Munster Board of Safety Meeting Thursday, July 23, 2020

7:00 a.m.

Held via Zoom Minutes

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Governor's Executive Orders regarding such, this meeting was held via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lorin Brown at 7:00 a.m. Other members present via Zoom: Jerry Baffa, Michael Clark, and Linda Dunn.

Others present via Zoom: Chief of Police Stephen Scheckel, Lieutenant Daymon Johnston, Fire Chief David Pelc, Battalion Chief Mark Hajduk, Town Attorney David Westland, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Nancy Nadratowski,Clerk Treasurer Wendy Mis, Clerk Treasurer Personnel Patricia Abbott, Superior Ambulance Personnel Jeff Collins, Joe Salas, David Farber and Tristan DeFord.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open to the Public: There were no members of the public logged in via Zoom . II. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of February 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. Fire Department Monthly Activity Reports for February, March, April, May & June

C. Fire Department Disbursement Reports for February, March, April, May & June

1. Police Department Monthly Activity Reports for February, March, April, May & June
2. Police Department Disbursement Reports for February, March, April, May & June

Mr. Baffa motioned to accept the Consent Agenda items. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, motion approved 4-0.

Ill. Items for Action & Discussion

Ms. Dunn and Mr. Baffa have reviewed the monthly reports for February - June. Ms. Dunn sent an email on July 13th with a few questions. She received satisfactory explanations from Mr.

Farber and Mr. Collins. The times have been good. The May response times were about four

1. minutes while the rest ofthe months were about three (3) though all are within range. Ms. Dunn said Superior's service to Munster has been commendable. Mr. Baffa motioned to accept the Superior Ambulance Reports for February - June. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, motion approved 4-0.
   1. Chief s Comments

Chief Scheckel informed the Board ofthe department's Numbered Memo #20-02 which exempted Reserves and VIPS personnel from mandatory patrol hours during the pandemic as many members are in that fragile age group.

Chief Scheckel added that everything is going well with crime being down. The department will not be writing everyone a violation for not wearing a mask as it is a Class B Misdemeanor.

Though if we get called for other things, we will take enforcement action. Mr. Baffa asked if businesses can require those entering to wear a mask? Chief Scheckel relied yes, they can be refused admission. Mr. Westland added that he and the Chief have not had a chance to speak about this issue as the order is pretty fresh. Businesses are required to have patrons and employees wear masks; they can ask them to leave if they do not. If they will not leave, they become a trespasser.

Dr. Brown asked what was the exact issuance the governor sent out? Chief Scheckel said you can find it on in.gov. Mr. Westland asked if he wrote the order yesterday or today? Chief Scheckel replied that he was under the assumption that it is already on the government's website. Dr. Brown asked if it is a requirement to wear a mask? Chief Scheckel said he thought it was a Class B Misdemeanor, higher than an infraction. Dr. Brown stated it means you are supposed to wear it. Mr. Baffa added that he did not read the whole article though believes the Attorney General says it is unconstitutional.

Chief Pelc said that the last couple of months calls have jumped back up, with an average of eighty (80). The department has eight (8) people on medical leave. Two (2) of which do not want to participate right now due to family issues. The academy is back up and running again and we have five (5) members attending. The town's ISO rating has dropped a point to a Class

3. Our department is one (1) of only twenty (20) within the state. This should cause insurance rates to drop two to three (2-3%) percent for businesses. Chief Pelc said he is proud they got it down. The Board congratulated Chief Pelc on a job well done. Dr. Brown asked if it affected private insurance? Chief Pelc replied that he thinks it is more for businesses. Dr. Brown asked if he would put something out official so people can use it to send out to their insurance companies? Chief Pelc said he will in October when it becomes effective. It will also be placed in the town newsletter.

* 1. Old Business

There was no old business.

* 1. New Business

There was no new business.

* 1. Board's Comments

Mr. Baffa said he appreciated Mr. Salas from Superior dropping off the detailed report at his residence and that Superior continues to be doing a good job.

# Mr. Clark mentioned that he and his family frequent Centennial daily and it is great that the park is being used though there are a lot of people in the park. He has only seen limited patrols. He also mentioned that the golf staff is in early, around 6:00 a.m., bringing out the carts and having cash on hand and they are a little fearful. With Illinois opening later we are seeing more people in our parks. Chief Scheckel said he and Sgt. Broelmann were meeting with

Town Council President Mellon, and hopefully a couple of Park Board members, on Friday to discuss the issue. Lt. Broelmann has assigned extra patrols to the area and several arrests have been made for various offenses. They will further discuss on Friday what other action can be taken.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020, if needed. V III. Ad journme nt

Mr. Baffa motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion. All members

present voted aye, motion approved 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 a.m.

Lorin M. Brown, M.D., Chairman