

MEMORANDUM

Business Item D

From: Administrator/Staff

To: Town Board

Re: Town Board review and consideration of options for completing the road mowing for 2026.

Currently, DPW has only the large John Deere mower with a 4-ft cut. There was previously a full-time member of the Department who was qualified to use this specific type. The downside, other than the loss of the FT staff person, is the excessive downtime the mower has had over the last few years, including a stretch of 6 weeks last year with no backup equipment.

There are several options Staff are requesting the Board consider to complete the mowing for this year:

- Winnebago County makes 2 passes at an approximate cost of \$30,000
- Contract with a private entity at an approximate cost of \$34,000
- Purchase a used, non-enclosed mower with flail at an approximate cost of \$28,000

Director of Public Works Christianson will be available at the meeting for any questions the Board may have.

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

Motion to approve contracting with Winnebago County for the 2026 road mowing.

Motion to approve contracting with a private entity and direct Staff to bring forward at least 2 options for the Board at the July 1, 2026 meeting.

Motion to approve the purchase for a used mower at an approximate cost of \$28,000.

If you have any questions about this information, please call or email me.

Respectfully Submitted
Kelsey