

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH Safety Committee Minutes

March 31, 2022

Safety Committee on March 31, 2022 at 5:37pm. The following were present:

Committee members present: Mayor Fryman, Ms. Broderick, Mr. Brown

Committee members absent: Mrs. Carter

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

Visitors: Morgan Gayheart, Willard Times-Junction

Chief Metzger spoke on a new ambulance. He stated the following:

- Looking at several different manufactures. On April 4th, 2022 there will be a demo at the firehouse for viewing.
- It will be done through State purchasing and the cost will be between \$260,000 and \$270,000.
- Delivery time will be 18-24 months after order.
- It does qualify as a “Covid” ambulance.
- They do not need any money down.
- Looking at Ford because they can be serviced in Willard or Shelby. Better compatibility with surrounding auto shops.
- Would like to get 25 years out of the next ambulance.
- There may also be potential of another donation to the Fire department.
- The legislation will not need to be done until a decision is made on what manufacture they will be going with.

Other items discussed by Chief Metzger:

- Gutter at the fire house. Plans are to clean out and repair the current gutters and add gutter guards.
- Replace current lighting with LED lights. It will provide a cost savings within a year.
- Tanker/engine replacement will be after the ambulance.

It was decided to change the special meeting to 5:45/6:00pm on April 4, 2022, to allow any Council member to be able to view the ambulance or ask any additional questions.

Captain Gordon spoke on the aging cruisers. He stated the following:

- The 2017 Ford Explorers are at the end of their warranty.
 - They have been quoted with a trade in values of \$10,000 per vehicle.
 - Would like to trade them in while they still have value and before costly repairs.
 - Between the sale of the Hummer and the trade in value of the Explorers this would almost pay for a new vehicle.
- Looking at 2 Tahoe’s.
 - It would be through State purchasing.
 - They hold their value.
 - Purchase price would be around \$40,000.
 - On or around May 4th there will be a window for dealers to order the vehicles. The opportunity will not be there long and it is not guaranteed they will get all that they order.
 - Due to the chip shortage it would at least a year for delivery if not longer depending on when they started manufacturing.
 - Would get seats that are more easily sanitized so that it could be designated a “Covid” cruiser.
 - We are not required to put any money down right away.
 - Cost to equip both vehicles with cages, lights and so on would be about \$20,000. The old equipment will not fit into the new vehicle because the Tahoe’s are bigger.

Discussion took place on the need of 4 vehicles. It was stated during the day we have a School Resource Officer, Potential for court in Mansfield and Norwalk and need an Officer on duty. If there were only two

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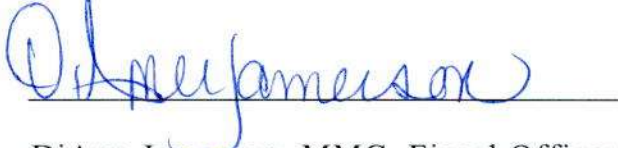
cars, and they had to be in court, in both Counties on the same day, the SRO would not have a vehicle, nor would the Officer on duty. They divide patrolling between the cars to keep the miles down. They patrol between 60,000- and 70,000-miles year. If there were only two cars there would be a lot more maintenance and the warranty would be up before they were paid off.

Rotating the cars was discussed. The plan was to trade the vehicles in while they still held a decent value and if this is followed after a few times we would be paying for very little toward the vehicle and the majority of the cost would be towards cost to equip the vehicle.

It was decided to recommend to Council to proceed with two vehicles. If Council accepts the recommendation legislation will be presented at the April 26th, 2022 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DiAnn Jamerson", is written over a horizontal line.

DiAnn Jamerson, MMC, Fiscal Officer