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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Mark D. Boughton via the Common Council

FROM: David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance *DSt*

DATE: January 27, 2009

CERTIFICATION #5

SUBJECT: Certification of Funds – Snow and Ice Removal

Pursuant to the attached request, I hereby certify the availability of \$234,000 to be transferred into the following line items:

3003.5030 Overtime Salaries	\$ 19,000
3003.5630 Ice Control Materials	\$160,000
3020.5030 Overtime Salaries	\$ 5,000
3020.5506 Maintain Auto. Equip.	\$ 15,000
3020.5512 Maintain Spreaders/Plow	\$ 10,000
3020.5621 Lubrication Materials	\$ 15,000
3020.5622 Tires	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total	\$234,000

The appropriation will come from the City's Contingency Account.

The status of the Contingency Account is as follows:

Budgeted Contingency:	\$500,000
Previous Requests:	\$160,805
This Request	<u>- 234,000</u>
Balance in Contingency:	\$105,195

Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

CITY OF DANBURY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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MAYOR
Honorable Mark D. Boughton

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Antonio Iadarola, P.E.

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 27, 2009

To: Members of the Danbury Common Council
Mayor Mark D. Boughton
David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Antonio Iadarola".

From: Antonio Iadarola, P.E., Director of Public Works

Re: Additional Appropriation for Snow and Ice Removal
And Vehicle Maintenance

The Public Works Department Budget has been impacted severely, early in the season, by the number of storms that we have had to respond to and the price increase for snow and ice control materials that we have had to absorb. In addition, due to the lack of salt available at this time, we are paying a premium to keep enough material available for future storms.

As you know, snow removal and ice control is an incredible team effort that includes the Vehicle Maintenance Division, Highway Division, Park Maintenance Division, Building Maintenance Division and sometimes the Public Utilities Division. We maintain approximately 240 miles of roads, all of the 34 public school parking lots and all of the high school sidewalks, all of the 18 public building parking lots, parking garage sidewalks and the train station sidewalks. We also maintain some state roads including Main Street, North Main Street, the upper portion of South Street and all of the crosswalks on these state roads.

To date, we have had 12 storms containing a considerable amount of ice, and another significant storm is predicted on Wednesday, January 28th. We typically budget based on a season having 12 average storms. Budgetarily, we have come to the end of our season. Unfortunately, there still remains 2½ months of winter. At this point, we have completely depleted our snow and ice control materials.

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Our funds were impacted early in the season by an industry wide increase in the price of salt. This drastically reduced our purchasing power. Since we have purchased our allocated volume from our vendor, we are now forced, like many municipalities, to find more salt in an arena of extreme shortage of supply. The only supplier that has been responsive is located in Boston and originally wanted over \$92.00 per ton for salt delivery. We have negotiated this price to \$90.90 per ton. Last year we paid \$56.05 per ton for salt. This constitutes a 62% increase in price.

We are therefore requesting an additional appropriation of \$179,000 in the following line items:

- 3003.5030 Overtime Salaries- an additional \$19,000
- 3003.5630 Ice Control Materials- an additional \$160,000

Our vehicle maintenance accounts have also reached a critical low. The Equipment Maintenance Division, which is responsible for providing the manpower and funds to repair the entire City fleet of equipment and vehicles, needs \$55,000. This will allow us to finish the fiscal year and complete the fleet repairs required to start the vast number of programs that the Public Works Department performs in the spring and to keep our fleet ready for snow and ice control. Our plows and frames have taken a beating due to the number of storms which required snowplowing.

In addition, the Equipment Maintenance Division continues to provide maintenance for the entire police fleet. This work continues to have a tremendous impact on our budget.

The Equipment Maintenance Division has completely depleted their inventory of tires due to the fact that tire prices continue to increase extensively, and allocated funds have only allowed us to purchase a portion of what we typically need for one year. Since our fleet and the police vehicles are operating in poor weather conditions, good tires are a critical safety item that must be closely monitored.

The \$55,000 total request is required in the following line items:

- 3020.5506- Maintain Automotive Equipment requires an additional \$15,000
- 3020.5622- Tires requires an additional \$10,000
- 3020.5621- Lubrication requires an additional \$15,000
- 3020.5512- Maintain spreaders and plows requires \$10,000
- 3020.5030- Overtime salaries requires \$5,000

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Cc: Duke Hart, Superintendent of Public Services