

## RESOLUTION NO. 2019-73

### RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN REGARDING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee and the Borough Council believe it is the best interests of the Borough to have a Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the reason for the replacement plan is to keep the DPW well equipped with vehicles, off road equipment, trailers, and other ancillary machinery to perform the work in a safe and productive manner.

**WHEREAS**, this plan will allow the Borough to budget for equipment purchases with more certainty and in turn will prove tremendous overall cost savings in keeping the fleet in optimum service condition less the heavy repairs and down time associated with aged vehicles and equipment.

**WHEREAS**, the plan has benchmarks set for replacement in years, mileage, hours, and state of repair. The benchmarks are set as follows:

Heavy Duty Trucks: Twenty-year replacement regardless of mileage (these trucks do not run as often and therefore do not gather high mileage).

Pick up and Medium Duty Trucks: Ten-year replacement or 100,000 miles.

Commercial Duty Lawn Mowers: 1500 hours as per the hour meter.

Off Road Equipment & Machinery: Twenty years or Subject to Condition / Resale Value.

Trailers: can be kept until deemed unfit for service.

**WHEREAS**, beginning in the fiscal year of 2020, the plan will commence with replacement of vehicles or equipment that have ten years of service and preselected by the DPW Superintendent. All future vehicles and equipment will be purchased with the longest warranties available. Starting fiscal year 2021, purchases will be on a second-year schedule.

**WHEREAS**, in the unfortunate event a vehicle or equipment is involved in an accident and is wrecked beyond repair, the new vehicle or equipment will be placed on the current replacement schedule as per the plan.

**WHEREAS**, when vehicles or equipment start to age, they become very expensive to keep in a good state of repair. This replacement plan allows the Borough of Franklin to know what vehicles, off road equipment, and any other machinery requires replacement before they become an excessive maintenance expense.

**WHEREAS**, we can replace vehicles & equipment while a good resale value still exists which proves to be financially beneficial.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, that the Vehicle Maintenance and Replacement Plan set forth in this Resolution is hereby adopted as a Resolution to guide the current and future Councils on the policy, which the Governing Body believes will be predictable for the Department of Public Works and result in the Department of Public Works having reliable vehicles to perform their essential functions.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a meeting of said Governing Body held on August 20, 2019.

  
Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
JOSEPH LIMON	X			
JOHN POSTAS	X			
STEPHEN SKELLENGER	X			
GILBERT SNYDER	X			
GLENN SOULES	X			
STEPHAN ZYDON JR.	X			
MAYOR GIORDANO (Tie Only)				