



Town of Harwinton  
Department of Public Works  
Harwinton, CT.06791

Capital Equipment Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 8th, 2022

Chairman Dave Bousquet called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Committee members present were John Fredsall, Bill Buys Jr, Mike Mastrobattisto and Dave Bousquet. Pat Doyle was absent due to work. The minutes from the previous meeting on July 7th, 2022 were passed out and reviewed, John Fredsall made a motion to accept, Mike Mastrobattisto seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

The agenda for this meeting was the following:

1. Meet with the Harwinton Ambulance Association to discuss the replacement of 66-1
2. Review items DPW would like to purchase using the Capital Equipment funds, for the 2022-2023 FY and moving forward with two of the purchase.

The first item the committee took up was reviewing the Harwinton Ambulance Association replacement of Unit 66-1

Chief Kevin Ferrarotti of the Harwinton Ambulance Association handed out a price and specification for new 66-1 for the committee to review. The estimate was from Life Line Emergency Vehicles in the amount \$318,109.00 for a new 2023 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 cab and chassis with a diesel engine. The estimate also included a Life Line Superliner Type 1-AD, class 1 box mounted to the cab and chassis. Chief Ferrarotti explained to the committee that the Ambulance Association did look at reusing the current box on the existing 66-1, but after further investigation it was determined that the existing box needed too much work to make it feasible to reuse. The Capital equipment committee discussed with Chief Ferrarotti some other options about the feasibility of getting a Sprinter van type vehicle and asked him his thoughts on that option. Chief Ferrarotti explained that his committee did look into those type of units but with his vast experience in the EMS service he explained that type of unit does not work as well in the rural environments and that this unit would be very similar to the current 66-2 and that the Ambulance Association is trying to keep things more uniform regarding their equipment and vehicles. The Capital equipment committee agreed with that logic as it is the same way the Fire Departments and Public Works Departments spec out equipment also. After further discussion with Chief Ferrarotti about getting a 4x4 or not, and gas vs diesel the committee decided to move forward with a decision for new 66-1. John Fredsall noticed on the estimate that 2 MTS Power Load units were in the estimate and that only 1 should be in the estimate. Chief Ferrarotti agreed that was an error in the estimate. Including 1 MTS Power Load unit only reduced the 66-1 replacement down to \$ 376,716.25. Chief

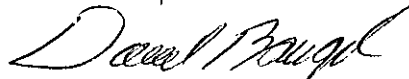
Ferrarotti also said he would get drawings to the Capital Equipment Committee to review before new 66-1 is placed into production. John Fredsall then made a motion to recommend to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance to move forward with the purchase of new 66-1 in the amount of \$380,000.00, and the Capital Equipment Committee recommends that no purchase contract will be signed until the Capital Equipment has had a chance to review drawings for new unit 66-1. Bill Buys 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The second order of business was to review equipment purchases for the 2022/2023 FY. The committee reviewed the plan and after some discussion agreed it was a good plan to move forward with since no large plow trucks were being purchased this fiscal year Chairman Dave Bousquet then discussed with the committee that the DPW Department tried a John Deere CP24E Planer and that the crew found it to work extremely well with the new track skid steer. Chairmen Bousquet expresses the he would like to purchase one (which is item 3 on the plan) from W.I. Clark for an estimated cost of \$26,000.00. Bill Buys Jr. made a motion to purchase a planer in the amount of \$26,000.00, John Fredsall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously. Chairmen Bousquet brought up to the committee about paying for the equipment on new unit 7 (2022 F-550) either out of miscellaneous equipment or the Capital Equipment fund. Chairmen Bousquet did list this on the Capital plan as item 2. The committee then discussed and felt it would be better to pay for this equipment out of the Capital Equipment account vs the miscellaneous equipment line. A motion was made by Mike Mastrobattisto to pay for the equipment for new unit 7 in the amount of \$20,185.81 from the Capital equipment account, John Fredsall 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairmen Dave Bousquet then handed out a sheet with the Town Capital Equipment showing the new numbering system for the equipment for the members to review.

With nothing else on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

David J Bousquet

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bousquet", written in a cursive style.

Chairman Capital Equipment Committee