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To: Rye Select Board and Budget Committee

From: Chief Kevin Walsh / Date: October 28, 2024

Re: Request for Additional Funding for police Report Migration

I am writing to request additional funding for the migration of police reports to be achieved. Last year, we requested to start the migration project, but the company unfortunately underestimated the costs, and we now require additional resources to successfully complete the transfer of 24 years' worth of police reports.

In 2024 the police department requested \$26,829.00. The company is reporting they need another \$9,155.00 to complete the project.

The current software, based on the Microsoft Word platform, poses a significant risk. As technology evolves, we anticipate that the older software will fail, which will hinder our ability to access and retrieve crucial historical reports. Such failure could severely impact police operations, and accountability within the ommunity.

Completing this migration is imperative to ensure that our department can continue to access important information that spans over two decades.

The police department is moving to a new police reporting software in the spring of 2025.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and I am happy to provide further details or discuss this request at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this critical request.

Cc: Town Administrator Matt Scruton Finance Director Becky Bergeron