

Request for Approval – Purchase of Welder

Town of Worthington -Highway Department

Overview

The Worthington Highway Department is seeking approval to purchase a new welder in the amount of **\$5,000**. This equipment is essential to maintaining and repairing town-owned machinery efficiently, safely, and cost-effectively.

Why This Purchase is Needed

The department's current welder is over 20 years old. While it is still operational, it no longer meets the demands of daily use. It is inefficient, requires more labor time, and limits the quality and scope of repairs that can be completed in-house. Replacing it now is a proactive step to ensure continued reliability of our equipment and services.

What This Welder Will Do

A new welder will allow the Highway Department to:

- Repair cracks, breaks, and wear on critical equipment
- Fabricate and reinforce metal components such as brackets and supports
- Maintain plows, mower decks, buckets, and other steel attachments
- Extend the lifespan of existing machinery through timely repairs
- Reduce reliance on outside repair services



Benefits to the Town

- **Increased Efficiency:** Faster, higher-quality repairs reduce labor time
- **Reduced Downtime:** Equipment stays in service and available when needed
- **Cost Savings:** Less outsourcing of repairs and extended equipment life
- **Improved Safety:** Properly maintained and reinforced equipment reduces risk
- **Long-Term Investment:** Similar to the current unit, which has served the town for over two decades

Cost

Total purchase cost: **\$5,000**

Conclusion

This request represents a practical and responsible investment in the Town's infrastructure. A new welder will improve operational efficiency, reduce long-term costs, and support the Highway Department's ability to serve the community effectively.

Recommendation: Approval is respectfully requested.

