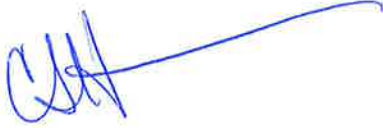


TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW
DELAWARE

April 7, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Purchase Mobile Radios for the Police Department
Utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds from State of Delaware Awarded
Contract No. GSS15676-COMMEQUIPV04

Background

We have been advised that effective January of 2024, certain radios now in use by the Ocean View Police Department (OVPD) will no longer be in compliance with the State of Delaware communication system. This stems from the new requirement for all such radios in use by Delaware police departments to be encrypted. The OVPD radios impacted include (8) mobile in vehicle radios and (6) portable radios and their accessories

Note: (13) existing radios in use by the OVPD were found to still be compliant having been replaced within the past 5 years. The life expectancy of these radios is 10 years.

Pricing

Last week we inquired about the costs associated with the replacement of the above noted radios and were advised of price increases effective May 2022. For that reason, we are hoping to place the order for the replacement of these (14) radios in advance to the price increase. The current State of Delaware contract pricing from Magnum Electronics is as follows:

(8) mobile radios (APX6500 Enhanced 7/800 MHZ)	\$6,094.73 ea./total cost \$48,757.84
(6) portable radios & accessories (APX6000 700/800 Model 2.5)	\$5,682.05 ea./total cost \$34,092.30

Total Replacement cost all radios \$82,850.14

Funding

Funds are available from the balance of the Town of Ocean View ARPA funds in accordance with the below log outlining the planned use of these funds as of April 12, 2022.

ARPA FUNDING LOG			\$1,182,341
Approved Used by Council (March 8, 2022)			
	Millville Vol Fire Co.		-100,000
	Town Road Improvement Seed Funds		-495,000
	Purchase of Open Space		-200,000
	Façade Improvement Program		-25,000
	Street Scaping		-25,000
	Legal Support Barnes & Thornberg		-4,730
	Broadband expansion - Competition		-100,000
	Premium Pay		-121,486
Original Contingency Balance			\$111,125
Uses Not Approved by Legal			
	Broadband expansion - Competition		\$ 100,000.00
	(added back to contingency)		
NEW Balance of contingency funds			\$ 211,125.00
NEW Uses Proposed (April 12, 2022)			
	* Support to Millville Fire 2022 Grant		-7,812.65
	* Support to 33 West Parking Lot		-28,630
	* Support to Replace OVPD Radios		-82,850
Final Balance of contingency			
(as of April 12, if above * approved by Council)			\$ 91,832.35

You will note that the above chart has been updated following the earlier addressed recommendations associated with the Support of additional funds to the Millville Fire Company Annual Grant and the support of improvements to the new 33 West parking lot. Therefore, the final balance of our ARPA contingency funds (if all three new uses are approved by Mayor and Council) will be \$91,832.35.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Mayor and Council authorize the Town Manager to purchase (14) radios as noted above from Magnum Electronics, at State of Delaware Contract pricing for the total amount of \$82,850 utilizing Town of Ocean View American Rescue Plan Act funds.