

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

April 4, 2024

The Board of Safety Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Graf at 6:30 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: Eric Graf, George Kouros, and David Jaroszewski. Staff members present: Police Chief Peter Sormaz, Fire Chief Robert Patterson, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Bottiger. Also present: Attorney Alfredo Estrada and Town Manager Jim Gorman. Absent: David Eenigenburg, Deputy Chief of Police Steven McNamara, and Deputy Fire Chief David Meyer.

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 Special Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (3 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. PD – Get Well Card from Wally Rolniak IL FOP Lodge #6

Chief Sormaz informed the Board he had received a get well card from the Wally Rolniak Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Lodge #6 for an officer that was involved in an accident on March 18, 2024. Chairman Graf requested more information from Chief Sormaz in reference to the accident, to which he responded Officer Galliher was involved in a five vehicle crash at US Hwy 30 and Mississippi Street. Chairman Graf asked after the welfare of Officer Galliher, to which he replied Officer Galliher was well and had returned to work within one week.

ITEM B. FD – Thank you Notes from the Michels Family, Rossiano Family, and Highland Fire Department

Chief Patterson advised the Board he had received three thank-you notes. The first was from the Michels family who thanked the Fire Department for their assistance with the burial of retired Firefighter George Michels. The second was from the Rossiano Family, who thanked the Fire Department for their assistance with the wake of their Office Manager's mother. The third was from the Highland Fire Department who thanked the Fire Department for their assistance with a March 12, 2024, Fatal Structure Fire.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – NONE

ITEM B. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – Time Promotion

Chief Patterson requested approval from the Board for the time promotions for the following Firefighters:

- Alexander Bruskoski from Firefighter/Paramedic 3rd class to Firefighter/Paramedic 2nd class
- Timothy Jenkins from Firefighter/EMT 3rd class to Firefighter/EMT 2nd Class
- Nicholas Minkema from Firefighter/EMT 3rd Class to Firefighter/EMT 2nd class

Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (3 – 0).

ITEM B. PD – NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Chief Sormaz stated all the reports were in the packet and thanked Vice Chairman Kouros for conducting the March 18, 2024, Special Meeting in the absence of Chairman Graf.

For the month of February, 2024 the Patrol Division responded to 1,453 incidents and took 72 accident reports. There were 163 total arrests. The Patrol Division filed 216 charges of which 71 were Class A Misdemeanors, 54 were Class B Misdemeanors, 53 were Class C Misdemeanors, 1 Level 2 Felony, 1 Level 4 Felony, 1 Level 5 Felony, and 35 Level 6 Felonies. The Patrol Division served 98 total warrants. They performed 716 traffic stops resulting in 395 citations issued of which 91 were local ordinances and 304 were state infractions. 535 warnings were also issued. The Patrol Division performed 155 vehicle searches, of which 38 were K9 vehicle searches. There were 151 Proactive Patrols.

For the month of March, 2024, the Criminal Investigations Division reports were unavailable.

For the month of March, 2024, Schererville Police Officers attended 723.50 hours of training.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

Chief Patterson advised the Board the reports were in the packet.

For the month of January, 2024, the Schererville Fire Department performed 35 inspections, responded to 341 incidents of which 293 were EMS related, 22 were Fire related, 24 were Alarms/Investigations, and 2 were Fire Prevention, Inspections and/or trainings. They also attended 481.50 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. Jaroszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kouros. Motion carries (3 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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