To: President and Members of Munster Town Council

From: Chief of Police Stephen Scheckel
Town Manager Dustin Anderson

Date: October 3, 2016

Re: Appointment

On Tuesday, September 27, 2016 I received a phone call from the Director of Homeland Security for the State of Indiana. Director David Kane informed me that I was his choice to represent the State of Indiana at the Federal level, as it relates to Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities. If allowed to participate in this extremely important working group, I will work with the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE) which is part of the Federal Department of Homeland Security. In my conversation with Director Kane he advised me that I was the only person who would be representing the State of Indiana on these issues, and would work on evolving threats, and the future of which expenditures should qualify as law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

I was honored to be appointed as the state's representative at the federal level and I advised Director Kane that I was interested in the appointment; however, I would require permission from my municipality before officially accepting said appointment. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting permission to accept this appointment. Although all the details have not been worked out, Director Kane advised me that some travel would be required, probably to Washington DC, and attend "listening sessions" around the country. I can assure you that my first responsibility is with the Town of Munster, but I believe that this will allow our local law enforcement an important voice in future funding and how it will be expended.

The Board of Safety members were contacted via email and unanimously approved Chief Scheckel's appointment.

Recommendation

Approve Chief Scheckel's appointment to represent the State of Indiana as part of the Federal Department of Homeland Security Working Group.