



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION



Held: October 4, 2018

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in special session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and employees present:

Bill Steck - Present	Mark Sarkan - Present
Rachel Smith – Present	Jody Donsbach – Present
Bob Krabill – Present	Jeremy Treen – Absent

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman, Kristel Beyer

Mayor explained we called this meeting to discuss a new replacement vehicle due to the issues we have been experiencing with our current dump truck because of its age. Winter is approaching we need to look over this closely and make a decision.

Administrator stated this is the most used vehicle we have. We have had this truck for 21 years, we have had several different issues with the truck. If we want to get a new truck it takes 10 weeks to get it put together. There is a truck that we can purchase and not have to wait the 10 weeks. This particular truck does not need a cdl to operate.

Smith asked if this was the truck we replaced the body on a year or so ago. Administrator said no its not. Smith asked if we recently purchased a v plow. Administrator stated no we have not. Smith asked if we could use the current v plow we have on the new truck. Administrator stated we can but he was told it would cost more to fit it than getting one with the truck. Smith asked what we would do with the current truck we have. Administrator said we can sell it or we can continue to use it until it fails completely. Donsbach asked how much it would cost to repair the current truck. Administrator stated a few hundred dollars but that would be a quick fix. Sarkan asked if this cost includes a spreader, if so then we would have two spreaders. Administrator said no we would have a hopper box and a spreader. Sarkan asked if there is any kind of anti-corrosion to put under the truck to keep it from corroding. Administrator said it comes with an undercoat on it already. Steck asked where we were going to get the money from to purchase. Administrator said since this truck is a multi-use vehicle it can come from several different funds to purchase. Steck asked if this would put a crunch on anything financially. Administrator stated no, we are fortunate we can use our utility funds to help with purchasing. Krabill asked if there is any funding available we could apply for. Administrator stated no but we could lease the truck. Sarkan is not for spending more tax payer money than necessary. If we have a big truck and a little truck could we possibly get something bigger and better to make it worthwhile to do more things with it. This could allow us to more effectively and efficiently use the money and possibly save more money in the long run. Administrator stated we could but it would cost a lot more, probably double or even more. The small dump truck is used more frequently than the bigger one. Smith asked how often do we have two people plowing at the same time.

