



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**A Resolution Approving the Renewal of an Independent Contractor Agreement with A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2020 Parkway Tree Removal Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution**

### **Overview**

In December 2017 the Village Board approved entering into an Independent Contractor Agreement with A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for FY2018 Parkway Tree Removal Services. The Agreement provides for two possible renewals. It is proposed to exercise the second of the two possible renewals with A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for FY2020 Parkway Tree Removal Services.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the Resolution.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The proposed FY2020 budget recommends a total of \$200,000.00 for Parkway Tree Removal and \$50,000.00 for Storm Clean-up in the General Fund, External Support account no. 1001-43800-741-530667.

A total of \$150,000.00 from this account is proposed to be awarded to A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for these services. An agreement with another tree removal contractor is proposed under another agenda item.

### **Background**

In September 2017 Village staff requested bids for three separate FY2018 tree maintenance contracts under a "Comprehensive Tree Maintenance Bid" for services in 2018. A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. of Riverside, IL was approved as one of the low responsive bidders for one of the contracts, Parkway Tree Removal Services.

The Village has over 18,000 public trees on parkways and in other public spaces. Each year a portion of those trees need to be removed due to disease (Dutch elm disease), insect infestation (Emerald ash borer), storm damage and senescence. The Village contracts for these services through a year-long contract that invoices at different rates depending on the season. Tree removal contractors are also called on to provide emergency services such as storm damage clean-up and emergency tree removal.

Experience over the last several years has determined that a single contractor can have difficulty keeping pace with removals and storm damage demands, especially if weather conditions for the season are severe. Staff has started the practice of contracting with multiple contractors for removal contracts to assure removal within a timely manner and meeting the goals before the end of the contract period.

The Public Works Department recommends contracting with two contractors for parkway tree removal and emergency services. Services will be rendered and paid for based on the appropriate seasonal rate group. A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. has completed this work for the Village in a professional manner and is recommended to continue to provide the Village this service. The contract for the other contractor, Dave Tree Care and Landscape, Inc., is under a separate agenda item.

### **Alternatives**

The Board can delay action to gain additional information.

### **Previous Board Action**

The Village Board approved funding for the program as part of the FY2019 budget and has approved tree removal contractor agreements annually.

### **Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

N/A.

### **Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

It is anticipated that the Public Works Department will be bringing this agreement to the Village Board annually.

### **Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

None at this time