

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2023,
MUNICIPAL CENTER-130 NORTH HARRISON STREET**

1. **Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.**

2. **Roll Call: Gary Nickerson, Dave Stellpflug, John Heintz Taylor, Amber Pellegrino and Frank Rewasiewicz.
Excused: Deb Hall
Also present: Clerk Keleher and Chief Tamez.**

3. **Discussion and/or Action: Recommendation from the Public Safety and Protective Services Committee to purchase a new squad car for the North Prairie Police Department before November 1, 2023. The squad car may be delivered as late as 2025 and to borrow the money to pay for the squad and ancillary items for the squad car upon delivery.**

Discussion: The Public Safety and Protective Services Committee made the recommendation to the Village Board to "Purchase ad new squad car by the end of 2023 for the North Prairie Police Department." Trustee Stellpflug asked if the \$77,000 that is needed for the squad is being borrowed and then the Village can remove the money earmarked in the budget for the new squad. Trustee Pellegrino asked for a recap as to how the Committee got to this decision. Trustee Nottling stated that by removing the date of November 1st and just using 2023 to purchase the squad would keep everyone from having to have another meeting in the event that the Chief ordering was pushed back. Trustee Heintz Taylor further explained that by breaking the motion into separate motions it was clearer to everyone. Trustee Pellegrino wanted to know why the purchase of the squad came before the way we are going to purchase the squad. Trustee Pellegrino has asked to for a debt sheet as to where we are at for the Village's debt service and to date, she has not received it. The Village Trustees need to know what we have outstanding in current debt. The current squad is only valued at about \$3,000 and it needs about \$5,600 or more to get the car running properly.

Motion by Trustee John Heintz Taylor, second by Trustee Dan Nottling the Village Board purchase a new squad car by the end of 2023 for the North Prairie Police Department. Motion carried

4. **Discussion and/or Action: Removing the General Fund earmarked for the purchase of a squad car in 2023 with a recommendation from the Public Safety and Protective Services Committee to the Village Board.**

Discussion: Trustee Pellegrino would like to know if the Police Department is still expecting to have the \$18,000 under spend of their 2023 budget and would that money then be put into the Village's General Fund, and to be spent on other items. Chief Tamez said that is what is trying to do, but he may spend some of that money, but that it would be refunded with LEA Grant is working on receiving. A squad car is good for about 10 years. Some things from the old squad may be able to be used and some may not they will have to wait to see what can be used. The total amount being requested for the new squad all in is \$77,000.00.

Motion by Trustee Dan Nottling, second by Trustee John Heintz Taylor that North Prairie Village Board remove the earmark in the 2023 budget for the new squad car and purchase the new squad car and any ancillary items for the squad car by a loan when the squad when it comes due. Motion carried.

5. Motion for Adjournment. Motion by Trustee Amber Pellegrino, second by Trustee Stellpflug to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gary Nickerson