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## Memorandum

Date: February 9, 2021

To: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu  
Board of Public Works

From: Raymond A Rogozinski, P.E., Public Works Director

Re: **DPW Rubbish Truck Accident – Tip Over / Insurance Claim Update**

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As previously reported on November 5, 2020 a DPW automated rubbish truck carrying yard waste tipped over while unloading at the transfer station/landfill. The driver was not injured, however the truck is estimated to be total loss. Based on the attached, the City's insurance carrier Argo Group has valued the totaled rubbish truck at \$105,899. DPW has investigated the truck value including contacting our current truck supplier/vendor and is agreement with the proposed value and is therefore proceeding with the process to accept payment from the insurance company.

As indicated in my December 8, 2021 correspondence to the Board the \$105,899 payment is consistent with DPW estimated truck value. The Department received Board of Finance funding approval to purchase a new vehicle subject to compensation from our insurance provider, therefore DPW is proceeding with the purchase of a new peterbilt rubbish truck utilizing an existing bid in the amount of \$288,000.

The insurance company did investigate the cause of the incident and determined that it was not operator error. Although they did not provide a definitive cause of the incident they did indicate that a potential factor was unloading the truck on non-level ground. As previously indicated DPW currently has a truck identified as R7 that is an exact duplicate of the truck that flipped over. Since the incident DPW has taken Truck R7 out of service, however based on the findings of the investigation the truck will be returned to service subject to operating on level ground. The truck will be limited to unloading at Covanta or the DPW recycling building and will not be allowed to unload at the landfill until a level area is constructed and designated.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns at 860-584-6113.