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Memorandum

To: Steve Giesbrecht, Borough Manager
Cc: Mayor Jensen and Members of the Borough Assembly
From: Chris Cotta, Public Works Director
Re: Purchase of V-plow for Grader

On January 18, 2022 the Borough Assembly passed a supplemental budget ordinance that included \$45,000 for the purchase of a V-plow for the Streets Dept road grader. This plow will be used in conjunction with the grader moldboard and wing to more effectively and efficiently clear deep snowpack such as the Borough has experienced this winter. It will also allow the grader to fully open up intersections and cul-de-sacs by giving the operator the ability to push from the front of the machine rather than the side.

NC Machinery of Juneau has supplied a quote of \$42,776 for the plow and associated lift group, including freight to Petersburg. This quote is attached for reference.

The above pricing was supplied through Sourcewell (Contract #080818-HEN), which is a purchasing cooperative that serves many government entities and utilizes pre-bid equipment contracts. Borough code allows this type of purchasing process, as follows:

Code Section 4.04.040 (Exceptions to Bidding), Section G States: When it is advantageous to the borough to enter into a contract with a bidder for the same supplies or services such bidder is providing another Alaskan local government, the state of Alaska, a cooperative purchasing association composed of government agencies, or the United States, where such supplies, equipment or services are being provided to the other governmental unit or association on the basis of competitive bids submitted; and where the borough contract is on substantially the same terms as those bid; or to contract with or through such other governmental unit or association so that the benefit of the responsible bid accrues to the borough;

This proposed acquisition adheres to Borough purchasing code and the cost is under the amount budgeted. Payment for the unit will be taken from Borough's General Fund.

For the preceding reasons, Public Works recommends award of this equipment purchase to NC Machinery of Juneau, Alaska, in the amount of \$42,776. If you agree with this recommendation, please forward it to the Borough Assembly for consideration at their next regular meeting on March 7, 2022. Thank you.

Attachments: NC Machinery Quote (1 page)