

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 20, 2021 at 9:00am
Held via Zoom Remote Conferencing Software &
Large Conference Room at Township Hall
2865 Thornhills SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Members Present: Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Shipley, Trustee Noordhoek

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze, Fire Chief Adam Magers

Call to Order: Treasurer Peirce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Business: The Public Safety Advisory Committee discussed the following items:

1. Officers of the Committee

TM Swayze explained that per the committee policy, the committee is responsible for electing a Chair and a Vice Chair.

Motion by Trustee Shipley Peirce, supported by Trustee Noordhoek to appoint Treasurer Peirce as Chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, supported by Treasurer Peirce to appoint Trustee Shipley as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

2. Medic 1 & Chief Vehicle Replacement

Chief Magers reviewed the memo that was prepared for the purchase of the two vehicles. These two items were included in the FY2021 budget and also the 21-26 Capital Improvements Plan. Chief Magers explained that the vehicles would be purchased (...utilizing state purchasing pricing) and then outfitted for service. It is anticipated all costs would be below the budgeted amounts. Chief Magers reviewed the plan for the current vehicles, which would be reallocated to other services. Then vehicles come out of the "bottom" of the program and go to auction.

Discussion ensued. Question was asked about why pickup trucks instead of SUVs. Chief Magers indicated that this allows for the separation of possibly contaminated equipment and gear from the cab that firefighters are riding in. Trustee Shipley indicated that the program helps keep the department world class.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, supported by Trustee Noordhoek to recommend the Township Board approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for Medic 1 and the Chief's Vehicle. Motion carried.

3. Fire Station #3 Study

TM Swayze began the conversation regarding the public input session that was held the previous evening. Overall, the project seemed to be positively received by the public, comments and questions were appropriate. TM Swayze indicated that the public comment period was open and that the committee would receive those comments at the next meeting. In addition to the PSAC reviewing the project, the Personnel and Finance Committee will be discussing funding options.

Discussion ensued. The following points were raised:

- Should we be looking at 5 bays? Chief indicated that while 5 bays were a possibility, he didn't think it would be necessary at this point given the proposal for the proposal for the out building as well. In addition, the Township may be looking at Station #3 somewhere down the line.
- Committee indicated that the outbuilding at Station 2 is a necessary whether the Township pursues Station 1 or not. Recommendation from the committee that we look at that separately at the next meeting and consider starting the project soon.

No action – discussion only

Adjournment: Motion by Trustee Shipley, supported by Trustee Noordhoek to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

Approved by the Public Safety Advisory Committee on 2.18.21