

# Village of Oak Park

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## Agenda Item Summary

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## **Agenda Item Title**

A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Recycling and Landscape Waste Collection Agreement with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. to Reduce the Village's Fall Leaf Collection Program from Eight Weeks to Six Weeks Beginning in the Fall of Fiscal Year 2020 and Authorizing its Execution

#### Overview

At the August 3, 2020 Village Board Meeting the Board affirmed reducing the fall leaf collection program from eight weeks to six weeks in an effort to reduce costs. To complete the process, approval of the Resolution and amended Waste Management Agreement are required.

#### Recommendation

Approve the Resolution.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The Fiscal Year 2020 Environmental Services Leaf General Contractual account 5055-43760-764-530660 provides funds totaling \$219,000.00. The amended six week leaf collection program would reduce the expenditure to \$189,577.00. The contractual savings for the amended six week collection program results in \$29,423.00.

#### **Background**

Since 1994, the Fall Leaf Collection Program has been provided as a joint operation between the Public Works Department and the refuse contractor (Waste Management). Prior to 1994, the Fall Leaf Program was performed entirely by the Public Works Department.

The Fall Leaf Collection Program runs for an eight week period, typically beginning in the third week of October and ending two weeks into December. The Village collection route is divided into 4 sections that are labeled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Fridays are used for the Washington Boulevard corridor and as a "catch up" day in the event that crews were unable to complete a section due to heavy leaf volume.

Residents rake leaves into the street and then Public Works staff push the leaves into large piles at the end of the block. The Village's contractor then removes the piles and takes them to their composting facility. The process for collection includes three Street Division staff working nights (11pm - 11am) to push leaves to the

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end of the block. The refuse contractor utilizes a minimum of three crews (minimum of three people per crew) to collect the leaf piles.

Waste management has confirmed that reducing the program from eight weeks to six weeks will result in a savings of \$29,423.00.

## **Alternatives**

The Village Board could delay action to gain additional information.

#### **Previous Board Action**

The Village Board affirmed reducing the fall leaf collection program from eight weeks to six weeks at the August 3, 2020 Village Board Meeting.

## **Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

N/A.

## **Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

If successful, Public Works staff will propose a six week fall leaf collection program for Fiscal Year 2021.

## **Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

There are no opportunities for Intergovernmental cooperation with this action.