

TOWN BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 29, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Chair David Pfeiffer, Supervisor Janiece Bolender, Supervisor Jay Damkoehler, Supervisor Doug Larsson, Supervisor Eric Olson, Public Works Superintendent Alex Mesdjian

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pfeiffer called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding public works equipment including 2002 tractor trade-in, skid loader trade in, lease buy out of the 2019 tractor, and the purchase of a track loader before a 2021 price increase takes effect.

Chair Pfeiffer and Superintendent Mesdjian presented the Board with the final details regarding trading in the 2002 tractor and 2017 skid loader towards the buy out of the 2019 tractor lease and the quote for purchasing a 2020 track loader. A decision by the board is needed because Superintendent Mesdjian was able to locate a track loader that is a dealer demonstrator model with minimal hours that can be purchased at a significant savings to the Town. A purchase commitment is required before the end of 2020 to guarantee the price.

Chair Pfeiffer reviewed the Board's previous decision to lease the 2019 tractor as a try before you buy test in order to make sure that the new tractor design would fit the Town's needs. Public works staff was very satisfied with the performance. Even after factoring in the cost of the lease, the lease buy-out cost of \$97,900 is a significant savings to the Town compared to the purchase price for a new 2020 tractor. After the trade-ins, the net outlay for the lease buy-out is \$43,900. The Board previously approved trading in the 2002 tractor because the purchase of a wider roadside mower significantly reduced the time required to perform roadside mowing which now can be completed by a single employee mowing at a time rather than having to own, maintain and replace two tractors. The Board also previously approved trading in the 2017 skid loader and replacing it with a track loader that will provide more versatility to the Town. Due to the municipal contract purchase price for the skid loader and the high resale value, the Town's cost of ownership for the 2017 skid loader will be less than what it would have cost to lease or rent for only a few weeks. The new track loader with a grading attachment provides the Town with the best suited equipment to grade gravel driveways while also having the versatility to perform many other needed functions as has been demonstrated by public works staff using a loaner machine this fall. The previously approved sale of the 2002 Volvo grader also provided \$40,000 toward the purchase of the track loader, reducing the net outlay to \$31,650.

Superintendent Mesdjian pointed out that the equipment chosen is similar to what most other Towns have and best fits the needs of the Public Works while lowering the total cost of ownership for capital equipment and reducing the amount the Town must annually budget and set aside for capital equipment replacement.

Motion by Damkoehler, 2nd by Bolender, to approve the lease buy-out of the 2019 tractor including the trade-in of the 2002 tractor and 2017 skid loader for a total cost of \$43,900. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bolender, 2nd by Damkoehler, to approve purchase of 2020 track loader for a total cost of \$71,650. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Larsson expressed the thanks of the entire Board to Superintendent Mesdjian and his staff for their work to identify and provide the Town with the proper equipment and their focus on the efficient use of taxpayer funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Larsson, second by Sup. Bolender, to adjourn at 1:25 P.M. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectively Submitted,

David Pfeiffer
Town Chair