

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Foss, Steve Plant, Trevor Presby.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Blodgett.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Monahan, Scott Leslie, Tim Blake.

Appointments: 3:00pm - Public Works Director, Scott Leslie, 3:30pm - Transfer Station Supervisor, Tim Blake.

Scott Leslie, Highway Dept. – The Highway Dept. is not scheduled for any capital purchases this year. Scott reviewed his equipment with the Committee.

2019 Ford F-350 – This vehicle was added to the schedule. Scott said the truck cost the Town \$35,000 including the addition of the plow kit and the trade in value of the Ford F-150.

87 Cat Grader – No changes, will need tires next year.

2016 Reiser Heavy Equipment Trailer – No changes or expenses currently.

2015 Volvo ECR88 – Scott said this has had a few maintenance issues, gets a great deal of use. A replacement would be \$130,000. Chairman Foss said this contribution may need to be increased to \$5,800 from \$4,600.

2015 F-550 – Scott says this truck is going good, miles on it are not terribly high but almost all plowing miles. There have been a few issues but they were fixed by Ford so did not incur cost.

2014 Dodge 5500 – Scheduled for replacement in 2022. Recently had a \$3,000 repair paid by Dodge. Scott said he would not replace this truck with the same make of vehicle in the future as this one has had issues.

2014 International 6 wheeler – Minor repairs this year. No changes recommended. Scott said this would be replaced with the same truck eventually.

2008 International Ten Wheeler – Scott said this truck has been problematic and expensive but would not sell for much so he recommends keeping it. It's very useful during the summer for hauling. It was decided that this truck would be removed from the schedule and the funding applied to the 2015 Volvo ECR88.

There was some discussion about how many trucks are needed for the Highway Dept. crew and whether or not they should use six wheelers or ten wheelers for plowing. Scott said he prefers six wheelers because there are many tight turnarounds in Town that are better handled by a six wheeler.

Tim Blake, Transfer Station – Tim reviewed the condition of the Transfer Station equipment with the Committee.

2013 Bobcat Skidsteer – Tim said the Bobcat is in good condition and running fine. Corey Rush does the filter and oil changes. There are 2,325 hours on the Bobcat. The Committee encouraged Tim to check into the trade-in value as it may have some value at this point in its life that could be put towards a new Bobcat or similar item before it begins to have issues, as it is critical to the operation of the Transfer Station.

2007 PTR Compactor – Tim said this is the compactor that is used for household trash and it has had problems, particularly during the winter with the pump freezing up. Tim said the dealer checked out the pump and recommended it be replaced; Tim is awaiting a quote for the pump at this time. Trevor suggested finding a way to get more heat on the Compactor in the winter to help keep the hydraulic pump running better.

40 Yard Closed Top Roll Off Containers (2) – Tim said there is one of these at the Transfer Station and one at NCES in Bethlehem that are switched out when full. He said they are prone to rusting in the bottom but these are in fair shape. There is no significant trade-in value.

40 Yard Open Top Container – This was purchased new in 2019 for approximately \$6,000. It is in new condition and will be added to the schedule.

2014 Harris Baler – Tim reported this paper baler is in good working condition but probably needs a hydraulic fluid change. Tim and Trevor did not think this item would yield much in trade-in value.

2010 PTR Baler – Tim reported this baler is used for cardboard and tin, is working well and likely could use a fluid change.

There was a brief discussion about ways to improve efficiency at the Transfer Station and whether the Transfer Station should continue to accept C&D due to the expense of offloading it. The discussion was not finished and no conclusions were made.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan