



**City Council
AGENDA**

Monday, June 1, 2026 - 6:20 PM

Regular Meeting
Agawam Senior Center
954 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Minutes dated May 18, 2026
- B. Agenda Items
 - 1) **TO-2026-10** - Budgetary Transfer of \$50,000.00 from Reserve Fund (#16605-57300) to Electricity/Heat (#11922-52110)
 - 2) **TO-2026-11** - Budgetary Transfer of \$171,000.00 from Reserve Fund (#16605-57300) to Solar Purchase (#11922-52111)
 - 3) **TO-2026-12** - Budgetary Transfer of \$13,906.00 from Regular Temporary (#11611- 51020) to Postage and Printing (#16602-52250)
- C. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee
- D. Adjournment

BUDGETARY TRANSFER FORM

Department: Building Maintenance

Amount: \$50,000.00

Date: May 13, 2026

From Reserve Fund 16605-57300
Title of Account Account Number

To: Electricity/Heat 11922-52110
Title of Account Account Number

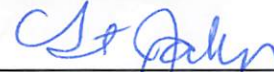
Reason for Transfer: This budgetary transfer is necessary to cover a shortage in the Electricity/Heat account (11922-52110). The shortfall was caused by an unprecedented cold winter that significantly increased energy usage across our facilities.



Brian Pagella, Facilities Director

I hereby certify that funds are available to make the above-stated transfer.

Date: 5-14-26



Cheryl St. John, Auditor

I hereby approve placement of the above-stated transfer on the Council agenda.

Date: May 13, 2026



Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor

Approved as to form and legality.

Date: 5-14-26



Christopher S. Cappucci, Solicitor

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL – APPROVED ON _____, 2026

Date: _____

Anthony J. Russo, President

APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION: Pursuant to Section 3-6 of the Agawam Home Rule Charter, I hereby approve the Council passage of the above-stated transfer.

Date: _____

Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor

DISAPPROVAL OF LEGISLATION: Pursuant to Section 3-6 of the Agawam Home Rule Charter, I hereby disapprove the Council passage of the above-stated transfer.

Date: _____

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BUDGETARY TRANSFER FORM

Department: Building Maintenance


Amount: \$171,000.00

Date: May 13, 2026

From Reserve Fund 16605-57300
Title of Account Account Number

To: Solar Purchase 11922-52111
Title of Account Account Number

Reason for Transfer: This budgetary transfer is required to cover a shortage in the Solar Purchase account (11920-48413). As an off-taker on two solar arrays, the Town of Agawam receives 15% revenue on solar energy produced at these array locations.



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Town of Agawam

Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor
36 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Telephone: 413-786-0400 | 413-786-4520

Memorandum

To: Agawam City Council
From: Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor
Re: TO-2026-11 (Solar Purchase Transfer)
Date: May 14, 2026

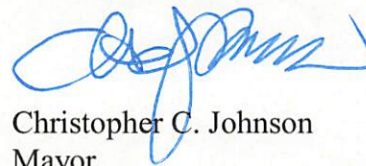
A number of years ago, the town contracted to be an off-taker from two solar array projects in Massachusetts. An off-taker agrees to purchase the electric output or a portion of the output from a solar array project. Agawam is the sole off-taker from one solar array project and is a partial off-taker (with the Town of Longmeadow) from another solar array project.

Under its original form, the town would purchase the electric output from the arrays at a rate equal to 85% of the current utility rate, and then receive a bill credit equal to 100% of the current utility rate. The net effect is that the town earns 15% on the process. The form changed last year when the state allowed municipal off-takers to receive cash payments instead of bill credits. The town now purchases the output from the solar arrays at a cost equal to 85% of the current utility rate and then receives cash payments equal to 100% of the current utility rate.

The income from the arrays appears in the Local Receipts section of the annual operating budget, and the cost to purchase the output is an expense in the Building Maintenance Department cost center. The income and expense are based on average performance from the arrays. This year, the arrays outperformed recent averages, and additional funds (\$171,000.00) are needed to purchase the output. Please note that the town has and will receive more revenue from the arrays than originally estimated.

The bottom line is that the town makes money as a result of its contract to purchase the electric output from the two solar arrays. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Christopher C. Johnson
Mayor

BUDGETARY TRANSFER FORM

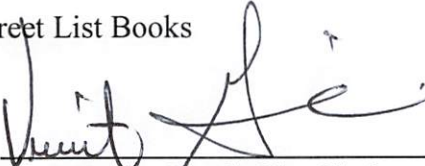
Department: Clerk's Office

Amount: \$ 13,906.00 Date: May 14, 2026

From Regular Temporary 11611-51020
Title of Account Account Number

To Postage & Printing 16602-52250
Title of Account Account Number

Reason for Transfer: Voter Notice Cards & Printing Street List Books


Department Head, City Clerk


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