



**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2019**

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Leslie Miller, Sue Frey and Brad Demiter

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Sue Frey made a motion to approve the Safety Minutes of August 19, 2019, and the motion was seconded by Brad Demiter. Two aye votes. Mr. Demiter abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

Dennis Gordon, 167 Pine Needle Drive, thanked the Police Department for their support during the Run for the Trails race on Labor Day. Mr. Gordon reported everything went smoothly and there were no traffic issues.

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 gave credit to Officer Josh Thompson for helping with saving a young lady's life by putting a tourniquet on her arterial wound. Chief Burson said there should be community pride among the residents. Without their support for the Department, Seville would not be able to attract such a fine officer and would not have the equipment needed for such situations.

Chief Burson reviewed statistics for August and noted the Department was without an officer each week. There were 49 traffic related calls. The Department had 37 assists to BOPA, Fire and EMS. The Department had 2 domestic disputes and 16 suspicious persons, cars or circumstances. The Department had offenses including 5 new felony, 8 misdemeanors, and 5 traffic offenses. The significant offenses included assault, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, identity fraud, interference with custody, OVI, theft and possession of drugs.

The officers participated in training for the new Zuercher Computer-aided Design program with the Medina County Sheriff's Department. The system changeover has been relatively painless. The officers also attended eight hours of patrol rifle training.

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Chief's Report (continued)

Chief Burson listed major events in August included a male subject who smelled of alcohol and yelling profanities and causing a disturbance at Circle K was arrested. A report has been forwarded to the prosecutor concerning a patient on patient assault at Seville Meadows. A resident reported that she gave personal information over the phone to a person claiming to be from the Social Security Administration. An investigation has been started concerning a non-custodial parent who took children out-of-state and then claimed abuse by the custodial parent's family member. A bizarre domestic disturbance involving a mother, son and girlfriend ended with a disorderly conduct citation. A juvenile frequent flyer was arrested after he became abusive towards his probation officer during a home visit. During the investigation it was learned the juvenile had been stealing mail from his neighbors. Charges are pending. A retail store reported a roll of lottery tickets missing.

Chief Burson congratulated Officer Josh Thompson for completing his third year of service. Chief Burson said he does a great job for the Department and works tirelessly towards bringing bad guys to justice. Officer Thompson has taken on the IT duties of the Department and rarely gets the credit he deserves. Chief Burson recommended for him to be raised from a Level 2 to a Level 3.

Chief Burson congratulated Officer Taylor Deal for completing his second year of service. Chief Burson said he had advanced quickly and operates at a level beyond his years of experience. Officer Deal has taken over several new duties this last year, including AED and medical bag maintenance, as well as the building's security cameras. Chief Burson recommended for him to be raised from a Level 2 to a Level 3.

Chief Burson reminded the Committee Sergeant Phillips is one of 20 Ohio officers selected to attend the 2019 Great Lakes Leadership Conference in October. The training is held at the Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls. The instructors are from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Chief Burson reported the Medina County Sheriff's Office new dispatch is up and running and only minimal issues have been reported.

Chief Burson reported the radar sign has been returned and a full refund was received.

Chief Burson reported four makes of vehicles have been advertised for police cars including Ford Taurus, Dodge Charger, Chevy Tahoe and Ford Explorer. Chief Burson felt the Taurus was too small, too many complications with the Chargers, and had concerns with the first year design and new lithium batteries in the Explorer. Chief Burson would like to pursue the Tahoe. The state bid is \$36,000 each. Chief Burson would like to be able to purchase five new vehicles and get out of the Dodge vehicles. The vehicles effectively modernize entire fleet and are expected to last 8-10 years.

Sue Frey made a motion to allow Chief Burson to purchase 5 vehicles as long as within budget. Brad Demiter seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

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Chief's Report (continued)

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Chair Miller made a motion for the Level 2 to a Level 3 increase for Officer Thompson and a Level 2 to a Level 3 increase for Officer Deal. Brad Demiter seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

New Business:

None.

Pending/Completed Legislation

Ordinance 2019-44 repealing Ordinance Numbers 1985-18 and 1997-65 relative to a curfew in the Village. Declared an emergency and Council passed on September 9th.

Ordinance 2019-45 authorizing the Chief of Police to dispose of Village property no longer needed. First reading was September 9th.

Old Business:

Chair Miller said the preliminary budget for 2020 has been placed in everyone's mailboxes for their review.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mayor Carter asked what design would be used on the new vehicles. Chief Burson said they would be like the Ford Explorers. Mayor Carter reminded the residents how lucky they are to have such a good Police, Fire and EMS and asked everyone to support the upcoming renewal levy.

Sue Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad Demiter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair