



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

DANIEL T. KELLER
CHIEF OF POLICE

September 5, 2023

Rik Kowall, Township Supervisor
White Lake Township

RE: 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE PURCHASE ISSUES

With the aging of our administrative/investigative cars, the need to purchase a new vehicle has brought itself to light. Det. Jeffrey Sutton, who is assigned out to the DEA task force is driving a 2015 Chevrolet Impala with 125,000 miles and is becoming costly to fix. This issue is compounded further with the limited availability of in-stock vehicles at dealerships and further complicated by the fact that very few dealerships are working within the MI-Deal parameters.

Lieutenant Ivory has conducted research with numerous dealerships for the purchase of a reasonable replacement vehicle and has been quoted prices that are similar. The problem we are facing is that while the dealerships are being competitive with their pricing, these prices are all based on monthly incentives from the manufacturers which change near the beginning of every month. As you are aware, the process for vehicle procurement is the submission of a request to purchase to the Township Board, however by the time the request is heard at the board meetings and approved, the incentives are no longer in place and new incentives come out. Because of this, it renders the quote obsolete, and a new quote must be obtained, which starts the approval process over.

With the above-mentioned issues, I am requesting Board approval for the purchase of a new vehicle, with the stipulation that the purchase price not exceed \$35,000.00 and that the Board allow you to execute all paperwork for the purchase of the vehicle.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Keller
Chief of Police