Munster Board of Safety Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 16, 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 7:05 a.m. Other members present: Michael Clark, Dr. Robert Dershewitz, Linda Dunn (Zoom), and Matt Maloney.

Others present: Chief of Police Stephen Scheckel, Lieutenant Daymon Johnston (Zoom), Sergeant Thomas Kuhlenschmidt, Fire Chief Mark Hajduk, Deputy Fire Chief David Strbjak, Town Council Member Andy Koultourides, Town Attorney David Westland, Clerk Treasurer Wendy

Mis (Zoom), Clerk Treasurer Personnel Patricia Abbott (Zoom), Deputy Town Manager Jill DiTommaso, Superior Ambulance Personnel Jeff Collins, Dave Faber, Tristan De Ford, and Janiece Cox.

Pledge of Allegiance II. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of May 5, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Fire Department Monthly Activity Reports for April & May 2022

C. Fire Department Disbursement Reports for April & May 2022

**E.** Police Department Monthly Activity Reports for April & May 2022

F. Police Department Disbursement Reports for April & May 2022

Mr. Clark 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 everything is inline and has been consistent for the last few months.

Ms. Dunn motioned to accept the Superior Ambulance reports. 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 updated the warning siren at Sunnyside Park, and they are all now consistent throughout town. The department has installed smoke detectors in 64 houses and has another 22 applications. They will do another social media blast

1. Police Chief's Report

Chief Scheckel informed the Board of the department's decision to not replace the 3rd

Lieutenant's position, made open due to Lt. Peirick's retirement, though to split the job duties

amongst the current Administration. Lt. Johnston has also informed the Chief of his impending retirement within the next year or two. Lt. Johnston is currently in charge of CALEA. In order to keep CALEA moving forward, the Administration would like to hire a civilian as Accreditation Manager. This is common practice throughout the state and would benefit the department and town budgets. Chief Scheckel has spoken to the Clerk Treasurer's Office and the Town Council President who are supportive of the idea.

Dr. Dershewitz motioned to allow the department to create the new Civilian Accreditation/Public Records Manager position, therefore decreasing the number of Lieutenants to two. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. All members present voted aye by roll call vote, motion approved 5-0.

Chief Scheckel informed the Board of the sale of two (2) seized vehicles. These vehicles were put up for auction based on the requirements set forth by the court.

Chief Scheckel asked the Board for a date and time to conduct the Oral Interviews for the candidates for the position of Police Officer. We currently have two (2) openings. The Board agreed on Wednesday, June 29th at 6:30 p.m.

The Police Department Administration and the new Superintendent of Schools met recently and discussed the possibility of putting a School Resource Officer in the middle school. Chief Scheckel informed the Superintendent that the department's budget would not support

another SRO. The Assistant Superintendent said they realize that they School Town would need to fund the position. The Board instructed Chief Scheckel to set up a meeting with the School Town, Town Attorney, Police Administration and two (2} members of the Board of Safety.

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, July 21, 2022.

1. . Adjournment

Mr. Maloney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. All members present voted aye, motion approved 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Lorin M. Brown, M.D., Chairman