

TOWN HALL

June 6,

2022

The Chair, Mr. Mueller called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Trustees Port and Rambo were present. Fiscal Officer Karen Walder and Board Administrator Melissa Palmer were present. The following Department Head was present: Police Chief Tom Swaidner.

Chief Swaidner reviewed his 5-year capital expenditure plan, including \$100,000 for a detached 3 car garage in 2024. Based on local information for a 32' x 40' pole building, the cost is about \$35,000 and includes construction. The additional funds would cover the site prep, concrete, heating, doors, etc. Chief Swaidner stated the building would be used for storing evidence when needed, as well as 2 cruisers that are currently left outside.

Chief Swaidner stated that he has continued the practice of the previous Chief of budgeting a new cruiser each year. He intends to continue with the 5-year trade in rotation, as by the time of trade in the cruiser has around 100,000 miles.

The Board asked Chief Swaidner to prioritize his ARPA requests and they are as follows:

- MILO System
- Portable Radios/Vehicle & Station Radios
- Nonlethal Pepper Ball Guns
- FLOCK Cameras
- Station Plumbing Upgrades (motion sensor faucets)

Chief Swaidner stated that if the Board doesn't approve the radios with ARPA funding, by 2025 he would have to replace them because Motorola will no longer support the current software. The portable radios are \$55,000 and the mobile radios are \$29,000 but if they are purchased together there would be a discount. The Trustees also discussed the FLOCK camera system and how it would be used.

The Board discussed Chief Swaidner's proposed addition of 1 full time officer in 2024. The Chief noted that 2010 was the last addition to the full-time staff, and the last Police levy was passed in 2017. He noted that police officers are usually the first on scene for every Fire call and that an additional officer would reduce reliance on mutual aid when multiple calls are received.

Mrs. Walder stated that the department average O&M spending over the last 5 years has been about \$1.5 million. Mrs. Walder commended Chief Swaidner on the transition into his new position without a huge increase in O&M. Mrs. Walder stated the Police Department is funded by several levies and the 5-year average revenue is about \$1.8 million. The recommended cash reserve going into 2024 is \$642,531. Mrs. Walder stated the Police Department budget shows adequate cash reserves for 2023, but the Board may need to go out for a levy for 2024.

The Board also discussed the use of the firing range.

Mr. Rambo made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Jim Mueller, Chair

Karen Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Ezzone