

DPW – Street/Solid Waste Division

To: Alderperson Arnett and Public Works Commission Members

From: Stacy Winkelman

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Leaf Collection Program

Background

At the December 9, 2025, meeting this commission expressed the desire to continue with the curbside vacuum style collection of leaves. We have gotten five quotes on the cost of a new leaf vacuum machine. They range from \$129,000.00 to \$195,000.00.

Furthermore, I had informed the commission members that we had taken one of the leaf machines out of service due to repair needs. We have since started to rebuild that machine with costs coming in so far at around \$12,000.00. Andrew and I have discussed; the 2026 budget can support these repairs.

Budget Goal

Storm Water Utility Equipment Repairs Account #16-58-16-22 for existing machine repairs

Storm Water Utility Capital Account #16-58-16-60 for new machine purchase

Financial Impact

High dollar amounts for both repairs/maintenance of existing machines and the cost of new machines

Recommendation

If the recommendation of the commission is still to remain using the leaf vacuum system, we would recommend budgeting for a new machine in the 2027 budget