

HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP APRIL 15, 2025, AT 6:30 PM Cover Sheet

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ITEM TITLE: Discussion of Use of Eatonville American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Utilities Equipment Purchase (**Public Works**)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: PUBLIC WORKS
INTRODUCTIONS		Exhibits:
CONSENT AGENDA		Vaccon Sewer Cleaner TrailerVaccon Jetter
COUNCIL DISCUSSION	YES	
ADMINISTRATIVE		

<u>REQUEST</u>: Request for town council to discuss authorizing the Public Works & Utilities Department to purchase equipment for Sewer Maintenance projects, utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds awarded to the Town in 2021.

SUMMARY: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 provided significant support to local governments through its State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, awarding every municipality a portion of \$65.1 billion in funding. Pursuant to this legislation, Eatonville received federal funding related to its recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic totaling an estimated \$1,108,384.02. This funding was received in two equal tranches. Projects such as the water tower, meters, a portion towards town revenue, and various equipment (utilities pump, sewer camera, etc.) have been or are intended to be funded to improve the town's operational services. The purchase of the VACCON Sewer Cleaner & Jetter is proposed to mitigate the reliance on private companies for minor sewer system repairs. These items meet the criteria for allowable use of ARPA funds. Both items adhere to the Town's purchasing policy through its Sourcewell Membership for procurement.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Public Works & Utilities Department recommends that the Town Council discuss the purchase of the VACCON Sewer Cleaner & Jetter in the amount of \$235,295.00.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: Fund allocation is associated with ARPA Funds Reserve in the Water Sewer Fund – Equipment # 400-0536-536-6420. With A Balance: