



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**A Resolution Approving a Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement with A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for Village Wide Parkway Tree Removal and Stumping Services in an Amount Not to exceed \$270,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution**

### **Overview**

The Public Works Department is responsible for Parkway Tree Removal and Stumping. To assist in this effort, a contractor is utilized. A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc performed this work over the last year after a competitive bidding process. The Agreement provides for two possible one (1) year renewals. It is proposed to exercise the first of the two possible renewals with A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2022 Parkway Tree Removal and Stumping Services.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the Resolution.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The proposed Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund budget includes \$150,000.00 to perform Parkway Tree Removal, \$50,000.00 to perform Storm Clean-up, and \$120,000.00 to perform Parkway Tree Stumping in the General Fund, Forestry Division External Support account no., 1001-43800-741-530667.

A total of \$270,000.00 (\$125,000.00 for Parkway Tree Removal, \$25,000.00 for Storm Clean-up, and \$120,000.00 for Parkway Tree Stumping) from this account is proposed to be awarded to A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. A renewal agreement with another tree removal and pruning contractor is proposed under another agenda item to utilize the remainder of these funds.

### **Background**

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 and the stumps ground out 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. Tree removal contractors are also called on to provide emergency services such as storm damage clean-up and emergency tree removal.

In September 2020 Village staff requested bids for three separate tree maintenance services (pruning,

removal, and stumping) under a “Comprehensive Tree Maintenance Bid”. A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. of Riverside, IL was approved as one of the low responsive bidders for Parkway Tree Removal and Stumping Services.

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.

Staff recommend renewing the agreement with our two current contractors for parkway tree removal, stump removal, cycle pruning and emergency services. 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, Davis 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 has approved this contractor’s work renewals for this type of work annually in the past.

### **Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

N/A.

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

It is anticipated that the Public Works Department will continue to request Village Board approval for contracts for parkway tree removal and stumping services in the future.

### **Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

None at the time.