



**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2020**

Call to Order:

Chair Leslie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
The meeting was via conference call due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call:

Present: Leslie Miller, Rick Vierheller, and Brad Demiter

Approval of Minutes:

Brad Demiter made a motion to approve the Safety Minutes of June 15, 2020, and Rick Vierheller seconded the motion. Aye votes all. 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 he remains proud of the service and professionalism displayed by your officers during what has been very difficult times. Chief Burson said there have already been 159 police officer deaths to date for 2020. Prayers and support are given across the Country. Chief Burson said the Department is grateful for the support that this community has offered continuously for the entire year. The support yard signs have a tremendous impact on our Department.

Chief Burson complimented the Department on their outstanding work building a resident a clubhouse bed for her bedroom. The Officers saw a need and took it into their own hands. Chief Burson shared his appreciation to The Seville Police Department, Seville Guilford Fire & EMS Department, Lodi Lumber, Mayor Carter, Seville Chamber of Commerce, and Hometown Dental for their support in this volunteer project.

Chief Burson shared that two of our officers will not have to wonder if they have made a difference. Officer Deal participates on CART (Child Abduction Response Team) and was activated to help search for an elderly person with dementia on Granger Road. Officer Deal was searching the area and was able hear the person and found him in a dry creek bed dehydrated and bug bitten. He did survive. Officer Deal later shared with Chief Burson that because of his military experiences he thought to go back and continue to search areas that may have been overlooked.

Officer Houck was able to assist talking down a suicidal person on the I-71 bridge. Officer Houck was able show compassion toward the person and his feelings about the medical diagnosis his family had received.

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Chief's Report (continued)

Chief Burson said the jail is not accepting prisoners other than domestic violence and violent felonies due to COVID-19. We are still on minimum traffic enforcement. "Quality of life" violations and safety related violations are still being enforced.

Chief Burson said the Department had 16 new offenses in July. Chief Burson said Officer Houck participated in taser training to become an instructor.

Chief Burson said a resident at Seville Meadows was assaulted by another resident and was transported to the hospital.

Chief Burson reported a business reported an employee theft of over \$15,000 that occurred over several years. An 18-year-old female was cited for providing a room and alcohol to three of her underage friends at the Hawthorn Suites.

The Dodge Chargers have been sold. Chief Burson expressed appreciation for Officer Deal's great work on the website that generated a lot of interest. The vehicles went for more money than was anticipated. One bidder backed out and we were able to go to the second highest bid.

Chief Burson reported the ballistic vests from the Ballistic Vest Grant with the Ohio Attorneys General Office have been received. The grant worked so that we were able to get five vests for the cost of one.

New Business:

Mayor Carter asked about the rules for electric bicycles to be on the trails. Concerns are for the safety of the walkers on the trails. Chief Burson explained the electric bicycles are rated in classes. Class 1 & 2 are allowed on the trails and would follow the regular bicycle rules. Class 3 would not be allowed on the trails.

Mayor Carter expressed concerns about preparing for the Yard Sale 2021 and is working with Chief Burson to help the event become more organized.

Pending/Completed Legislation

2020-09 - Ordinance for contract with Medina County Sheriff's Office for dispatch service.
Council passed August 10th.

2020-28 - Enter into an agreement with Spectrum Business to provide telephone services.
Council passed August 10th.

2020-31 - Amending Ordinance 2013-18, as amended establishing an employee handbook to exempt the Police Chief from the vacation carry over policy. Council passed July 10th.

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Old Business:

None.

Rick Vierheller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad Demiter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Miller".

Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair