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WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.  
MAYOR

February 9, 1989

Wallingford Town Council  
Wallingford, Connecticut

Attention: Mr. Albert E. Killen, Jr., Chairman

Dear Council Members:

We are requesting the appropriation of 1.9 million dollars for major municipal improvements and purchase of needed equipment. The municipal improvements including rebuilding of Parker Farms Road, including portions of Cheshire Road and Schoolhouse Road, resurfacing of South Main Street from Prince Street to South Elm Street, repair and resurfacing of Oak Street from North Colony Road to Oak Street bridge. In addition, money is requested for the Simpson Court and South Main Street area for widening, traffic light replacement and repositioning, and installation of period lighting, brick accenting of sidewalks and relandscaping of the median strip as a continuation of the railroad green project. The community needs to have our continued investment in the downtown.

The equipment needs affect the Public Works Department and the Fire Department. The Public Works Department has one snow plow truck which is 17 years old and eight snow plow trucks which are 15 years old. Two trucks will be replaced by new trucks currently on order. However, we still have seven trucks which are 15 years old, manufactured by Diamond Reo. Diamond Reo is no longer an operating business and obtaining replacement parts is very difficult. We need to have dependable equipment for maintaining the safety of our highways.

The Fire Department needs to replace an ambulance. Our two ambulances respond more frequently than other apparatus to emergency calls. One ambulance is a 1985 and the other a 1987 year vehicle. We are required to maintain two ambulances, one for backup, in order to comply with state regulations governing paramedic service.

In previous budgets the Volunteer Fire Companies have requested a smaller pumper for brush fires, medical emergencies, automobile accidents and other situations not requiring a large pumper. We must continue to provide fire fighting equipment designed for the ever-changing needs of the community.

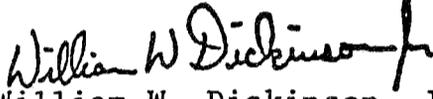
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Thank you for your review of this matter. None of the above items are unnecessary or frivolous. If we fail to invest in these items now, the community will only have to invest larger sums at some future date.

Sincerely,

  
William W. Dickinson, Jr.  
Mayor

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Atts.