Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday April 20, 2020

Call to Order:
Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
The meeting was held via conference call due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call:
Present: Leslie Miller, Rick Vierheller, and Sue Frey

Approval of Minutes:
Rick Vierheller made a motion to approve the Safety Minutes of February 18, 2020, and Sue Frey seconded the motion. Two aye votes. Mrs. Frey abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

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 due to the format of the meeting he would not be giving the normal statistics. Chief Burson acknowledged the San Marcos Police Officer Justin Putnam. Officer Putnam was killed during an ambush late Saturday night. To date there have been 48 officers killed in the line of duty.

Chief Burson said thank you to the community. They have been overwhelmingly supportive and understanding of the changes to our operation implemented to keep our officers safe. Chief Burson commended each one of our officers and brothers at the Fire and EMS, and all of those in the health care community. These men and women are literally on the front lines. They would probably prefer to be sheltering at home as well. Chief Burson said thank you to Chief Winter of the Seville Guilford Fire and EMS. The department went above and beyond to make sure that our officers are equipped with personal protective equipment and sanitizers. The fire department is sanitizing the police cars and gear.

Chief Burson reported his research to consider a new phone system. A VOIP network would allow security inside and outside. The cost is determined by the security measures desired. Chief Burson would like to work with MAL Network Engineering. The company offers an all-in-one service including the infrastructure and service. Chief Burson said cost his cost would be approximately $60 a month vs. the $400 a month that is currently being paid. The Committee asked Chief Burson to continue his research and report back.

Chief Burson said the Police Memorial Week in Washington D.C. has been postponed until next year. The FOP Lodge will hold the money for use in 2021.

Chief's Report (continued)
Chief Burson reported the Chevy Tahoes have been received. The radio installation should be completed the end of April or early May.

Chief Burson shared a case of a truck that did significant damage to the Ritzman's Pharmacy Plaza when it attempted to drive through the parking lot. The truck was located in the Schneider parking lot.

New Business:
The sponsors have canceled the Yard Sale due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Sue Frey made a recommendation to Council to put the press release on the Village of Seville website. Rick Vierheller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chief Burson expressed concerns about changing wording on the permits to allow the Village the right to cancel or modify events. Chair Miller said she would bring the discussion up with the Parks & Streets Department.

Pending/Completed Legislation
2020-09 – Ordinance for contract with Medina County Sheriff's Office for dispatch service. The ordinance was tabled on April 13th waiting for the invoice.

2020-16 – Ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other Medina County Law Enforcement Agencies for Mutual Aid in Response to the Corona Virus Pandemic. Council passed April 13th.

2020-18- Ordinance temporarily amending Ordinance 2013-18, as amended establishing an Employee Handbook Due to the COVID-19 Health Emergency. Council passed April 13th.

Old Business:
None.

Rick Vierheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sue Frey seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair