



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

Capital Equipment Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 20th, 2022

Chairman Dave Bousquet called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. 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 September 8th, 2021 were passed out and reviewed, Bill Buys Jr made a motion to accept, John Fredsall seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

The agenda for this meeting was the following:

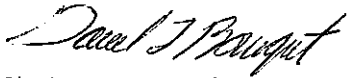
1. Review the Capital Equipment needs for the 2022-2023 Budget year
2. Review replacing unit 6 (40,000 lb. plow truck) unit 9(F-350 4x4 pickup with plow).
3. Determine the amount of money that will be needed to be budgeted to purchase new unit 6 and 9

The committee reviewed the Towns current replacement plan and agreed with Chairmen Dave Bousquet that Unit 9(F-350 4x4 pickup with plow) should be replaced according to the Towns current replacement schedule, but Mike Mastrobattisto felt Unit 4 (40,000 lb. plow truck) should be replaced instead of Unit 6 due to the condition of the trucks dump body and other components. Upon further discussion the committee agreed with Mike Mastrobattistos and agreed to replace unit 4 instead of unit 6. The committee reviewed the figures Dave Bousquet had for the following 2 pieces of equipment. Unit 4 will be \$203,000.00 with trade in, and unit 9 will be \$66,000.00 with trade in. The committee discussed replacing unit 9 with a gas pick up instead of a diesel engine pick up. After a lengthy discussion, John Fredsall made a motion to move forward with the diesel option in the truck for a budget number of \$66,000.00 with trade in, Bill Buys 2nd the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The committee then discussed the unit 4 replacement, it was discussed that the truck should be replace with a truck identical to new unit 8 that was delivered in 2021. Unit 8 was equipped with a patrol wing that was added after once the truck was at the equipment installer. This cost added \$18,000.00 to the cost of unit 8 and the committee felt the truck should be budgeted with this included in the budget price for the truck. After some discussion concerning unit 4 a motion was made by Mike Mastrobattisto to purchase new unit 4 for a budget number of \$203,000.00 with the patrol wing and trade in, John Fredsall 2nd the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The total of this year's Capitol Equipment Depreciation is \$273,000.00, which is the amount the Town normally expends on equipment each year. The amount is up by almost 8% which is directly related to the current inflation rate. The committee has adjusted the replacement costs of the Town's pickup and larger plow trucks to keep up with the inflation cost, and to ensure that they can continue to budget enough funds to replace the equipment according to the current replacement plan. The total of equipment purchases this year would be \$269,000.00. The Committee has recommended to the Board of Selectman and Finance that they appropriate \$273,000.00 for Capital Equipment this year and if in the budgeted amount is not reached in actual equipment purchases, that the balance be put into the Capitol Equipment Reserve Account. The Capital Reserve Account which has a balance of \$203,109.66.00 as of January, 10th, 2022. A motion was made by Bill Buys and seconded by John Fredsall to recommend to the Boards of Selectman and Finance to budget an amount of \$273,000, for this year's equipment needs. The motion carried unanimously

With nothing else on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

David J Bousquet,



Chairman Capital Equipment Committee

