

Police & Fire Committee Meeting

August 31, 2015 6pm to 7pm

Attendees: Committee Trustee Carrico, Trustee Cry, Trustee Gadbois. Chief Kufner, Lt. Anderson, Lt. Johnston, Trustee Redmond, Trustee Watson, Antonio Carrico, Charles Burke

*** Police equipment discussion: Chief Kufner presented a report requesting 2 vehicles and equipment.**

1. There have been 4 recently sold units from the fleet which included: two marked Chevy Impalas, two administrative vehicles, and a seldom used Polaris ATV totaling \$12,300. Chief has requested the purchase of a Ford Explorer from Terry's Ford totaled \$27,640 plus the cost of equipment \$8,000. The other requested vehicle is a 2014 used Impala for \$13,000 from Hove to be used as an Administrative Vehicle.

Vehicle and equipment:	\$35,640	Ford Explorer
Admin Vehicle	+ \$13,000	Impala
Total	\$48,640	
Less sold vehicles	- \$12,300	
Amount needed	\$36,340	

2. Chief Kufner feels that the "Take-home Vehicle Program" is a very useful program and due to rotation of vehicles a squad previously used by a Sgt. Is now used by patrol officers and needs a cage unit and rear camera in the amount of \$1750.

3. Due to a recent inventory of all equipment it was found that we are in need of the following:

3 Radars \$4,350
8 rifle/gun locks \$2,400

4. Sgt. Joseph Martino will retire on September 29, 2015 after 31 yrs of service. Chief is requesting that an officer be hired as soon as possible and a current officer from the eligibility list be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

5. Chief Kufner brought up his concerns regarding the allocation of our funds collected from fees related to vehicle seizures. The ordinance 0-11-06-3 was passed 11-6-06 and the fees collected from police tows are to be used to pay for traffic safety and enforcement. This Administrative Tow fund generates approx. \$145,000 annually and the Chief feels that this fund could be utilized more efficiently and cover the cost of police equipment. He feels that funds are being used to cover "office expenses". Trustee Gadbois motioned to call a Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the Administrative Tow fund. Seconded by Trustee Carrico.

Public Comment:

1. Charles Burke commented that the fund could be allocated for Internal use only

2. Trustee Watson suggested we hold off hiring an officer until next year. Chief Kufner stated that if we did we would be down two officers.

All equipment that has been budgeted for has been reviewed and it is the committee's recommendation to approve the budgeted items. The two non-budgeted vehicles requested will be tabled until the next Treasurer attended Finance Committee Meeting to discuss funding options.

Motion to adjourn at 7pm by Trustee Cyr, Seconded by Trustee Gadbois.