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Project Details: 110' x 100' Steel Frame, Energy Efficient Structure to accommodate a total of 10 Town and Village trucks.

Why do we need a new facility?

- 1996 Town/Village Consolidation of Highway Services brought all Village fleet under existing Town Barn cold storage areas without any building expansions or improvements
- Trucks have grown in size since two primary storage buildings were constructed in 1940 and 1975
- Current Truck Barn undersized with 6 trucks jammed in 5 truck bays
- Entire 10-truck fleet is stored in 3 different cold storage buildings
- All truck block heaters plugged in all night long, which is leading cause of catastrophic highway facility fires
- At \$150-200K per truck, we need to insure and better protect our nearly \$2M truck fleet

Why do you need equipment inside a heated facility? What are the benefits?

- SAFETY - Trucks need to be clean and dry for daily pre-trip inspections every morning particularly during winter plowing operations
- Prolonged life of the Town/Village truck fleet including decreased equipment repair costs, lower equipment depreciation and increased re-sale value
- Less overtime starting trucks in the early winter mornings and less equipment hours on the trucks keeping them running during cold winter snow removal efforts

How much does it cost? How much will it cost me?

- The project budget is \$760,000.00 (anything over \$500k requires a vote)
- The Town has over 50% of the funding, \$369,000, ear-marked for the project
- The Town is proposing to bond \$391,000 over 5-years at <3% interest rate
- The 2018 Preliminary Town Budget accommodates the project and stays within the Tax Cap

What if nothing is done?

- Our 2016 Labella Associates – Building Condition Survey recommends over \$1.4M in necessary improvements on the entire Highway grounds, nearly \$300K of this includes the Truck Barn

How does it compare to what we have now?

- Our existing barn is 60' x 100' with 6 bays, 6000 SF. The proposed facility would be 11,000 SF

How does it compare to other communities?

- Palmyra Hwy is the only community in all of Wayne County without heated Truck barn space!