

October 9, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-95

**RESOLUTION BY THE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
ACCEPTING A DISCRETIONARY MAINTENANCE GRANT FROM THE STATE OF
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE
PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATIC SALT BRINE PRODUCTION
UNIT**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the acceptance of a discretionary maintenance grant in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the acquisition of an automatic salt brine production unit is authorized and approved pursuant to the terms and conditions of the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the Purchasing Department is authorized to waive any bidding requirements and to purchase one state specified HCSB 1400-SS automatic salt brine production unit for the Department of Public Works to be used for winter highway maintenance traffic control operations at a price not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to make water and electrical connections and in any way install such equipment at the county highway maintenance facilities at Ives Grove

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County Board Chairman, the County Clerk and/or the County Executive are authorized to sign any necessary contracts, agreements or other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

**PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES
COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Gilbert Bakke, Chairman

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Daniel F. Sharkozy, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3's M.E.

Mike Dawson, Secretary

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6 Prepared by:
7 Corporation Counsel

Robert D. Grove

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Diane Lange

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19 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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21 **WHEREAS**, highway maintenance and traffic incidents on I-94 and other major
22 state and county highways caused by winter weather incidents can cause significant
23 traffic delays and hazards and put the highway maintenance workers, law enforcement
24 officers and rescue responders at risk; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works currently uses liquid calcium and
27 magnesium chlorides for anti-icing and de-icing on highway maintenance operations;
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30 **WHEREAS**, salt brine has been shown to be, under certain conditions, a cost-
31 effective substitution for calcium chloride and magnesium chloride used for de-icing and
32 anti-icing operations; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation has
35 acknowledged the highway safety benefits of de-icing, anti-icing and of portable
36 changeable message boards and has selected and bid a model appropriate for use on
37 state and county highways; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation has selected
40 Racine County as a recipient of a discretionary maintenance grant for the procurement
41 of an automatic salt brine production unit.

EXHIBIT "A"

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE	TRANSFER	BUDGET AFTER TRANSFER	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER
State Discretionary Revenue	642000.3105	0	0	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)
					0	0
					0	0
	TOTAL SOURCES			(25,000)		
State Discretionary Salt Brine Production Unit	642000.7120	0	0	25,000	25,000	25,000
	TOTAL USES			25,000		
				0		

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

After reviewing the Resolution/Ordinance and fiscal information supplied, your Finance Committee recommends FOR--AGAINST adoption.

REASONS

FOR	AGAINST