

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Flock Safety Agreement Renewal

REPORT PREPARED BY: Police Chief Jeff A. Caponera

REPORT DATE: November 29, 2023 **MEETING DATE:** December 12, 2023

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

No additional comments to this report _____

See attached comments _____

FISCAL SUMMARY:

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Budget Line Item:	\$87,500	Wisconsin Statutes:	N/A
Budget Summary:	Cost Savings \$11,500	Municipal Code:	N/A
Budgeted Expenditure:	\$99,000		
Budgeted Revenue:	\$99,000		

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Since 2021, the Grafton Police Department has collaborated with Flock Safety, Inc. to install five (5) fixed license plate reading cameras (LPR) for the Village. One additional camera was added in 2023, and several local retailers/developers have also installed the same technology. As a result, the police department now has access to a total of 10 LPR cameras to aid in investigations and prevent crimes. Because of the effectiveness of this technology, the Grafton Police Department budgeted for one additional camera in 2026, bringing the Village camera count to seven (7).

At the program's inception, the LPR cameras cost \$2,500 per year and were subject to a year-to-year contract. Flock Safety announced a price hike of \$500 per camera per year, which is set to take effect on January 1, 2024. However, to ease the burden on police budgets, Flock Safety has agreed to allow current customers to continue paying \$2,500 per camera per year for the next five years.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget had to be revised to accommodate the increased cost, which was approved during the 2024 budget process. To be precise, the budget has allocated \$18,000 for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years and \$21,000 for the fiscal years 2026-2028.

The Village's decision to approve the five-year agreement is expected to bring significant benefits. Specifically, the Village can now add an additional camera in 2024 instead of waiting until 2026, and there will be a recognized cost savings of \$11,500 over five years. Instead of paying \$99,000 for five years, the Village will now pay \$87,500. This also provides the Village with the flexibility to add another camera in the future while remaining under the current approved five-year budget.

The contract has undergone thorough review by the Village Attorney, who has ensured that all recommendations have been met. This contract is expected to provide a reliable and efficient system for the Village's investigative needs, while also being cost-effective and budget-friendly.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to recommend the Village Board to allow the police chief to enter into a five-year contract with Flock Safety for License Plate Reading (LPR) technology

ATTACHMENTS:

[Flock Safety Contract](#)