

Capital Asset Planning Committee

Minutes of the 8 January, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at: 6:30

Members Present: Paul Schumann, Cuyler Feagles, Jan Pieter van Beest,
Theresa Lofgren

Guests: Select Board Member Andy Obrien
Public Works Manager Matt Nielson

The minutes of 4 December, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None

Andy O'Brien announced that Becky Taylor Chase has returned to her role as Town Clerk.

New Business:

- Public Works:

Matt Nielson presented revised and updated equipment replacement costs for identified equipment.

There was some discussion over upcoming expenses for the Sweetser Road Bridge. Some of those expenses may fall into Capital Expense while others may fall into Maintenance. This should be reviewed pending further investigation. Changes made to the Replacement Costs of items is as follows:

Excavator 2008 Caterpillar - the Wheeled Excavator was changed to \$220,000 from \$210,000. The drivers of the change were to include extra hydraulic lines on the boom to accommodate attachments such as the flail mower. Also included is an additional bucket to increase the versatility of the unit. This upgrade was not included on the base machine included in last year's plan.
Flail Mower attachment for Excavator - same item as last year. Increase from \$30k to \$35k is inflation driven and it was noted that the item is a 36" unit and not the 48" unit pushed by the dealer.
Loader Backhoe 2017 Caterpillar - update from \$195k to \$205k is inflation driven
Motor Grader 2012 John Deere - the increase from \$365k to \$375k is driven by inflation and by modifications to the base level machine needed to accommodate the current use by the town. Last year's update only included the base level machine.
Poland R Rd multi plate - Road Commissioner to provide additional information before next meeting on 1/29/25.
Sweetser Rd Bridge Deck - update only includes cost of materials for decking. Road Commissioner to provide additional information before next meeting on 1/29/25.
Truck 1 - 2021 Freightliner dump truck - update of \$268k to \$278k is inflation based and includes truck, body and plow.

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Truck 2 - 2014 Freightliner dump truck - update of \$268k to \$278k is inflation based and includes truck, body and plow. The Road Commissioner agreed that the Service Life of this item should be returned to 12 year from 10 years to match the rest of the dump trucks.
Truck 3 - 2017 Freightliner dump truck - update of \$268k to \$278k is inflation based and includes truck, body and plow.
Truck 4 - 2012 International dump truck - spare truck, no funding for replacement. Will stay as spare after new Truck 2 is put in service.
Truck 5 - Ford F-250 pickup - includes pickup and plow. Cost update from \$62k to \$70k is inflation driven.
Truck 6 - 2016 RAM 350 1-ton dump truck - includes truck, plow and sander. Cost update from \$75k to 80k is inflation driven.
Wheel Loader - cost update from \$260.3k to \$270k is inflation driven.

Paul Schuman noted that the long lead items have prompted a discussion of planning for actual expenditure dates. It will be incumbent upon Public works to seek necessary approvals and order long lead time items to meet the planned equipment replacement dates.

- Open Discussion:

There was a discussion of the Capital Asset Spreadsheet Paul Schumann has developed over the years for use by this committee. It was noted that Paul's spreadsheet has become sufficiently complex that it would take some learning to master, but that we should have someone who is able to use the program as a backup.

The next meeting is scheduled for: 29 January, 2025

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cuyler Feagles, Committee Secretary