



MEMO TO: Mayor Vandernail and the Board of Trustees
FROM: Russell Pennington, P.E., Public Works Director
DATE: March 6, 2019
SUBJECT: Staff Report PW: Unit 206 Truck and Snowplow Replacement

MATTER BEFORE BOARD:

Purchase of a new replacement Dodge 3500 and associated snowplow.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of a non-budgeted expenditure from the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund (CERF) of the 2019 General Fund for the purchase of a new replacement Dodge 3500 and associated snowplow in a not to exceed amount of \$50,000 (minus \$21,735 insurance offer).

BACKGROUND:

On January 3, 2019, A Town of Fraser vehicle was involved in a traffic accident while snowplowing. The vehicle was a 2004 Dodge Ram 3500 and was equipped with a snowplow. The truck and plow sustained damage to the front passenger side which resulted in a bent frame.

An insurance adjustor has inspected the vehicle and has deemed the vehicle and plow a total loss. CIRSA, the town's insurance provider has extended an offer to the town in the amount of \$21,735.00 for the totaled town vehicle and the plow.

Staff has researched for a State Bid for a replacement of the truck. A replacement truck was found with Johnson Auto Plaza in Brighton, CO. The proposed replacement is a new 2018 Dodge 3500 Crewcab 4X4 at a cost of \$40,893.

This vehicle is integral to the snow removal operations of the Town. The damaged truck is 15-years old and would qualify for the 15 year Vehicle Replacement Schedule. The damaged vehicle has 135,000 miles and is currently on it's 4th transmission. In an effort to be fiscally responsible, in December, Staff invested in this vehicle to ensure that it could be an asset to the town well past the scheduled replacement timeframe. Staff will salvage what can be salvaged from this vehicle and will reuse on the replacement vehicle.

After the purchase of the truck, Staff will work on equipping the truck as well as purchasing and installing a snow plow. The cost of the snow plow is in addition to the purchase of the truck and is estimated to be approximately \$6,500. The total estimated cost to the town (vehicle purchase price + plow purchase price – Insurance money) is approximately \$26,000.

Staff has identified 2019 budget dollars that can be used towards the purchase of this replacement vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2019-03-04** authorizing the Town Manager to execute the purchase of a Dodge 3500 and associated snowplow in a not to exceed amount of \$50,000 (minus \$21,735 insurance offer).