

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE
BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA
OCTOBER 13, 2016

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Langel at 7:04 p.m., in the Schererville Police Department Meeting and Training Facility, 25 E. Joliet Street, Schererville, IN.

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Rodney Langel, Eric Graf, Tom Ruzga, Rich Pietrzak. Staff members present: Chief Dave Dowling, Deputy Police Chief Dennis Zagrocki, Fire Chief Joseph Kruzan, Attorney Randy Wyllie, Recording Secretary Jennifer Lanting.

Mr. Langel stated that the current Agenda had a revision under Item VI B. Fire Department Authorized Leave Policy. Mr. Ruzga made a motion to approve Mr. Langel's change to the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Pietrzak. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Pietrzak made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2016 Public Meeting seconded by Mr. Ruzga. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

Chief Kruzan received a letter from Lowell Volunteer Fire Department thanking Schererville Fire Department for covering their station while they were responding to a crane accident.

Chief Kruzan received a donation of nine (9) reusable pet oxygen masks from the estate of Blanche Elfer.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. FD Station 4 Renovation

Chief Kruzan updated the status of the renovations at Station 4.

ITEM B FD Authorized Leave Policy

Attorney Wyllie reviewed the requested changes to the Authorized Leave Policy regarding Workers Compensation/On-Duty Injury or Job-Related Illness, as dated September 16, 2016. Mr. Ruzga made a motion to approve the change to the Authorized Leave Policy, seconded by Mr. Pietrzak. All in favor (4-0). Attorney Wyllie to advise the Town Manager of the recommendation to the Town Council to make these changes at their next available meeting.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. PD General Order Concerning Promotion

Chief Dowling submitted for approval changes to the General Order Concerning Promotion. Mr. Pietrzak made a motion to approve Chief Dowling's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Ruzga. All in favor (4-0).

ITEMS B. PD General Order Concerning Property and Evidence Control.

Chief Dowling submitted for approval changes to the General Order Concerning Property and Evidence Control. Mr. Pietrzak made a motion to approve Chief Dowling's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Ruzga. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Fire Chief

Chief Kruzan reported that the Annual Fire Prevention Day which was held at the Tri-Town Safety Village was a success.

Chief Kruzan reported that he submitted a grant request to FEMA for additional BTU replacements.

Chief Kruzan reported that Chief Dowling and he attended a safety meeting at Lake Central School System.

Chief Kruzan reported that for the month of September, 2016, the Schererville Fire Department performed 115 inspections, had 283 incidents, and attended 505.5 hours of training.

ITEM B. Police Chief

Chief Dowling added to Chief Kruzan's remarks regarding the safety meeting at Lake Central. He reported it was an excellent meeting on the topic of Opiate Addictions and Prevention.

Chief Dowling reported that two K-9s will be retired this year. New officers have expressed interest and interviews will be forthcoming.

Chief Dowling reported that on October 22, 2016 Red Robin will participate in a Tip-A-Cop program which proceeds will go to the Special Olympics.

For the month of September, 2016 the Patrol Division had 1,265 calls for service, 732 traffic citations, 88 property damage (PD) accidents, 13 personal injury (PI) accidents, and 106 arrests made.

The Criminal Investigation Division filed a total of 31 criminal charges during September, 2016.

The Monthly Crime Analysis for September 2016 reports there were nine (9) thefts from vehicles, five (5) burglaries, and twenty-five (25) reported thefts.

ITEM C. Attorney

NONE

THEREUPON, Board Members

Mr. Langel congratulated Jennifer Lanting on the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. Langel expressed his appreciation to the Police Department and the Fire Department for their participation in the Veterans Ride on September 25, 2016.

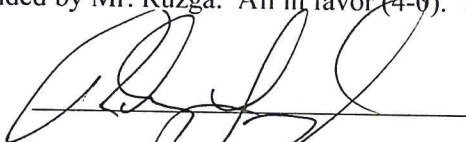
THEREUPON, Business from the Floor

Eric Newell, President of Local 4279, expressed his appreciation to the police department for securing the scenes on fire calls. He also invited the Board of Safety to the upcoming Fire Ops 101 training.

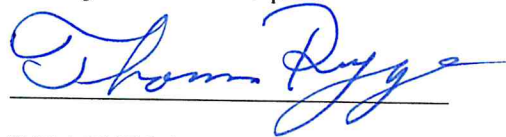
He also expressed his appreciation to the Board of Safety for their work in recommending to the Town Council policy updates.

THEREUPON, Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Graf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ruzga. All in favor (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



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