2027 Budget Information Paper

Name of Department *

Public Works

Budget *

- [x] Capital (included in capital Forecast, over $5,000)
- [ ] Maintenance (On existing items)
- [ ] New (new item not replacing an existing item)
- [ ] Operating (not part of Capital Forecast)
- [x] Replacement (replacing an existing item in it's entirety)
- [ ] Refurbish (repair to extend the life of the item)

Please enter a date *

November 5, 2026

Name: *

Corey Dunsby, Public Works Manager

Account # *

10-06-0600-5560

Account Name *

Capital Equipment

Category *

Capital- Equipment

Subject: *

Snow Plow for Backhoe

Recommendation: *

To approve a 2027 Capital Budget allocation of $20,000 for the purchase of a snow plow blade with hydraulic wings to aid in winter operations.

Background: *

The Township's current snow plow utilizes a straight-blade design and was originally purchased for use on a previous backhoe. While the blade continues to function as intended, its design limits its versatility and overall effectiveness during winter maintenance operations.

Analysis: *

With the addition of a recognized municipal parking lot this year, the demands placed on the Township's winter maintenance equipment have increased. The current straight-blade plow is limited in its ability to efficiently carry, roll, and contain snow when compared to more modern winged plow designs. As a result, snow removal operations require additional passes, reducing productivity and increasing operator effort. This limitation increases during heavy snowfall events and in areas that require snow to be moved greater distances, such as parking lots, intersections, and turnaround areas. A more versatile winged plow design would improve snow-clearing efficiency, and increase the overall effectiveness of the Township's winter maintenance operations.

Financial Implications:

Dollar Amount of Item *

20,000

How does it affect your budget *

Increase in Expenses Over Previous Year Budget for this item

How will it be funded? *

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Details if Other: