

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH

Safety Committee

Held May 1, 2025

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The Village of Plymouth convened in Safety Committee on May 1, 2025 at 10:30AM in person. The following members and visitors present:

Mr. Dwayne Cassidy Present
Mrs. Susan Moore Present
Mr. Jeffrey Brown Present

EMPLOYEES: Tom Hintz, Police Chief; Montel Gordon, Captain; Richard Metzger, Fire Chief; and DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer.

VISITORS: None

Mr. Cassidy opened the meeting starting off with Police.

Police

Cassidy began with vehicles. Stating we have two new, one old one to get rid of and one other old one. We need a plan to sell the one. The explorer is used at the school. It is a 2017. We need to try to sell the older one as soon as we can. Cassidy asked if we needed to remove the old radio equipment and lights. Hintz stated if a civilian buys it, the equipment would need to be removed. The 2020 is currently at the Pipe shop because it randomly over heats.

Hintz brought up the issue of dispatch. We have not heard anything more from Shelby. It will not change overnight but Shelby is becoming a 911 dispatch center for Richland County. We are approximately 20% of their cost. That amounts to about \$50,000 per year. At some point we will have to pay Shelby to dispatch. If we hired our own internal dispatch, it would double our payroll cost.

Cassidy asked about radios. Hintz stated we are short 2 to 3 right now. Cassidy stated it was approved to purchase. Hintz stated he likes to wait to make big purchases until later in the year to gage how the finances are.

Cassidy asked if there was other equipment needed.
Hintz stated they have most of what is needed. Nothing big or major is needed.

Cassidy asked about staffing.

Hintz stated he is retiring and Officer Brown will also be leaving in July. We will need to hire. Hintz stated he is recommending Officer Gordon be promoted and they are looking at promoting another officer to a supervisory position.

Gordon has a job description for Sergeant. Cassidy suggested to send to rules to review and then submit to council. We need a body cam policy. And will need to set a fee schedule.

Discussion of fee schedule and records retention took place.

Hintz stated we need to get legislation for Chief. He is looking at July 5th.

Fire Department

Councilman Cassidy asked Chief Metzger if the new squad is still February. Metzger stated yes.

Cassidy asked about equipment. Metzger stated the next replacement will be a combined replacement of an engine and a tanker. He recommended we not rule out a nicely used vehicle.

Squad 46 needs to be serviced. The third squad will be kept until 46 is completely repaired and then will be sold.

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Cassidy asked about other equipment

Metzger stated they are focusing on the station this year. Extrication tools next year in 2026.

Moore asked if he had heard anything about the MARCS radio system upgrade.

Chief Metzger stated no. We are being pushed to get our system programed. This was not covered by the original grant.

Metzger is fighting back. Since it is a different system from the original grant it is not covered. Metzger stated why should our Village pay the cost of the Huron County special system when we have the MARCS system.

On Monday May 12th Motorola will be here to get it installed. We have been dealing with this for seven years. It is felt that we have purchased the MARCS system and it is working for Richland County side but nothing is working properly on the Huron county side due to the different special system. It was noted we are not the only community on the Huron County side having problems. If we have to go to Huron Counties special system that only works for them then they need to pay for us to be on their system. It could cost us approximately \$8,000.00 to get things programed to be able to properly communicate with Huron County on top of the original cost to be on the MARCS system. Currently fire is dispatched through Richland County.

Metzger stated we will be transferring everything from the old station to the new.


The new station is set to be completed by August 1st. The Association will have an open house between the 1st and the 21st.

Metzger brought the board in showing the colors of the walls and flooring of the new station. It is currently being displayed in the Council chambers.

Cassidy stated he would like to take council on a field trip.

Jamerson gave a quick updated on what she found out about the funding of the land and possible equipment. There are 2 ways to go, a traditional bond or a manuscript bond. Finance to meet to discuss options.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am


DiAnn Jamerson, MMC, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of Plymouth concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.