, 5 were filed in Schererville Town Court, and 3 were filed in Federal Court. The CID is investigating 84 incidents for the month of May.

For the month of June, 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) filed 61 criminal charges which were the result of 25 cases. Of these charges, 23 were felony, 37 were misdemeanor, and 1 was Federal. 45 were filed in Lake County Court, 18 were filed in Schererville Town Court, and 1 was filed in Federal Court. The CID are investigating 67 incidents for the month of June.

For the month of June and July, 2025, the training hours were unavailable.

For the months of June, 2025, the Animal Control Division had 53 calls for service, 2 bite reports and took in 2 animals.

For the month of July, 2025, the Animal Control Division had 47 calls for service, 1 bite report and took in 3 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 June, 2025, the Schererville Fire Department performed 52 inspections, responded to 329 incidents of which 266 were EMS related, 29 were Fire related, 28 were Alarms/Investigations, and 06 were Fire Prevention, Inspection and/or training. They also attended 732.2 hours of training.

For the month of July, 2025, the Schererville Fire Department performed 51 inspections, responded to 350 incidents of which 277 were EMS related, 37 were Fire related, 33 were Alarms/Investigations, and 03 were Fire Prevention, Inspection and/or training. They also attended 621.07 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney – NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members	NONE
THEREUPON, Business from the Floor	Georgianne Glavas

Georgianne Glavas of 1727 Chelsea Street, on behalf of Logan’s Love, invited all present to the annual Autism Walk, which will be held at Central Park in Dyer, Indiana, on August 24, 2025. Registration begins at 12pm, followed by the walk at 1pm.

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Volkmann.

Motion carries (5 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

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