

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH Safety Committee Minutes

March 1, 2022

Safety Committee on March 1, 2022 at 6:30pm. The following were present:

Committee Members: Mayor Fryman, Ms. Broderick, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Carter

Employees and other Councilmembers: DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer; Richard Metzger, Fire Chief; Tom Hintz, Police Chief; James Burton, Administrator; Rebekah Fearing, Tax/Court Clerk.

Visitors: Morgan Gayheart, Willard Times-Junction

Mr. Brown stated he called the meeting to get familiar with safety since he is a new councilmember. Also, to get up to speed as to what is going on with the departments.

Chief Metzger spoke on the fire department. He stated the following:

- Still a Volunteer fire department but we added part time hours at 160 hours biweekly.
- Would like to expand another 12 hours per week.
- Working on his wish list for the year.
- The department is still struggling finding volunteer's and part-time employees. They are adding people here and there.

It was asked if they do any recruiting. Chief Metzger replied they go to the schools once a year and the paper usually has an article.

Chief Hintz spoke on the police department. He stated the following:

- Hummer is ready to sell on GovDeals. He asked if there should be a minimum set.
 - Would like to keep it low enough to encourage bidding. It was decided to set the minimum at \$ 5,000.00.
- Would like to replace 2 cruisers with the funds received on the sale.
- Stated fuel cost is on the rise and they patrol approximately 40,000 miles per year, so there will probably be an increased cost in fuel.
- People are not currently applying for patrol positions like in the past. He does have a few applicants they are looking into to help alleviate overtime due to lack of personnel
- They have 2 explorers that are past or close to the end of the warranty period. He would like them to be replaced but inventory is limited.
- The new state purchase contracts will be out in April/May.
- The dealer we purchased our last vehicle from stated he will be putting in an order as soon the list from the state is released. He orders through state purchasing and that allows the vehicles to be purchased at a discounted price compared normal retail.
- The dealer also stated if he knows we are purchasing for sure, he will add them to his order.
 - There will be follow up on this after the sale of the Hummer.

Mrs. Carter asked why we don't use cars instead of SUV's. Chief Hintz stated due to equipment and resale value.

She also asked if we should look into using the Sheriff's department, other communities in the area use them.

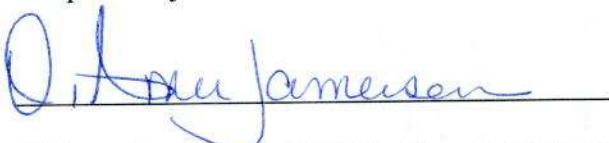
It was stated we have a higher call volume than Shiloh or Attica. Response time would be at minimum a half hour or more and we would have less coverage.

Chief Hintz to look into the trade in value of the explorers.

Committee to met again, in a few weeks after the sale of the Hummer to see where things stand.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



DiAnn Jamerson, MMC, Fiscal Officer