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## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **October 22, 2025**

Mr. Mayfield called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, present; Mr. Barto, present; Mr. Mayfield, present.

#### **Also Present:**

**Fiscal Officer** – Michele Nowakowski

**Township Administrator** – Leo Britton

#### **Department Heads Present:**

Fire – Chief Bailey

Police – Chief Kaiser and Deputy Chief Hart

**MOTION:** To dispense with the regular order of business and address the matter at hand.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

#### **Discuss the purchase of a Police Patrol Vehicle**

It was explained that Deputy Chief Hart researched and found another used, low mileage car that the Police Department would like to purchase. Mr. Schuster commented that he's not in favor of buying an 11-year-old car, but he will not vote against what the police want to do - even though he strongly disagrees with this purchase.

Mr. Mayfield said this was done a year ago with another vehicle that had 17,000 miles on it and it's the Chief's favorite car. Discussion was held regarding new versus used vehicles and their age, use, and maintenance. Mr. Barto inquired about an extended warranty and it was stated that is not available for this vehicle. Mr. Barto also stated that everything being mentioned as a concern about this vehicle is just regular maintenance and wouldn't be covered under an extended warranty anyway.

Mr. Britton asked if this purchase would be in lieu of purchasing a new car next year? Mr. Mayfield explained that the Police Department was placed on the wait list, about six months ago, to get a new vehicle because of the backorder but they may be in a better position for a new car next year. Deputy Chief Hart explained that this purchase may put the department in a position where they shouldn't need to purchase a car next year and brings their average mileage down to where it should be; the car that will be removed from service has more miles on it than any car they've kept.

Mr. Schuster asked why they're approving the purchase of the car but not the \$12,000 needed to outfit the car; it's really a \$29,000 car. It was explained that the car purchased last year was the same body style as the car we retired, so everything transferred without a problem. This car is a different body style than the one we are replacing so some things will fit but not everything.

Chief Kaiser explained that they don't have a complete estimate and the \$12,000 quote is high. They'll know more when they take the other vehicle to be outfitted. They are not trying to hide anything.

Mr. Barto said that this car won't be held until next year, and it would've been discussed then, so that's why we're only discussing the car right now.

Mr. Schuster stated that he won't vote against it, but he can't support it because he feels they need to purchase a new car. He asked Mr. Britton, Chief Bailey, and a resident for their thoughts and they expressed their preference for a new car.

Deputy Chief Hart emphasized that they're trying to get in a better financial position for the following year. It was also explained that the tow lot money will be paying for this purchase.

**MOTION:** To approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford Explorer, from Chicago Motors, for the amount of \$16,795.00 – delivery included.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Schuster, abstained.

**RESOLUTION #\_\_ :25** - For the transfer of funds in amount of \$16,795.00 from General Fund #1000 to Police Fund #2191 for the purchase of a 2015 Ford Explorer from Chicago Motors.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto Seconded

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes

**RESOLUTION #\_\_ :25** - Create Supplemental Appropriation Budget in #2191 Police Fund for the purchase of the 2015 Ford Explorer from Chicago Motors.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes

**RESOLUTION #\_\_ :25** - Create Supplemental Appropriation Budget in #1000 (General Fund) for transfer of funds to the Police Fund for purchase of 2015 Ford Explorer from Chicago Motors.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded


Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes

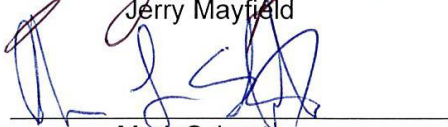
With no additional business, Mr. Mayfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

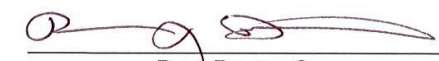
Mr. Barto seconded.

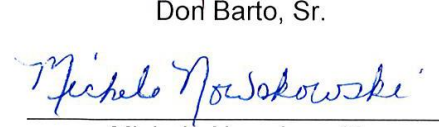
Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Approved:

  
Jerry Mayfield

  
Mark Schuster

  
Don Barto, Sr.

  
Michele Nowakowski