

To: President and Members of Town Council

From: Staff of Public Works

Meeting: September 15, 2025

Re: Resolution 2156: Road Salt Purchase (2025-2026 Snow Season)

Background

The Town of Munster has participated in the joint purchasing of road salt with the State of Indiana Department of Administration since 2009. For the forthcoming 2025-2026 snow season, Towns had to commit to a volume of salt online at the State's web-based tool www.OneIndiana.net. Each year's salt demand is estimated based on current usage, salt inventory and future weather trends. A commitment was made on July 14, 2025, for 2,500 tons of treated salt for a price of \$222,275. Any unanticipated salt demand over our maximum allowed contract purchase would be bought at market price at that time.

Our starting inventory for next year's season will be full salt dome capacity, 3,445-ton maximum capacity. This purchase allows us ample supply for a severe snow season in 2025 - 2026.

Funding

The Road Salt line item for purchase of treated salt is 2202-30801-62329.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 2156 as presented authorizing, the Council President and the Director of Operations to purchase 2,500 tons of treated salt from the awarded State Contractor through the 2025-2026 State Joint Purchasing Program Bid on Road Salt for INDOT LaPorte District #40.