

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF SAFETY MEETING

July 11, 2024

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

THEREUPON, Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Jaroszewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 regular Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Eenigenburg. Motion carries (5 – 0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence

ITEM A. FD – Thank-you cards

Chief Patterson advised the Board he had received thank-you cards from Chris Holtz, Ray and Debbie Hall as well as a \$100.00 donation, Kathleen Schultz, Shari and Tom Hivko, and Eckart America. He went on to add that some of the cards were quite lengthy so he would not read them, but all thanked the Fire Department for their assistance on ambulance and fire calls.

ITEM B. PD – Thank-you cards

Deputy Chief McNamara advised the Board that the Police Department had received three thank-you letters from various residents of the town thanking Officers for keeping them safe during the Schererville Fest.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. PD – NONE

ITEM B. FD – NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. FD – NONE

ITEM B. PD – Time Promotion for Officers Hannon and Tancos

Deputy Chief McNamara requested approval from the Board for the time promotions from Probationary Patrolman to 1<sup>st</sup> Class Patrolman, effective July 22, 2024, for Officer John Hannon, badge #231, and Officer Ashlee Tancos, badge #232. He stated further that Officer Hannon came to the Schererville Police Department with nine years previous experience and Officer Tancos came to the department with six years previous experience. Deputy Chief McNamara advised the Board that both officers had performed and fulfilled all necessary requirements for the position. Motion made by Mr. Jaroszewski, seconded by Mr. Veitkus. Motion carries (5 – 0).

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Police Chief

Deputy Chief McNamara informed the Board the Schererville Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) would be hosting a golf outing on Saturday, July 27, 2024, and if anyone was interested in

participating to contact one of the F.O.P. Board members listed on the flyer. Deputy Chief McNamara went on to add the National Night Out would be held August 6, 2024, from 5pm to 9pm at Redar Park.

For the month of May, 2024 the Patrol Division responded to 1,661 incidents and took 112 accident reports. There were 149 total arrests. The Patrol Division filed 202 charges of which 73 were Class A Misdemeanors, 43 were Class B Misdemeanors, 60 were Class C Misdemeanors, and 26 Level 6 Felonies. The Patrol Division served 86 total warrants. They performed 581 traffic stops resulting in 387 citations issued of which 108 were local ordinances and 279 were state infractions. 407 warnings were also issued. The Patrol Division performed 144 vehicle searches, of which 40 were K9 vehicle searches. There were 185 Proactive Patrols.

For the month of May, 2024, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) filed 40 criminal charges which were the result of 17 cases. Of these 40 charges, 22 were felony, 16 were misdemeanor, and 2 were Federal. 27 were filed in the Schererville Town Court, and 2 were filed in the Lake County Juvenile Court. The CID is currently investigating 67 incidents for the month of May.

For the month of June, 2024, Schererville Police Officers attended 124 hours of training.

For the month of June, 2024, the Animal Control Division responded to 50 calls for service, 0 bite reports, and took in 4 animals.

ITEM B. Fire Chief

Chief Patterson advised the Board on July 3, 2022, the Fire Department had their first baby surrendered to the Baby Box at Fire Station #2. On June 28, 2024, the adoptive family of the first child surrendered requested permission to stop by the department. He further stated that June 28<sup>th</sup> was the child's second birthday, so they held a very small and low key party for the child, due to privacy concerns. Chief Patterson also stated it was a touching moment for all involved.

For the month of June, 2024, the Schererville Fire Department performed 9 inspections, responded to 367 incidents of which 311 were EMS related, 28 were Fire related, 24 were Alarms/Investigations, and 4 were Fire Prevention, Inspection and/or training. They also attended 342.50 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. Veitkus. Motion carries (5 – 0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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