

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH

### Safety and Service Committee Minutes

February 19, 2020

Safety and Service Committees met on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 4:00pm. The following were present:

Councilwoman, Susan Broderick  
Councilman, Jason Trine  
Councilman, Matthew Patrick  
Administrative Clerk, Rebekah Fearing

Administrator, Tom Rusynyk  
Police Chief, Thomas Hintz  
Fire Chief, Rich Metzger

#### Vehicle Leases

Currently the Police Department is leasing two cruisers and the Utility Department is leasing three trucks. These leases will end in April of this year. Administrator Rusynyk and Chief Hintz have obtained quotes from Sharpnack Ford in Willard for replacement vehicles. The details are as follows:

Rusynyk and the Utility Department's three 2017 Ford F250- The plan is to trade all three trucks in and them be replaced with two 2020 Ford F250 and one 2020 Ford F150.

- Sharnack is offering \$25,000 trade in for each of the current trucks.
- Rusynyk does not feel the need to get three "big" trucks; he believes an F150 will be plenty for himself to drive and it will not be equipped with a plow package; therefor, costing less.
- The two F250 will be equipped with a 6-door utility box and 8' Snowdogg snowplow. These two trucks, after being fully equipped, including the trade in of old trucks, will cost the Village \$11,729 each.
- The one F150 will only end up costing \$4,146 after the trade in.
- The total cost of all three utility trucks would be \$27, 604; this would be split equally between electric, water, sewer.

Hintz and the 2017 Ford Interceptor and 2014 Chevy Caprice- The plan is to trade in one of the Ford Explorers and the old Caprice and replace them with two new 2020 Ford Explorers.

- Sharnack is only willing to offer \$10,500 trade-in for the Explorer. Everyone believes this to be an extremely low offer. Hintz is going to go back to them and try to get a higher offer.
- The trade in on the Caprice is actually much larger than what Hintz expected, \$6,000. This car is being traded in because it is costing us thousands of dollars every year in maintenance. The Caprice is normally used by all part-time officers; they will now be using the 2017 Explorer *not* being traded in.
- The total cost for two 2020 Ford Explorers, after trade-in of one 2017 Explorer and 2014 Caprice, would be \$54,394.
- We must also keep in mind, this cost does not included any equipment.

All Committee members agree the best thing to do is get multiple quotes from a few different places to ensure we are getting the best deals possible. Everyone also agrees we should explore options for both buying and leasing. Councilman Patrick stated he would like to see an additional two years added to the warranty and possibly the inclusion of oil changes in the sale price.

#### Fire Department Truck Purchase

Chief Metzger is looking at getting a new F350 truck for the Fire Department. This is what will house the skid being purchased with the ODNR grant. He estimates the cost will be somewhere around \$68,000-\$70,000 total.

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#### Areas of Concern Around Town

Councilwoman Broderick wanted to discuss a few areas around town where she had some concerns. They are as follows:

- **Plymouth St.-** There has been a car sitting in someone's front yard for sale for the last 4-6 weeks. According to Chief Hintz there is nothing that can be done to prohibit this.
- **Portner St.-** There has been a white truck sitting on the sidewalk in front of 47 Portner. Chief Hintz said he will keep an eye out.
- **Old bank building-** There is concern about a broken window. Apparently, the glass is laying on the sidewalk and Councilwoman Broderick is worried someone is going to get hurt. Chief Hintz advises her that unfortunately, we cannot take it upon ourselves to clean it up. He suggests trying to get in touch with Steve Gibson, who is purchasing the building land-contract.
- **Ebersole's on Bell St.-** Councilman Patrick states this building is literally caving in. It is, technically, still owned by Ebersole; however, he does not claim ownership. Chief Metzger said the Fire Department has already issued several (he remembers three) letters declaring the structure a "public nuisance". Everyone agrees at this point, it should be handed over to Jon Burton to file a civil suit.
- **Old PD parking lot-** The state of the parking lot of the old police department is becoming quite an issue. It is starting to sink more and more. Many years ago, there was an old hotel that used to be there. When it was torn down the hole was filled in with the building rubble, and a parking lot was poured on top. Unfortunately, the hole is caving in. There were no suggestions on how this can be fixed.
- **Rocky's Auto-** Discussion took place on the status of the cars being held by Mr. Goble. Committee members are sad to see the appearance of the "lot" is not much different than when it was occupied by Mr. Grosswiler.
- **Nicholas St.-** There is a house with a camper and a van.
- **North St.-** There is a house with a lot of cars.

Councilwoman Broderick would like to see something put in place to get everything cleaned up. Chief Hintz points out the follow through is what makes it difficult to achieve anything. All you can do is fine people, and unfortunately, most people don't have the money to pay the fines.

Councilman Patrick would like to see the Village be able to get some of these houses for back taxes then turn around and sell at a discounted rate to families with certain stipulations and regulations.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebekah Fearing, Administrative Clerk