

Aug 14, 2026

To: President Buerman, Village Council, Village Clerk

From: Jeffrey Garrison – Chief of Police

RE: Replacement Vehicle

Good afternoon Mr President and council members,

Currently, the PD is down one vehicle due to a total loss accident. The insurance company has indicated that the vehicle was insured up to \$68,000. The estimates/bills for the damaged vehicle inspection and replacement total \$62,000. I have searched throughout Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana for a 2025 or 2026 replacement with no success.

I am formally requesting that the council approve the insurance purchase of a replacement vehicle of my choosing and its upfit. Additionally, I request that the insurance money be moved from the insurance revenue line to the vehicle repair line (101.301.934) for this expense. This will cover Lawrence Auto Body's current bill as well as the tear down and upfit from Cruisers. Currently, our equipment from the damaged vehicle is being held at Cruisers until a new vehicle arrives.

Again, this is an insurance covered expense so there is no additional expense to the Village or the PD.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeffrey Garrison