Munster Board of Safety Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 5, 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 7:02 a.m. Other members present: Michael Clark, Dr. Robert Dershewitz, Linda Dunn, and Matt Maloney.

Others present: Chief of Police Stephen Scheckel, Lieutenants Dan Broelmann, Daymon Johnston (Zoom) and John Peirick, Sergeant Thomas Kuhlenschmidt, Fire Chief Mark Hajduk, Town Council Member Andy Koultourides, 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, Dave Faber, Tristan De Ford, and Janiece Cox.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Mr. Tom Paradzinski of 8239 White Oak expressed his concern with children standing on the curb, waiting for the school bus, and texting. They should step back a few feet, put their phones and away and be aware of their surroundings. He also mentioned there are a lot of speeding vehicles, disregarding stop signs in the area of White Oak and Fairway.

Chief of Police Scheckel said the Lieutenant in charge ofthe Patrol Division would make sure to have officers conduct directed patrols in the area. We can also put out traffic counters and speed awareness signs in the area. He further stated School Resource James Ghrist does put out safety tips in his monthly crime watch newsletter. Unfortunately, there is only so much we can do to try and get children to pay more attention around them.

II. Co nsent A ge nda

1. Minutes of March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Fire Department Monthly Activity Reports for February & March 2022

C. Fire Department Disbursement Reports for February & March 2022

1. Police Department Monthly Activity Reports for February & March 2022
2. Police Department Disbursement Reports for February & March 2022

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

Ill. Items for Action & Discussion

Ms. Dunn stated everything was normal with the reports. Mr. De Ford addressed all her questions. Calls have slowed down slightly, with 231 in February and 236 in March. Response times are consistent and within the parameters established by the Board.

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

1. Fire Chief's Report

Mr. Westland stated he had spoken with Fire Chief Hajduk prior to the meeting as he had a few questions concerning the department's policies and job descriptions and how they relate to Town Ordinances and State Law. He asked the Board to table this item until next month's meeting,giving him and Chief Hajduk a chance to review them together. Chief Hajduk agreed.

Mr. Clark motioned to table the Fire Department's Policies and Job Descriptions until the next meeting, pending review with Mr. Westland. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

1. . Police Chief's Report

Chief Scheckel explained the rules were changed in three (3) areas: Hiring Process, Age Requirement and Promotions. The rules concerning the Hiring Process were changed to

remove the integrated scores portion as we no longer have multiple traditional hiring processes throughout the year, making this obsolete. Chief Scheckel also explained the challenges the department, as well as other departments, are facing trying to get applicants. The age requirements changed based on PERF's requirements. The educational requirements for promotions were changed to remove the required bachelor's degree for the promotion to Lieutenant and Deputy Chief. The Town no longer has a Tuition Reimbursement Program resulting in employees being no longer interested in continuing education.

Mr. Maloney motioned to accept the changes in the Board of Safety Rules and Regulations as they pertain to the Police Department. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion. Prior to voting Dr. Dershewitz asked if the words "Fire Department" should be removed from Rule 1? After a brief discussion, Mr. Maloney and Ms. Dunn revoked their motions.

Dr. Dershewitz then motioned to accept the Board of Rules for the Police Department, striking the words "Fire Department" in Rule 1,Section 2, and Section 7. Ms. Dunn 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 welcomed Matt Maloney as a new member to the Board.

Dr. Brown said the next meeting will be at 7 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022 . IX. Ad j ournment

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 8:08 a.m.

Lorin M. Brown, M.D., Chairman