**Munster Board of Safety Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 15, 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 Dr. Lorin Brown at 7:01 a.m. Other members present: Mike Clark, Dr. Robert Dershewitz, Linda Dunn, and Matt Maloney.

Others present: Chief of Police Stephen Scheckel, Lieutenants Dan Broelmann and Daymon Johnston, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Nancy Nadratowski, Accreditation/Public Records Manager Craig Corie, Fire Chief Mark Hajduk, Town Attorney David Westland, Clerk Treasurer Wendy Mis (Zoom), Clerk Treasurer Personnel Patricia Abbott, Superior Ambulance Personnel Jeff Collins, and Janiece Cox.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present. II. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of July 21,2022 Regular Meeting
2. Fire Department Monthly Activity Reports for July & August 2022

C. Fire Department Disbursement Reports for July & August 2022

1. Police Department Monthly Activity Reports July & August 2022
2. Police Department Disbursement Reports July & August 2022

Ms. Dunn asked Chief Hajduk about the charges to Gus Bock listed on the July Disbursement Report. Chief Hajduk stated they were for the smoke detectors purchased with the Rotary Grant.

Ms. Dunn motioned to accept the Consent Agenda items. Dr. Dershewitz 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 who answered her questions. We are in good shape despite August being a busy month and in July having a number of our

ambulances respond to calls for mutual aid. Dr. Brown asked Mr. Collins for clarification of how long from the call is received until the ambulance is dispatched. Mr. Collins will investigate it and report back to the Board.

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

1. Fire Chief s Report

Chief Hajduk informed the Board of the Department's Annual Open House on Saturday, October gth from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fire Station #2.

1. Police Chief's Report

Chief Scheckel asked the Board for permission to initiate an Emergency Hiring process. The previous traditional process did not result in a wide selection of applicants. We had four (4) on the list and are now down to two (2) which are completing their psychological and medical exams next. Dr. Dershewitz asked which criteria will be waived? Chief Scheckel said the Board and Administration will interview the candidates versus them completing the written and oral exams, and there will not be a physical agility exam. Only certified officers will be interviewed. The rest of the process-background, CVSA, psych, and medical exam will be completed on the applicants.

Mr. Clark asked how many openings we currently have? Chief Scheckel replied three (3) as the School Town of Munster has asked for a School Resource Officer at Wilber Wright Middle School. The cost of the additional officer will be paid in full by the School Town, bringing our sworn strength to forty-three (43). Officer Kevin Cooley was selected as the new SRO.

Mr. Maloney motioned for the Police Department to begin an Emergency Hiring process. Dr. Dershewitz seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

Chief Scheckel informed the Board, that as state law allows, he suspended an officer for three

(3) days based on the officer's actions.

Chief Scheckel introduced Craig Corie to the Board. Mr. Corie is the department's new Accreditation/Public Records Manager.

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, October 20, 2022.

1. Ad journment

Mr. Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

Lorin M. Brown, M.D., Chairman