



**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2022**

Call to Order:

Chair Rick Vierheller called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Rick Vierheller, Brad Demiter, and Leslie Miller

Amendments to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Brad Demiter made a motion to approve the Safety Minutes of February 22, 2022, and Leslie Miller seconded the motion. Aye votes all. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Chief's Report:

Officer Josh Thompson reported that all of the Seville Police Department Officers have served the community professionally and have all returned home safely. The Officers continue to provide service and professionalism during what has been very difficult times. The jail is now accepting select prisoners for felonies, domestic or offense of violence, and sentenced by court. The lack of jail availability has a direct effect on our operations. The Department is still limiting traffic enforcement due to COVID. If the subject would become disorderly the jail will not take them. Officers exposed to subjects with warrants do not have a place to take them. "Quality of life" and safety-related violations are still being enforced.

In February, the Department logged 5,762 activities, 21 activities were traffic-related and patrolled 3,267 miles. Reporting 14 new offenses, 2 misdemeanors, 2 misdemeanors first degree, five unclassified misdemeanors, two fifth degree felonies and one second degree felony. Offenses included, aggravated menacing, domestic violence, pandering obscenity involving minor, and school bus violation.

The Department training on Policies and Procedures was attended by all officers in February.

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Chief's Report (continued):

An officer observed a firearm in a vehicle during a stop at Dairy Queen. When the driver learned he had a warrant for his arrest he attempted to flee on foot. The suspect was apprehended, using the minimal amount of force necessary to effect the arrest, and taken to the Medina County Jail.

Officers responded to a drug overdose at the Hawthorn Suites. Several subjects of an unidentified origin were found, stating they were working in West Salem for a temporary help company. One subject was found semi-conscious with blood coming from his mouth and nose. The subject became combative and several officers had to physically restrain him. After treatment from EMS, the subject attempted to spit on people in the room. Subject was fitted with a spit hood. Officers notified by hospital staff that the subject had been placed into a medically induced coma. Search warrants were served on the room and suspected drugs were located and presented to BCI for testing.

New Business:

A recent building vacancy highlighted that we do not have a central key depository for Village facilities. The Police Department would like to provide a secure key storage box in a secured location. There is currently no emergency access to any facility other than the Municipal building. In the event that there is smoke/emergency at one of our buildings, the Fire Department IS going to gain access and could unintentionally cause money damage. It has been suggested that we install "Knox" (brand name) boxes at each facility. A hardened steel box attached to a building that stores an access key with a combination lock. Ideally, the Dispatch Center would have the combination. This process would also produce a record of that access.

Officer Thompson said it has been over 6 years since The Village has conducted an Ohio License validity check for employees operating Village vehicles. The Police Department is not authorized to utilize Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) to conduct an employee Ohio License check. Chief Burson is suggesting the Fiscal Officer, James Carrick, submit the "Ohio BMV Record Request Form" for all employees who operate/drive the Village vehicles as part of their duties. There is a \$5 fee for each license check.

Leslie Miller made a motion to recommend to Council to consider purchasing steel key boxes for emergency access and allowing the Fiscal Officer to request Ohio License checks on employees who operate/drive the Village vehicles as part of their duties. Brad Demiter seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

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Pending/Completed Legislation

2022-12 – Ordinance for contract with the Medina County Sheriff's Office for dispatch services. Second reading was March 14th.

Old Business:


None.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Leslie Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad Demiter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rick Vierheller
Safety Committee Chair