



**Safety Committee Minutes  
Monday, May 20, 2019**

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Leslie Miller and Rick Vierheller

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Rick Vierheller made a motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2019, and the motion was seconded by Chair Leslie Miller. Aye votes all. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Chief's Report:

Chief Burson reported that all of the Seville Police Department Officers have served the community professionally and have all returned home safely.

Chief Burson reviewed statistics for April. There were 75 traffic offenses and crashes, one disturbance, and eight citizens' assists. The Department had 35 assists to BOPA, Fire and EMS. Miles driven were 4,349.

The significant offenses involved aggravated menacing, assault, domestic violence, misuse of credit cards, leaving the scene of an accident, and drug abuse. There were 10 adult offences cleared by arrest. Six offenses closed and three traffic citations closed.

The Department participated in training with Dr. Robert Byrnes, PHD, dealing with job related stresses, Autism Training and Veterans in Crisis and intervention

Officer Deal was commended for his efforts at a house fire where he assisted in saving several dogs from the house fire. Staff Sergeant Phillips was commended for his efforts to save an owl found in the creek wrapped in fishing line. Both incidents received positive press.

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**Chief's Report (continued):**

During Police Memorial Week the Department was very active. Officer Houck and Officer Searle decorated the graves of the four law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in Medina County. One Officer being from the Medina County Sheriff's Office, two Officers from Medina City, and one Officer from Lodi. Chief Burson believes we are the only agency to continue this honor. We do make contact with each agency for them to have their own officers present during the ceremony.

Officer Kilgore, the new officer, traveled to Washington DC as part of a contingency representing the Mansfield Police Department. His group helps to greet each and every blue Family that arrives at the airport for Memorial Week.

Staff Sergeant Phillips represented our Village at the Police Memorial Parade in Cleveland. The guest speaker was a nine year old girl who lost her father in the line of duty. She gave a heartbreaking talk, and spoke of the touching moment when she got off the airplane in Washington DC and being greeted.

Chief Burson informed the Committee the background process has been completed for Officer Kilgore. Officer Kilgore's last day in Mansfield will be May 28<sup>th</sup>. Chief Burson is planning to swear him in on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and asked if the swear in ceremony could be at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Chief Burson said the new speed sign has been received and we are waiting on a part from the manufacturer.

Chief Burson said they received a complaint of a sick possum. Chief Burson said the days have passed when the officer could shoot and bury the animal. Chief Burson would like the Village to consider finding a way to help the residents to get rid of the sick animal as it is currently is an expense to them. The sick animal poses a nuisance and is a public safety issue.

**New Business:**

None.

**Pending/Completed Legislation**

Ordinance 2019-09 enters into contract with the Medina County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services. Council passed on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

None.

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Privilege of the Floor:

Chair Miller announced this week is EMS appreciation week.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Vierheller and was seconded by Chair Miller. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Miller  
Safety Committee Chair