

**Village of Spring Valley  
Emergency Services Committee minutes  
October 5, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. at the Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Erickson, Ducklow, Vorlicek

**Members Absent:**

**Others present:** Clerk Emerson, Chief Verges

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Motion (Ducklow/Vorlicek) to approve 9/15/21 minutes. Carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion (Ducklow/Vorlicek) to approve agenda closed session moved last. Carried

1. Chief presented 4 possibilities for squads. 2022 Dodge Durango Pursuit V-8 base price \$33,814; 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility V-6 Turbo base price \$36,574; 2022 Ford Expedition Special Service V-6 Turbo \$38,219 (higher initial cost but the resale value is higher than the other two); Chevy Tahoe. The Chevy Tahoe is not available for 2022 model so it would be well over a year before we got a 2023 vehicle. Chief is not against the 2022 Dodge Durango Pursuit but any type of repair would mean going to Menomonie or Eau Claire for a dealership to service. The 2022 Ford Expedition Special Service has fewer breakdowns and better built than a Crown-Vic. The committee will present the 2022 Ford Expedition at the full board meeting on October 6. Costs will be covered with Capital Improvement balance for a squad, proceeds from sale of 2014 squad, and current year budget for squad outlay, equipment outlay, squad repair. There will likely be an additional \$1000-\$2000 in add-ons to the price. Ewald Automotive Group out of Oconomowoc who gives us state bid is able to use any lease program for any vehicle we purchase, i.e., if we buy a Ford, we can still use the GM program if that is the best one. Interest rates are approximately 4-5% for GM at this moment and approximately 6% for Ford. Unknown what the Dodge interest rate is for their program at this time. Warranty is the same for all the vehicles: 3 yr./36,000 mile on everything and 5 yr./100,000 mile on Powertrain. If the lease/finance program is used they are also able to add the install amount to the financing if desired. Chief presented a ball-park estimate from General Communications of \$6100 for squad upfits.
2. General updates: Officer Lilly should be at all committee meetings, schedule meetings with Lilly present e/o month, Public Works has had both employees present at committee meetings for several months, the small departments will benefit from the additional information at the committee level. Officer Lilly and Chief Verges should work toward some shared time to coordinate information. SRO is not available any more. Esanbock is interested in additional hours, Chief will pursue this. Aid potential for PD but can't have her on PD computers. Emerson will look into ARPA funds availability for this and the rules for retirees contributing to WRS. Storm sirens – each should have their own battery backup, PW will test every spring/fall, easiest fix instead of us monitoring siren and calling dispatch is to have Pierce Cty trigger siren a second time after the initial 3 minutes.

Motion (Ducklow/Erickson) to go into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(C) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. For the purpose of discussing employee compensation

Motion (Ducklow/Erickson) to go into open session  
No action from closed session

ES will meet again beginning of December.

**Motion (Ducklow/Erickson) to adjourn 9:15 a.m. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_