

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH

Safety Committee

Held August 12, 2025

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The Village of Plymouth convened in Safety Committee on August 12, 2025 at 7:16pm in person. The following members and visitors present:

Mayor Cassandra Fryman Present
Mr. Dwayne Cassidy Present
Mrs. Susan Moore Present
Mr. Jeffrey Brown Present

EMPLOYEES: *Montel Gordon, Police Chief; and DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer.*

VISITORS: *None*

Chief Gordon stated he wanted to give an update on the Police Department.

Chief feels he has about another month before the transition is complete in the Police Department.

Gordon would like to move forward with the sale of cruiser 5. He is waiting to hear back from an interested municipality. If they are not interested he would like to see a reserve price set at \$5,000.00 on Govdeals. He stated he has been working with the Fiscal Officer on the correct procedure to follow. Regardless of which sales takes place they will have the proper motion prepared for the next meeting.

Gordon informed the committee that the second oldest cruiser is in the shop. The fuel pump went out on it. This is the first major repair on this vehicle. We will need to start looking for a replacement soon.

Next Gordon stated he would like to try to put out a flyer to get additional part time personnel. He would like to hire two more part time patrolman. He currently has three but one of them is strictly a School Resource Officer.

Mr. Brown asked if we would be able to provide a signing bonus? Gordon was not sure he would go that route.

Gordon would also like to upgrade the radar equipment. He would like to go to a lidar(handheld device). The current radar equipment is mounted in the cruisers and when new ones are purchased there is always some small change that causes them to have to change the mounting brackets. The difference between the radar and the lidar is with radar it sends a big blast of radar waves down the road that anyone running a radar detector can easily pick up on ahead of time, lidar guns send a pinpoint beam of light that's specifically aimed at just one vehicle at a time.

The company that was looked into is certified to do repairs and they give out loaners while the departments is being repaired.

Mrs. Moore asked if there was anything that could be done with the triangle uptown and people entering from the wrong direction and using it to bypass the light. Chief Gordon responded that we need directional arrows painted on the asphalt and will need to put the "DO NOT ENTER" sign back up then we can address the issue.

Mr. Cassidy stated for Chief to get a quote on the lidar gun. Gordon stated we will need to train all the Officers on how to use the lidar gun. There are a couple different ways to get this done. We can send one person to training, they get certified to train the others or we send them individually.

While on the topic of training, Gordon would like to incorporate the use of a polygraph in the hiring process. Cassidy stated we should have a policy in place and rules committee should recommend to Council. Gordon stated the cost is anywhere between \$250.00 to \$500.00 . per test. He also stated that we can send an Officer to be trained to run the testing or we can partner with another community. Gordon to get copies of policies.

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Next discussed was the active shooter training. The recent training was done at the Plymouth High School and several Richland County agencies were involved. They also did requalifications. The next thing will be working on getting qualified with rifles, and night shooting training.

Cassidy asked if discussion were opened with Huron County regarding the communication issue. It was explained that the radio system they are currently using is not compatible with anyone else's system. They were to have a dual system, but it is not working. Unless they change to the MARCS system all call to Huron County will need to go through dispatch.

Gordon's last several updates were, he attended the Huron County Chiefs of Police monthly meeting in Norwalk. We are currently undergoing our annual leads audit. Working on the Cyber policy changes with our IT company, and he would like to get an additional shield that is for rifle rounds.

The next meeting is scheduled for after the council meeting on September 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm



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.