



Date of Council Meeting: June 10, 2014

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Amending the FY2014 Budget and Making a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$100,000 to Purchase Road Salt to Refill the Public Works Salt Facility

Staff Contact: Thomas A. Mason, P.E., Director of Public Works.

Recommendation: That the Town Council approve an amendment to the FY2014 budget and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase road salt to refill the Public Works salt storage facility.

Issue: The salt storage facility is only one quarter (1/4) full after the multiple snow and ice events of this past winter. The facility needs to be full at the start of the next winter season. The storage capacity is 2,000 tons of salt and only 500 tons remain. Funds for salt in the FY2015 budget will buy only about 400 tons of salt, which will result in a less than half (1/2) full salt supply. An additional appropriation will very likely be necessary next year.

Fiscal Analysis: The FY2015 Budget has insufficient funds to refill the salt storage facility. One thousand, five hundred (1,500) tons of salt need to be purchased to refill the salt storage facility. This will cost \$100,000.

Background: The Public Works Department responded to 25 snow or ice events this past winter season. Nine (9) of the events required a full deployment for 24 hours or longer. Two thousand, three hundred (2,300) tons of salt and four hundred fifty (450) tons of sand were used at a cost of \$155,000 for salt and \$16,200 for sand, for a total of \$171,200. How much salt and sand will we need next winter? We cannot reliably predict what will occur next winter. It is good emergency planning and preparation to start a winter season with a full supply of salt. One thousand, five hundred (1,500) tons of salt are needed to fill the two thousand (2,000) ton capacity salt storage facility. This will cost about \$100,000 at today's prices. We recommend filling the facility through the summer and fall. This will allow the Town to start the 2014/2015 winter season with a full salt supply. If the winter is mild and we don't use much salt, it will be available for the next winter season.

Attachments: Resolution

PRESENTED: June 10, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-

ADOPTED: _____

A RESOLUTION: AMENDING THE FY2014 BUDGET AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FROM UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND TO REFILL THE PUBLIC WORKS SALT STORAGE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department salt storage facility is only one quarter (1/4) full after the multiple snow and ice events of this past winter; and

WHEREAS, one thousand five hundred (1,500) tons of salt are needed to refill the two thousand (2,000) ton salt storage facility at a current cost of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, funds budgeted for salt in FY2015 will purchase only four hundred (400) tons of salt; and

WHEREAS, it is good emergency planning and preparation to start the 2014/2015 winter season with a full salt supply,

THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the FY2014 General Fund Operating Budget is hereby amended and a supplemental appropriation is made in the amount of \$100,000 for the Department of Public Works to refill the salt storage facility.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council