Munster Board of Safety Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 26, 2021

**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: Jerry Baffa, Mike Clark, Dr. Robert Dershewitz and Linda Dunn.

Others present: Chief of Police Stephen Scheckel, Lieutenant Dan Broelmann, Fire Chief Mark Hajduk, Town Council Member Chuck Gardiner, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Nancy Nadratowski, Town Attorney David Westland, Superior Ambulance Personnel Jeff Collins, David Faber, Jamie Garcia, and Jan Cox. Others present via Zoom: Lieutenant Daymon Johnston, Clerk Treasurer Wendy Mis, Clerk Treasurer Personnel Patricia Abbott.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. Minutes of July 15, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Fire Department Monthly Activity Report for July

C. Fire Department Disbursement Report for July

1. Police Department Monthly Activity Report for July
2. Police Department Disbursement Report for July

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

Ill. Items for Action & Discussion

Mr. Baffa said they had a great meeting with Superior Ambulance personnel this morning and they cleared up some misconceptions and everything is good. Ms. Dunn concurred, everything is good. Mr. Baffa added the response times were great.

Mr. Westland stated the contract with Superior Ambulance was a three (3) year contract with a one (1) year extension and expires at the end of September. Therefore, the contract needs to go before the Town Council at their next meeting on September 20th. The sooner Superior can get the proposed contract to Mr. Westland, the better. He can then make sure it gets on the agenda for the council meeting. Mr. Collins said OK. Mr. Westland asked the Board of Safety to make a motion and vote on the extension and or new contract.

Mr. Baffa motioned to recommend to the Munster Town Council to extend and or approve a new contract with Superior Ambulance, for an additional three (3) years, with a one (1) year extension. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

Ms. Dunn motioned to accept the monthly Superior Report. Mr. Baffa 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 that they have lost five (5) Public Works employees who doubled as daytime Fire Department personnel. They currently are down to three (3). He will begin a recruit process of Public Works employees to respond to daytime calls, which are sometimes short. Historically, most volunteer Fire Departments are shorthanded during the day, nights and weekends are good. The employees get a stipend once a month, which offsets the time they go for training on their off days or afterhours. He is looking for at least three (3) employees, though will have to see as they are all volunteer.

The department is going forward with their Open House. They will see what happens regarding COVID. Call-wise the department was normal for the month, nothing out of the ordinary.

Dr. Brown asked if a Public Work's employee responds to a call from home what would he get paid? Chief Hajduk replied the hourly rate. He further explained that the employees get a stipend once a month as they do the classwork and training on their own time.

1. Police Chief's Report

Chief Scheckel thanked the Board of Safety for assisting with the sergeant reviews last night. There is currently one (1) sergeant's position that needs to be filled. The written test is Friday and then the Administrative Review, after which they will be ranked.

We have been notified that Officer Jonathan Hernandez's last day will be September 11th. Which means we have another position that will need to be filled, after the one we are currently working on. Jonathan is making a lifestyle change, by taking his drywall business and moving to Florida. If we can not fill the new vacancy from our existing hiring list, we may have to do another emergency hiring process before the end of the year. Our plan after that is to do a traditional hiring process, opening it up to everyone. Mr. Baffa asked how many are left on the list currently? Chief Scheckel replied two (2). He added it is sometimes difficult getting two

(2) or three (3) in a row as many wash out during their background, polygraph, or psych.

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

1. New Business

There was no new business.

1. Board's Comments

Mr. Baffa commented that it was very beneficial for he and Ms. Dunn to continue to meet with Superior Ambulance personnel before each meeting.

Councilman Gardiner stated that Mr. Westland and Superior will work out the details of the contract and bring it before the Council.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 21, 2021. IX. Ad j ournment

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

present voted aye, motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 a.m.

Lorin M. Brown, M.D., Chairman