

# Town of Verona Public Works Staff Would Like You To Know!

## Trash and Recycling Cart Replacement

It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the trash and recycling carts. The carts were purchased with tax dollars, but individuals will be charged when they are damaged. Here are some frequently asked questions and their answers explaining why:

#### Why should I pay for Town property?

The Town of Verona purchased all of the trash and recycling carts currently in use. To encourage people to take care of the carts and to limit Town expenses, residents are asked to pay for the carts when they are destroyed. The cost of the carts is \$150. Replacement wheels are provided at no cost.

#### What are the trash fees on my tax bill if I have to pay for replacement?

Currently residents are charged two fees related to trash/recycling: \$145 is charged to pay for the trash and recycling service, and a \$7 fee is charged for the ultimate replacement of the carts in the Township once the carts have reached their life expectancy.

### How will the \$7 fee buy a new trash cart?

In recent years the Town Board has opted to escrow funds for the future purchase of carts when the existing ones wear out. The cost to buy all new trash carts is expected to be more than \$200,000. Each year the Town Board puts approximately \$5,000 away to reach that amount. That \$5,000 is generated by the \$7 fee.

What if a plow hits my cart? The Town will cover the cost of a cart if it is destroyed by a snow plow, but documentation of the incident will be required.