



MEMO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Board of Public Works
From: Jake Van Gompel, Street Superintendent
Date: December 1, 2025
Re: Item 2b, Update of Sale of used DPW Equipment

Background information:

Through the process of replacing capital equipment, staff look at all departments and discuss operational needs and constraints to get vehicle replacements on a schedule. With four of the recent replacements, the Street Department listed the replaced equipment on the Wisconsin Surplus auction website. Selling outright vs. accepting trade may not always be in the best interest of the City, but I am pleased to report on the research done by staff, and receiving approval from this board, the return was a success.

The Fire Department replaced their 30yr old ladder truck which received \$10,913 at auction. Looking at past sales of similar equipment, this was the expected return.

The Street Department replaced three pieces of equipment that went to auction. Truck #213 a 2009 International Dump Truck sold for \$9,650, and Grader #21, a 1991 John Deere, sold for \$25,250. Both combined sales exceeded the trade values by just under \$20,000.

The third piece of equipment replaced by the Street Department was an ageing 1999 International Bucket Truck. Instead of looking to purchase new, Kaukauna Utilities was contacted to discuss their replacement schedule and if they had a unit that was up for replacement. Timing was right and the Utility Commission approved to replace the Street Departments 1999 International with their 2006 International for the funds received in the sale of the old truck. \$10,675 was received at auction which will be turned over to Kaukauna Utilities.

Equipment plays a vital role in the operations of departments. Working collaboratively has proven to be a success in keeping fleets operational and updated in this growing community. A huge thank you to city mechanic Harlan Hirschy for spearheading these replacement efforts and to Kaukauna Utilities for their continued support in replacements of our aerial equipment.

Strategic Plan:

To continue providing a high quality of life through services, and to maintain a safe community, the Street Department replaces older equipment to keep up with demand of a growing city and limit downtime.

Budget:

Funds received will be deposited in the 421-capital equipment fund.

Recommended action:

Update only.

