



Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date:	2/23/2026
Submitter:	Gary Richardson Director of Public Works
Department:	Public Works
Agenda Item:	Approval of the purchase of a new new Morbark BVR16 Brush Chipper in the amount of \$79,324.70

Summary:

The Public Works Department is requesting approval to purchase a new Morbark BVR16 Brush Chipper, as detailed in the attached quote. Our current chipper, which is still in operation, was manufactured in 1992. At 34 years old, it has surpassed its expected service life and increasingly poses maintenance challenges, operational delays, and safety concerns. Given our year-round demand for chipping operations, reliable equipment is essential for both productivity and crew safety.

The proposed Morbark BVR16 model includes significant modern safety improvements, including:

- Electronic three-position control bar for improved operator control.
- Dual horizontal feed wheels with hydraulic lift assist, improving stability and reducing operator strain.
- Chipper operator safety shield (dealer-added), providing added protection at the infeed area.
- Gauge panel mounted on the side of the infeed, allowing safer visibility and operation.

These upgrades represent substantial advancements over our current 1992 unit and directly support the City's commitment to a safe working environment for employees.

We are requesting approval to complete this purchase within the current fiscal year to meet both current and future operational needs. A dependable and modern chipper is critical to maintaining efficiency and ensuring uninterrupted Public Works operations.

Recommended Council Action:

Approve the purchase of a new Morbark BVR16 Brush Chipper in the amount of \$79,324.70.

Funding Source: Funding for this purchase is available within Fund 11, specifically:11-00-7304 – \$100,000 budgeted

Attachments:

Quote for one (1) new Morbark BVR16 Brush Chipper.