

City of Sunset Hills
Police Advisory Board Agenda
May 24, 2023
6:00 PM

**A meeting of the Police Advisory Board will be held at the Sunset Hills
City Hall Conference Room**

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Documents:

[PABFEB2023.PDF](#)

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE
4. VEHICLES

Documents:

[2023 VEHICLE PURCHASING MEMO.PDF](#)

5. SOUTH COUNTY TASK FORCE
6. GENERAL DISCUSSION
7. OTHER MATTERS
8. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

SUNSET HILLS POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

February 02/07/2023

6:06 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ald. Christine Lieber, Ald. Randy Epperson, Steve Kruse, Jesse Finney, Harry Schillinger, Kelly Snyder

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Stephen Dodge, CORE Officer Police Officer Kenny Scheetz

MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 06, 2022 meeting by Ald. Epperson and seconded by Steve Kruse. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Dodge discussed having Communication Officers being considered First Responders/ Public Safety for retirement. Chief explained the current retirement age for Communication Officers was 60 year of age and by making them First Responders/ Public Safety, they could retire at 55 year of age with the City's current retirement system, Lagers. The board agreed to pass it along to the finance committee.

Chief Dodge discussed a Public Awareness Campaign For Prevention of Car Break Ins/ Stolen Vehicles. Chief Dodge stated his plan is to reduce vehicle break-ins/ stolen vehicles by 50%. Chief Dodge's plan consist of going door to door to hand out fliers, detailing the 2022 stats from the police department.

Officer Scheetz gave an update on numerous events that the police department has been involved in, since the last meeting. Officer Scheetz stated Cops and Bobbers was a huge success and everyone who attended had a great time. Officer Scheetz stated he gave Halloween safety talks at Resurrection Lutheran Church and St. Lucas Church. Officer Scheetz stated the department has participated in two events for Missouri Special Olympics. The first event Tip-A-Cop, which was held November 10, 2022 at Helen Fitzgerald's. This was the first time the department participated in this event and the department raised \$2790.00 and the second event, again was a first time event for the department was Polar Plunge. The department raised 3932.00. Officer Scheetz participated in an Opiates and the Impact on the Community talk at St. Lucas Church.

Alderman Epperson stated Thompson Price requested to be removed from the Police Advisory Board. Alderman Epperson also discussed the City Wide Retirement plan with the board. Alderman Epperson proposed two plans, the first was changing from the

current plan, which is 1.5% to 2.0% and the second was going with a 457(b) plan. The board is pushing for the 457(b) plan to go to the finance committee.

Chief Dodge requested from the board to purchase equipment needed for the officers who are on the MRT, Civil Disturbance Team. Chief also discussed the department will be replacing patrol vehicles in 2024.

The board also discussed the Watson Road entrance for Bass Pro Shop and how there is a need for a Yield sign there.

Jesse Finney made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Alderman Lieber. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Dodge

FROM: Lt. Greg Zveitel

RE: 2023 Vehicle Purchases

DATE: May 19, 2023

I have finally been able to locate a vendor in Illinois (Morrow Brothers Ford) that can supply us with 2023 Ford PIU SUV police vehicles. As you know finding a source has been most difficult and this dealer seems to be the only one within a reasonable distance of Sunset Hills that has any of these currently for sale. Taking into account we recently had a vehicle totaled out, and the uncertainty of obtaining vehicles I would request that we do the following:

For 2023 we were budgeted a total of about \$90,000 for the purchase of one unmarked and one marked SUV (including installation, new lighting on both, graphics, etc.)

The crash loss was reported to our insurance company (Travelers) because the responsible party insurance (Shelter) said they weren't familiar with dealing with emergency vehicle losses and the claim "might take some time". Travelers is handling it and subrogate the loss to Shelter. Until that is finalized we will be reimbursed for \$35,527.50 which does not include our \$1,000 Deductible. That will be refunded to the City when Shelter pays off the claim.

I request we purchase THREE (3) new marked units as soon as possible. One will replace the wrecked SUV. Instead of an unmarked SUV this year we should replace a marked unit. The purchase of the unmarked unit can be delayed to 2024. The total costs are estimated to be:

Replacement Unit:

Vehicle: \$46,000

Graphics: \$ 1,100

Installation: \$ 3,000

Insurance Pay **-\$36,500**

Net Cost: \$13,600 (*It would be up to the City if they wanted to try to recover this from the driver that struck our vehicle)

New Vehicles (Each):

Vehicle: \$46,000

Graphics: \$ 1,100

Installation: \$ 3,000

Light/Bar & Siren \$ 3,000 (*One pair of these were budgeted for 2023)

Net Cost: \$53,100

Total Cost(2 Units)\$106,200

Replacement + 2 New Vehicles: Approximately \$119,800 (*Please note this is not a precise cost estimate at this time. The vehicle cost should be exact, but the other costs are based on most recent purchases plus a small increase for inflation costs. I am waiting for more exact numbers on the lighting equipment. Also, this totals do not reflect income that will be received for the sale of 2 used vehicles. I would estimate that at about \$30,000 based on prior experience the last couple years.)