

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

February 6, 2025

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Graf at 5:30 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, David Eenigenburg, David Jaroszewski, and Robert Volkmann. Staff members present: Chief of Police Peter Sormaz, Deputy Chief of Police Steven McNamara, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Bottiger. Also present: Attorney Christian Bartholomew, Town Manager James Gorman, Director of Operations Andrew Hansen, and Town Council liaison Thomas Schmitt.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Volkmann made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025, Regular Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5 – 0).

Mr. Eenigenburg made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2025, Special Meeting for the Fire Department Merit Board, seconded by Mr. Jaroszewski. Motion carries (5 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. FD – Thank-you note from the Mason Family

Chief Patterson advised the Board the Fire Department received a thank-you note from the Mason family in regards to the Fire Department assisting the mother during a medical call.

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Time Promotion for Jason Noto

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board for the time promotion of Jason Noto from Firefighter/EMT 3rd Class to Firefighter/EMT 2nd Class. Chief Patterson informed the Board that Jason has been doing an excellent job and just finished his paramedic program and will take the national registry test soon. Motion made by Mr. Volkmann, seconded by Mr. Jaroszewski. Motion passes (5 – 0).

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz informed the Board the Police Department would be holding their Coffee with a Cop on Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 9am to 11am at the McDonald's in Schererville, 1855 US Hwy 41, and welcomed all to attend.

For the month of December, 2024, the Patrol Division responded to 1,278 incidents and took 120 accident reports. There were 62 total arrests. The Patrol Division filed 152 charges of which 61 were Class A Misdemeanors, 51 were Class B Misdemeanors, 104 were Class C Misdemeanors, 1 was a Level 4 Felony, 1 was a Level 5 Felony, and 27 were Level 6 Felonies. The Patrol Division served 52 total warrants. They performed 218 traffic stops resulting in 145 citations issued of which 58 were local ordinances and 87 were state infractions. 163 warnings were also issued. The Patrol Division performed 70 vehicle searches, of which 12 were K9 vehicle searches. There were 82 Proactive Patrols.

For the year 2024, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) filed 695 criminal charges which were the result of 299 cases. There were 424 felony charges, 254 misdemeanor charges and 17 federal charges. Of these charges, 545 were filed in Lake County Court, 94 were filed in Schererville Town Court, 39 were filed in Lake County Juvenile Court, and 17 were filed in Federal Court. There were 832 incidents handled by the CID in 2024.

For the month of January, 2025, Schererville Police Officers attended 672.5 hours of training.

For the month of January, 2025, the Animal Control Division had 30 calls for service, 0 bite reports and took in 1 animal.

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 January, 2025, the Schererville Fire Department performed 20 inspections, responded to 377 incidents of which 303 were EMS related, 44 were Fire related, 21 were Alarms/Investigations, and 9 were Fire Prevention, Inspection and/or training. They also attended 672.8 hours of training.

ITEM C. Attorney – NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members NONE

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 (5 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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