Munster Board of Safety Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 21,2022

7:00 a.m.

Munster Town Hall Main Meeting Room & Zoom

This meeting was held in person at the Munster Town Hall and via Zoom. I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Michael Clark at 7:00 a.m. Other members present: Dr. Lorin Brown (Late), Dr. Robert Dershewitz, Linda Dunn, and Matt Maloney.

Others present: Chief of Police Stephen Scheckel, Lieutenant Daymon Johnston, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Nancy Nadratowski, Fire Chief Mark Hajduk, Administrative Secretary Janice Rebey, Town Attorney David Westland, Clerk Treasurer Wendy Mis (Zoom), Clerk Treasurer Personnel Patricia Abbott (Zoom), Superior Ambulance Personnel Dave Faber, Tristan De Ford, Janiece Cox and Jeff Wilken.

Pledge of Allegiance

Due to the Chairman's absence, Mr. Clark suggested the Board vote a Vice Chairman. Mr. Maloney nominated Michael Clark as Vice Chairman. Dr. Dershewitz seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 4-0.

Public Comment: Ms. Chris Pleitner of 8517 Forrest expressed her concerns to the Board regarding speeding vehicles on her street, with children playing in the area. She suggested the placement of speedbumps on the roadway. Chief Scheckel stated the town has recently decided to begin implementing raised crosswalks on White Oak Avenue to reduce speeding.

Once in place they will be evaluated to see if this is a viable option to be implemented in other areas of town. In the meantime, Public Works will immediately put out speed signs, as well as conduct traffic counts. The Police Department will also have officers conduct directed patrols in the area. Mr. Westland added the Town Council approved at Monday's meeting the use of them on White Oak. If they work, they will be placed on other streets.

II. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of June 16, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for June 2022

C. Fire Department Disbursement Report for June 2022

1. Police Department Monthly Activity Report June 2022
2. Police Department Disbursement Report June 2022

Ms. Dunn asked Chief Hajduk the reason for the increased inspection violations on the June report? Chief Hajduk stated he has finally filled the position and they are now up to speed. Ms.

Dunn also inquired about the costs for painting fire hydrants. Chief Hajduk stated this is the first time an outside contractor was utilized. All the previous layers of paint were removed

from a third of the 1,200 hydrants in town, and repainted. A third will be done each year, for the next three years. Mr. Clark asked about the warning sirens, was it just one (1)? Chief Hajduk stated it was the original tornado siren, not the lightening detection ones.

Ms. Dunn asked Chief Scheckel about the expenditure for bikes. Chief Scheckel replied the purchase was for two (2) electric bikes. Dr. Dershewitz asked if technology exists or if the LPR's could identify speeding vehicles? Chief Scheckel said yes, such technology does exist though the State of Indiana does not allow us to utilize intersection cameras or give us the authority to issue tickets, like the State of Illinois. We are looking for the cheapest, most viable technology, such as the raised speed bumps, to address the issue.

Ms. Dunn motioned to accept the Consent Agenda items. Mr. Maloney seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

Ill. Items for Action & Discussion

Ms. Dunn stated she met with Superior representatives regarding the report and the times are good this month. All her questions were answered satisfactorily.

Ms. Dunn motioned to accept the Superior Ambulance report. Mr. Maloney seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

1. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Hajduk stated they will be offering Stop the Bleed classes to the public, as well as first aid and CPR. Dr. Brown asked if CPR was full certification? Chief Hajduk replied yes. Chief Hajduk informed the Board the packet included their revised job descriptions and policies. Mr.

Westland stated the suspension section differs from the Police Department, though is consistent with other Fire Departments.

Dr. Brown motioned to accept the Fire Department's updated Job Descriptions and Policies. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

Mr. Westland stated the Board of Safety Rules and Regulations currently include the Police Department's. He would like to separate the rules for each entity: the Board, Police Department and Fire Department.

Dr. Brown motioned to allow Mr. Westland to draft a revision of the Board of Safety Rules and Regulations. Mr. Maloney seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

1. Police Chief's Report

Chief Scheckel stated the Eligibility Register, from the current hiring process, needs approval from the Board. We will begin backgrounds of the four (4) candidates once the register is approved.

Dr. Brown motioned to accept and approve the Eligibility Register. Dr. Dershewitz seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

Chief Scheckel asked the Board to raise the off-duty detail rate from $30.00 per hour to $45.00 per hour. The rate is consistent with other departments in the area. It has become increasingly difficult to fill details.

Mr. Maloney motioned to raise the off-duty detail rate from $30.00 to $45.00 per hour. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

1. New Business

There was no new business.

1. Board's Comments

Dr. Brown said the next meeting will be at 7 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

1. Adjournment

Mr. Maloney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 a.m.

Lorin M. Brown, M.D., Chairman