



Date of Council Meeting: October 13, 2015

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Authorizing the purchase of a boom mower using Capital Asset Replacement Funds.

Staff Contact: Renée M. LaFollette, P.E., Director, Department of Public Works and Capital Projects
Harold Young, Fleets Superintendent

Council Action Requested: Authorization to purchase a boom mower using Capital Asset Replacement funds in the amount of \$118,372.25.

Staff Recommendation: That Town Council approve the purchase of a boom mower using Capital Asset Replacement Funding in the amount of \$118,372.25.

Commission Recommendation: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: The purchase of this mower was planned and approved with the Fiscal Year 2016 budget for Capital Asset Replacement Funds. Funding in the amount of \$120,000 was included in the budget and the actual cost of the mower came in at \$118,372.25 slightly below the budgeted amount.

Work Plan Impact: Not applicable.

Executive Summary: The purchase of this boom mower is needed to replace an aging piece of equipment that is in the shop for maintenance on a regular basis and is costing a significant amount in repairs and crew downtime. The boom mower is composed of the tractor and the mowing arm that is permanently attached to the side of the tractor (see Attachment A).

Background: The Department of Public Works requested the purchase of a boom mower with the Capital Asset Replacement Funding for the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. This is a replacement item as the current piece of equipment is 15 years old, and in poor condition.

There are pieces of the boom that are worn and need replaced. Also, the cradle that holds the boom to the tractor has been repaired multiple of times from welds that have cracked, and this causes safety concerns with using the equipment. The repairs that are needed on a regular basis and the larger repairs needed are costly and require significant staff. The equipment has reached a point where it is no longer cost effective to keep it in the current inventory.

Attachment: Image of requested boom mower.

Attachment A



PRESENTED October 13, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

ADOPTED October 13, 2015

A RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A BOOM MOWER USING CAPITAL ASSET REPLACEMENT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the purchase of a new boom mower was included in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget; and

WHEREAS, the current boom mower is fifteen years old and is in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, the existing piece of equipment has reached a point where it is no longer cost effective to keep in the current inventory of equipment; and

WHEREAS, there is a rideable contract available to procure this equipment; and

WHEREAS, the budget established for the replacement equipment is sufficient for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, no additional funding is needed.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia as follows:

The Town Manager is authorized to proceed with the purchase of the new boom mower in the amount of \$118,372.25.

PASSED this 13th day of October, 2015.

Kristen C. Umstatt, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council