



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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**Agenda Item:** Asphalt Roller Trade-in Discussion

**Explanation:** The asphalt roller is an important piece of equipment that is utilized by City Crews to complete asphalt repairs and to pave new alleys/roads. Over the past two years, the roller has been having mechanical issues that have not been resolved. The repair shop has not been able to troubleshoot the issue that caused the roller to shut off during use. The fact that it has been in for the same issue multiple times makes it difficult to rely on. This makes planning larger projects or repairs a challenge, knowing the roller may stop working in the middle of a project.

Timeline of repairs over the past two seasons

**2022**

Sent in for repairs in June.

Returned in October, after 4 months in a repair shop. It was put away for the season.

**2023**

First time using the roller it shut down.

Sent in for repairs May 5<sup>th</sup>

Returned on May 16<sup>th</sup>

Second time using the roller it shut down.

Sent in for repairs May 23<sup>rd</sup> and still not fixed.

**Fiscal Impact:** TBD

**Staff's Recommendation:** Staff recommends looking at replacing the roller. It is a vital piece of equipment that is used every year for asphalt repairs. Currently the roller has spent almost two seasons being worked on and not being utilized by the Street Department.

**Action Requested:** Committee Discussion and Direction.