

Town Hall/Virtual

June 2,

2020

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Trustees Gabram and Port were present. Fiscal Officer Karen Walder and Trustee Assistant Melissa Palmer were also present. The following Department Head was present: Police Chief Tim Carroll.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Mrs. Walder stated that she has reviewed the Police Department's 5 year capital plans with Chief Carroll and the total projection for the next 5 years is \$617,000.00. Chief Carroll's plan is to continue acquisition of one new police vehicle every year. Rotating cruisers every 5 years seems to be working well for the department. Mrs. Walder stated that the way Chief Carroll manages the trade in at the time of the purchase, works well from a fiscal stand point.

Chief Carroll has funds allocated for computer software upgrades, firewall upgrade and workstation upgrades over the next five years.

Chief Carroll is budgeting a replacement of the department's five Tasers in 2021, stating the manufacture recommends replacing them every 5 years and would like to stick with their recommendation.

Ms. Port asked Chief Carroll about body cameras. Chief Carroll stated they have talked about it but do not feel it's a need right now. There are a number of issues that would have to be considered, including video storage and retention. The current systems are designed to handle the dash-cam storage but do not have the capacity for the increased video storage associated with body-cameras.

Chief Carroll is budgeting for replacement of portable radios in 2022, noting that although the current units work, these Motorola's are obsolete and they cannot get parts for them.

The Chief also discussed staffing plans and the year-long process involved in vetting candidates. Ms. Port asked for the current count of full-time and part-time officers. Mr. Mueller asked about the costs for outfitting and training.

Mrs. Walder commended Chief Carroll as he managed to reduce his O&M expenditures from 2018 to 2019, despite OPBA negotiated pay raises. Employee benefits continue to be the dominant factor in the Police budget and all departments would be impacted by a big increase in health care costs due to the coronavirus. Mrs. Walder reviewed the cash reserves recommendation for the Police Department, noting the Dept. has no annual debt payments and has the lowest capital reserve set-aside.

Although no new Police levy is called for in the 2021 Budget, Mr. Mueller did bring up the notion of replacing the 2 mill Levy from 1989 sometime in the future, however the Chief noted that this would result in a loss of the rollback/homestead exemption that benefits taxpayers.

The storage needs for the Department were discussed, with the Chief noting that indoor storage for the police cruisers would extend their operating life. Currently there are not enough garage spaces for all the vehicles, and in addition, the department loses a garage space when it is required for secure evidence storage.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

Jim Mueller, Chairman

Karen Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Sustar