

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman George Kouros at 5:17 p.m., in the Schererville Town Hall Meeting Room, 10 E. Joliet Street, Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: George Kouros, David Jaroszewski, David Eenigenburg, and Robert Volkmann (remote). 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 Tom Schmitt. Absent: Eric Graf

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026, Regular Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. Due to Mr. Volkmann attending remotely, a roll call vote was called for by Chairman Graf. The Board voted as follows:

- George Kouros: “Yes”
- David Eenigenburg: “Yes”
- David Jaroszewski: “Yes”
- Robert Volkmann: “Yes”

Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. FD – Thank you letter

Chief Patterson informed the Board he had received a thank-you note from the Dyer Fire Department thanking them for their assistance on a fire related call on January 24, 2026, in the 500 block of 213th Street.

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – Schedule of Tow Fees

In follow up to the Study Session discussion on tow rate increases at the January 8, 2026, meeting, Chief Sormaz recommended the Board approve the proposed increase of fees for the tow companies. Chief Sormaz went on to add that Boone Lukasik from Stan’s Towing was also present if there were any questions. Mr. Jaroszewski inquired what the effective date would be for the rates. Chief Sormaz replied that the time frame was undetermined due to the resolution first needing to go before the Town Council for approval, and then to be posted on the town website. Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski to approve the increase, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. The Board voted as follows:

- George Kouros: “Yes”
- David Eenigenburg: “Yes”
- David Jaroszewski: “Yes”
- Robert Volkmann: “Yes”

Motion carries (4 – 0).

ITEM C. PD – Emergency Leave – Det. Cpl. Ian Segovia

Chief Sormaz requested the Board approve ten (10) working days of emergency leave due to a family medical emergency. Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski, seconded by Mr. Volkmann. The Board voted as follows:

- George Kouros: “Yes”
- David Eenigenburg: “Yes”
- David Jaroszewski: “Yes”
- Robert Volkmann: “Yes”

Motion carries (4 – 0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz advised the Board that all the reports were in the packet. Chief Sormaz made the Board aware that the Schererville Police Department was informed on February 4, 2026, from Congressman Frank Mrvan’s office, that a grant for six hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$670,000.00) to replace the portable radios was approved. The department had applied for this grant through the Department of Justice (DOJ) approximately two years ago. Mr. Jaroszewski wanted to publicly acknowledge Congressman Frank Mrvan’s office for securing the grant for the Department.

For the month of December, 2025, the Patrol Division responded to 1,281 incidents and took 117 accident reports. There were 69 total arrests. The Patrol Division filed 126 charges of which 47 were Class A Misdemeanors, 31 were Class B Misdemeanors, 34 were Class C Misdemeanors, as well as 1 Level 3 Felony, 1 Level 5 Felony, and 12 Level 6 Felonies. The Patrol Division served 33 total warrants. They performed 301 traffic stops resulting in 212 citations issued of which 64 were local ordinances and 148 were state infractions. 206 warnings were also issued. The Patrol Division performed 63 vehicle searches, of which 7 were K9 vehicle searches. There were 80 Proactive Patrols.

For the month of , 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) filed 70 criminal charges which were the result of 28 cases. Of these charges, 43 were felony, 23 were misdemeanor, and 4 were Federal. 54 were filed in Lake County Court, 6 were filed in Schererville Town Court, 4 were filed in Federal Court, and 6 were filed in juvenile court. The CID is investigating 17 incidents from the month of November. Detectives Savich and Knight were the detectives of the month.

For the month of January, 2026, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) reports were unavailable.

For the month of December, 2025, Officers attended 418 hours of training.

For the month of January, 2026, Officers attended 535 hours of training.

For the month of January, 2026, the Animal Control Division had 36 calls for service, 0 bite reports and took in 2 animals. There were 3 adoptions for month. 2026 year-to-date adoption total is 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 January, 2026, the Schererville Fire Department performed 43 inspections, responded to 362 incidents of which 297 were EMS related, 24 were Fire related, and 35 were Alarms/Investigations. They also attended 690.78 total hours of training of which 419.78 were Fire Trainings, 192.5 were EMS Trainings, and 78.5 were Leadership Trainings.

ITEM C. Attorney – NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members Mr. Kouros

Mr. Kouros also wanted to publicly recognize Congressman Frank Mrvan for securing the vital funding for the replacement of the portable radios.

THEREUPON, Business from the Floor NONE

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kouros adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm. No motion nor roll call vote was held.

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