

**INC. VILLAGE OF PLANDOME  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
Work Session  
Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 7:30 pm**

**PRESENT:**                   **MAYOR Lloyd Williams**  
                                  **DEPUTY MAYOR Ray Herbert**  
                                  **TRUSTEE Andrew Bartels**  
                                  **TRUSTEE Katie Saville**  
                                  **CHIEF, Plandome Fire Department, John Furlong**

*Absent*                       *Trustee Don Richardson, Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Kaye*

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

The trustees met with Chief Furlong to discuss replacements for the existing chiefs' cars. The existing three chiefs' cars are reaching the end of their life, and are subject to annual maintenance costs for all three cars of approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year. They also have been subject to mechanical problems, especially for the electrical systems due to the drain on batteries from the cars' radio and electronics. The chiefs generally put less than 1,500 miles per year on each of the cars. The main benefit of having the cars is faster response time (with the chiefs' cars the Department has been able to shorten response times) and better coordination of fire department responses when on site.

Chief Furlong has received an opportunity to buy two used chiefs cars for a total of \$38,000. After discussion, the Trustees concurred that these were too expensive. However, the Trustees agreed to consider a proposal from the Chief for purchasing a new Ford Interceptor Chiefs car, (based on the Ford Explorer) whose purchase cost would be approximately \$30,000 plus \$3,000 to \$5,000 for installation of electronics, lights, and Plandome PFD signage. The second and third cars would continue to be used ones, though with the possibility of purchasing a second car in a few years if the first one worked out.

Items to be addressed by Chief Furlong and the Board include:

- Further information on Ford cars versus alternative GMCs.
- How such a purchase would fit in the PFD's capital funds.
- Whether PFD Good and Welfare would be able to pay for the electronics, lights, and signage.
- The availability of used chiefs' cars from other fire departments in the Eighth Battalion.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Bartels, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herbert, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Elizabeth Kaye, Clerk/Treasurer