



**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Leslie Miller, Brad Demeter and Rick Vierheller

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Rick Vierheller made a motion to approve the Safety Minutes of January 21, 2020, and the motion was seconded by Chair Leslie Miller. Two aye votes. Mr. Demeter abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

James Morris of 104 Center Street expressed concerns about the rate of speed of travelers on Center Street and the bush height on the corner of Center Street and Lafayette Street. Chief Burson shared traffic statistics.

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 said there have 13 fallen officers across the country.

Chief Burson reviewed statistics and said January had 29 new offenses including breaking and entering, burglary and child endangering. Eight adults were arrested. The list included two F3s and on F2 charges

Chief Burson said the Department attended Constitutional Issues Surround Law Enforcement, taser recertification, and Datamaster certification. Officer Houck is a certified taser instructor.

Chief Burson reported a breaking and entering that happened at Weaver Storage lead to an apprehension of 2 subjects cutting of catalytic converters. This was a major arrest and has led directly to the recovery of a stolen car in Akron and multiple search warrants.

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### Chief's Report (continued)

Chief Burson shared a 911 call of a homeowner on High Street reporting her security camera message and within 6 minutes of being advised of the incident the subject was arrested and money was recovered.

Chief Burson said an 18-year-old was cited for doing burnouts at Quality Inn. Subject was angry for being refused service.

A drug overdose resulted in charges and an arrest. Subject overdosed at home while his young daughter was present.

Chief Burson thanked the Fire Department for all of their continued support.

Chief Burson informed the Committee he is still researching for a new phone system. The current system contract will end in October. The Panasonic phones are outdated and will be expensive to replace and Securitec is out of the phone programming business. Marshall Larabee of MAL Network Engineering offered a VOIP, an internet-based system. Chief noted the utility room is supplied with home products and there has been an offer to review the current set up and offer a plan using commercial grade product. Rick Vierheller made a motion to allow Chief Burson to pursue an equipment evaluation. Brad Demiter seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

Chief Burson said the Lodi Police Department has committed an officer to attend the Police Memorial Week in Washington DC.

Chief Burson said the new police cars are expected to be delivered the first week in March.

Chief Burson ask the Committee for a recommendation to allow a link for Take Me Home on The Village of Seville website. The Take Me Home program is a countywide initiative to support individuals with communication difficulties and their families. The integral component of the program is a database of individuals with disabilities that impact their ability to communicate. Should an individual become lost or separated from caregivers, law enforcement personnel can search the database in the hopes of learning their identity and thus reuniting them with their family or caregivers. Brad Demiter made a motion to recommend to Council to all the Take Me Home link on The Village of Seville website. Rick Vierheller seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

### New Business:

None.

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Pending/Completed Legislation

2019-67 - Amending Ordinance 2013-08, as amended establishing an employee handbook to revise the paid personal leave policy. Council passed February 10<sup>th</sup>.

2019-68 - Ordinance establishing a Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Council passed February 10<sup>th</sup>.

2020-09 - Ordinance for contract with Medina County Sheriff's Office for dispatch service. The first reading was February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

None.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Rick Vierheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad Demiter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Miller  
Safety Committee Chair