



June 2026

## Memorandum

**To:** Steve Giesbrecht, Borough Manager  
**Cc:** Mayor Bob Lynn and Members of the Borough Assembly  
**From:** Aaron Marohl, Public Works Director  
**Re:** Replacement of Sanitation Unit #117

The FY2027 approved Borough budget includes \$385,000 for replacement of Sanitation Unit #117. Public Works recommends purchasing a new 2027 Labrie Automizer 17 CY Side Loader refuse truck mounted on a 2027 Freightliner M2 106 Plus chassis.

Unit #117 is one of the Borough's two primary automated side-loading sanitation trucks and plays a critical role in residential refuse collection services. Due to its age and increasing maintenance requirements, replacement is necessary to maintain reliable service and minimize downtime.

Alaska Municipal Equipment LLC has provided a Sourcewell quote in the amount of \$385,758.38. The purchase exceeds the approved budget by \$758.38 (approximately 0.2%). Staff believe this additional cost can be accommodated within the Sanitation Department equipment replacement reserves and is justified given current equipment pricing and the importance of maintaining reliable sanitation services.

Borough Code Section 4.04.040(G) allows purchases through cooperative purchasing associations when competitively bid contracts provide advantageous terms to the Borough. The Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program satisfies these requirements and provides a cost-effective procurement method while reducing procurement time and administrative costs.

Payment for this purchase will be made from the Sanitation Department equipment replacement reserves. Upon delivery and placement into service, Unit #117 will be declared surplus and sold in accordance with Borough procedures, with sale proceeds used to offset the replacement cost.

For these reasons, Public Works recommends award of the purchase to Alaska Municipal Equipment LLC in the amount of \$385,758.38. If you agree with this recommendation, please forward it to the Borough Assembly for consideration at their regular meeting on July 6, 2026.

**Attachments:**

1. Alaska Municipal Equipment LLC / Labrie Sourcewell Quote (5 pages)
2. FY2027 Equipment Replacement Budget Documentation