Snow and Ice Removal

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Snow and ice control is a critical winter function directly related to motorist safety. Operations include sanding, salting and plowing when snowfall depths warrant. The Public Works Department is responsible for snow and ice control for all town roads and public buildings both general government and education.

Staffing

Position	Status	Budgeted Hours	Elected/Union/Non-Union
Overtime for:			
Road Foreman	Hourly	Based on 2020-2021 budgeted hours	Non-Union
Public Works Crew (9)	Hourly	Based on 2020-2021 budgeted hours	Union

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Major Service Level Accomplishments

- Provided snow removal for the safety of our citizens and visitors

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Major Service Level Goals

- To provide snow removal and ice treatment on all town roads for the safety of our citizens and visitors.
- To transition from sand/salt mixture to salt on roadways. This change offers several benefits, including cost savings, environmental advantages and improved efficiency.

Additional Budget Information

Cost Savings:
- Reduced Sand Use: Treated salt is more effective at melting ice and snow, reducing the need for large quantities of sand.
- Lower street sweeping costs: Sand requires frequent street sweeping to prevent buildup, which incurs additional costs. Treated salt minimizes this need.
- Employee Hours: With treated salt's efficiency, fewer passes are needed to clear roads, saving employees' hours and reducing overtime costs.

Environmental Benefits:
- Less Environmental Impact: Treated salt has a lower environmental impact compared to sand. Sand contributes to air pollution (PM10Levels) and can harm aquatic ecosystems when it washes into waterways.
- Reduced Corrosion: Treated salt is less corrosive to infrastructure, reducing maintenance costs and extending the life of roads and vehicles.

Improved Efficiency:
- Better Performance: Treated salt works at lower temperatures and provides longer-lasting results, ensuring safer roads.
- Pre-wetting benefits: Pre-wetting treated salt with brine enhances its effectiveness, reducing the amount needed and improving application accuracy.

Switching to treated salt aligns with our goals of cost efficiency, environmental responsibility, and operational effectiveness. This change will benefit the community and the budget.

Expenditures by Expense Type

Name	Account ID	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted ($ Change)	FY2026 Budgeted (% Change)
Expense Objects							
Salaries & Wages							

Name	Account ID	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted ($ Change)	FY2026 Budgeted (% Change)
REGULAR EMPLOYEES	10543070-51510	$3,822	$3,277	$50,032	$50,000	-$32	-0.1%
Total Salaries & Wages:		**$3,822**	**$3,277**	**$50,032**	**$50,000**	**-$32**	**-0.1%**
Employee Benefits							
FOOD ALLOWANCE	10543070-52975	$620	$1,058	$2,000	$2,700	$700	35%
Total Employee Benefits:		**$620**	**$1,058**	**$2,000**	**$2,700**	**$700**	**35%**
Purchased Property Services							
SNOW PLOWING/SANDING	10543070-54103	$9,500	$45,850	$60,000	$60,000	$0	0%
Total Purchased Property Services:		**$9,500**	**$45,850**	**$60,000**	**$60,000**	**$0**	**0%**
Supplies							
SAND/SALT	10543070-56600	$46,897	$79,196	$132,000	$171,600	$39,600	30%
OTHER SUPPLIES	10543070-56900		$523	$0	$0	$0	0%
Total Supplies:		**$46,897**	**$79,718**	**$132,000**	**$171,600**	**$39,600**	**30%**
Total Expense Objects:		**$60,839**	**$129,903**	**$244,032**	**$284,300**	**$40,268**	**16.5%**