

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Plymouth

Safety Committee

May 7, 2024

The Village of Plymouth convened in Safety Committee on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at 5:30 pm in person.

The following members and visitors present:

Mr. Dwayne Cassidy, Chair

Mr. Jeffrey Brown

Mrs. Susan Moore

Employees: DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer; Thomas Hintz, Chief of Police; and James Burton, Administrator

VISITORS: None

Items for discussion tonight are as follows:

- ✓ Update on Police Cruisers
- ✓ Update on Fire Station

Police Dept:

Chief Hintz reported that of the two cruisers that were ordered from Tim Lally Chevrolet back in 2022, we were going to purchase one outright and the second would be paid for with the trade-ins of the Tahoe and the Explorer. Now, it seems the dealership is not willing to allow us any trade-in value on either vehicle because, according to them, there is currently no real market for used police vehicles.

The chief contacted former police chief, Charlie Doan, who is now employed by the village of Dresden, Ohio, and the mayor there is very interested in purchasing the Tahoe for the agreed-upon price of \$25,000. The purchase must be approved and will be brought before the Dresden Village Council during the week of May 12th.

The Explorer is currently valued at only \$3800 and has had to have a new water pump installed which will be expensive.

The committee discussed options and Mr. Cassidy recommended that we purchase one vehicle outright and, assuming Dresden opts to purchase the Tahoe, we use the \$25,000 from that sale, along with the \$15,000 that has been held in reserve from the sale of the Humvee on Govdeals last year toward the purchase of the first vehicle. This amount will cover the base price of the Tahoe without the added equipment. That will run another \$10k or so. Mr. Cassidy also suggested we purchase the second vehicle and that we finance it. The logic behind this is that we would be purchasing two 2023 vehicles at the base price of \$38,000 with added equipment equaling \$20,000. Since the base price does not include dealer prep, title, other options, etc., the price would be more like \$42,000 each (\$84,000). With the equipment, the total cost would be somewhere around \$104,000 for the two vehicles. \$104,000, less the \$40,000 from the sale of the Tahoe and the money from the Humvee sale, comes to about \$64,000 that would have to be financed.

DiAnn told the committee that in August, we will make the final \$5,600 payment on the cruiser loan we currently have (the total payment each year is around \$11,000 – we make 2 payments annually). She is going to investigate the financing options and the semi-annual payments we currently make will roll over to the payments of the two new cruisers.

Regardless of whether Dresden chooses not to purchase the Tahoe, the committee still recommends that we move ahead with the purchase of both vehicles. If we wait, we will be putting several thousands more into repairs on the Explorer which we could be putting toward a new vehicle. In addition, waiting another year to purchase a new vehicle will mean a higher price because dealers are currently negotiating higher base prices for police vehicles. Chief Hintz will explore other options to sell both the Tahoe and the Explorer if Dresden decides not to purchase. Regardless, we will be able to apply some monies to the purchase of one cruiser and DiAnn will look at a couple of other financing options in the meantime.

Committee recommendation: Purchase both vehicles this year and establish a regular rotation for trading in cruisers in the future.

Chief Hintz informed the committee that 5 new computers have been installed in the police department office and that they are up and running. The bad news is that the licenses for the body cam software, including the drawing software that is critical in producing drawings of traffic accidents, etc., are not transferrable to the new computers. These licenses are tied to the devices on which they were used originally, so we have to purchase new licenses. Replacement fees are estimated at \$140/month. The chief provided an example of a recent accident which had to be sketched on a piece of paper, photographed on a phone and sent to the state for investigation, saying, "I'm sure the state loved that!" The licensing fee can be covered in the current police dept. budget.

Fire Dept:

Although Chief Metzger was not present, he reported to Mr. Cassidy that he met with the Milliron Foundation last week and they are moving forward with the purchase of the property on Sandusky Street. Chief Metzger feels the time is right to make a public announcement because there is quite a bit of "talk" on the streets and he wants to set the record straight about what is happening.

Committee recommendation: Chief Metzger should make the announcement at the council meeting on May 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Moore

Susan Moore, Committee Member