

ACTION FORM

PROCEEDING Council Meeting	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Town Hall	DATE SUBMITTED: February 22, 2021
PREPARED BY: Chief John Devlin	
SUBJECT: Proposed Purchase of used patrol Vehicle	
REFERENCE:	
RELATED PROJECT: Mobile radio and Partition	
REVIEWED BY: Terry Tieman	
EXHIBITS:	
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:	AMOUNT BUDGETED:
FUNDING SOURCE Real Estate tax	
TIMETABLE: To be reimbursed August 2022 budget	
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve expenditure of \$19,000 from RTT for car, radio, partition and computer stand.	

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Fenwick Island Police department was due to purchase a new police package patrol vehicle in last budget. Due to unknown circumstances involving possible budget shortages from the current pandemic it was decided to wait on the purchase of a vehicle this year. The cost of a new vehicle that is street ready is approximately \$46,000.00. Most of the cost to add a new vehicle is normally covered by the yearly county grant. One of the challenges brought forward from the pandemic is to avoid the spread of Covid-19 among the police department and employees. We have already had an officer out with Covid-19 that was in a shared vehicle.

I have researched and found a used 2013 Ford police interceptor with low mileage that can be purchased from Delaware State Fleet for the cost of \$10,000.00 dollars with most of the emergency equipment supplied. Additional purchase of a cage partition and a mobile radio would be required. The cost of mobile radio and partition would be \$9,000.00 dollars.

I am proposing to make the purchase of this used vehicle now instead of initiating the purchase of a new vehicle in August 2022 budget.

The goal and benefits to adding this vehicle are as follows:

This will add a vehicle to the fleet to allow one officer per vehicle to avoid officer to officer exposure to Covid - 19

The order time and having a patrol vehicle street ready of a new vehicle would take approximately 5 to 6 months which would not have that vehicle ready until the end of January 2021.

The purchase of the used vehicle would save the town approximately \$27,000.00 this year and still have a fully operational vehicle on the road quickly.

Attached:

Power point of vehicle and full record of maintenance of the vehicle.

Other Police departments have made purchases of used vehicles this way to include Selbyville PD and Laurel PD. They have had good record with obtaining these vehicles for use.

Respectfully,

Chief John J. Devlin