

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: December 9, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

Topic: Purchase Approval/ Public Works Truck Replacement/ Ford Utility Interceptor (Director's Vehicle)

PURPOSE

Staff is requesting that the Board approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Utility Interceptor through Currie Motors Fleet of Frankfort, IL. This purchase includes all necessary equipment and upfitting for a total purchase price of \$54,821. Staff is also requesting that the Board waive competitive bidding due to purchasing through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC). Utilizing the SPC ensures the Village benefits from pre-negotiated competitive pricing, meets procurement compliance standards, and streamlines acquisition for critical fleet replacements.

PROCESS

The Village of Homewood conducts an annual evaluation of its fleet to identify equipment that has reached the end of its useful life. This assessment follows industry-recognized guidance from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Fleet Management Practices, which consider age, mileage, condition, reliability, maintenance history and cost, and projected lifecycle value.

Truck #20 is a White 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe mostly used by the Public Works Director. The nine (9) year old vehicle has served the Village well with 85,000 miles. The vehicle was scheduled for replacement in 2024, but due to other critical fleet needs that year, its replacement was deferred and subsequently scheduled for replacement in 2025.

Deferred Replacement – A Balancing Act

While deferred vehicle replacement is sometimes necessary, postponing the replacement of aging fleet vehicles with high mileage can adversely affect the vehicles replacement value. Also important, older and high mileage vehicles often experience increased repair frequency, escalating maintenance costs, and longer periods of downtime—placing additional strain on staff and disrupting service delivery. Vehicle replacement is a balancing act of metrics: Maximize the use of the vehicle and keep the vehicle in relatively good shape so that at the point of scheduled replacement there is still some value in the vehicle. Staff mechanics firmly concur that Truck #20 is at the point where continued ownership and additional mileage will increase maintenance cost and lower its auction value.

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Replacement Vehicle

The Ford Utility Interceptor was selected as the replacement because it aligns with the Village's standardized vehicle platform. Standardization improves operational efficiency, strengthens parts commonality, simplifies maintenance, and ensures that lighting, communications, and safety equipment integrate consistently across Public Works Administration, Engineering, and Supervisor units.

This procurement will maintain complete compatibility with existing fleet systems and other standardized vehicle components which are already in use throughout the Public Works fleet.

Staff conducted market research and determined that the requested Ford Utility Interceptor is available immediately from Currie Motors Fleet and can be purchased through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative. This option provides a cost-effective, ready-to-deploy vehicle that matches Homewood's existing fleet specifications and adheres to current operational and safety standards. For clarification purposes, the vehicle will be similar to the photo below. (The photo on the proposal shows additional upfitting for a police vehicle.)



Vehicle	Purchase Price	Equipment	Upfitting	Total Cost
#20	\$45,321	\$6,000	\$3,500	\$54,821

Delaying replacement would continue to increase maintenance costs and diminish the resale value of the existing unit. Industry fleet standards show that as vehicles pass their optimal lifecycle window, the Village not only incurs higher repair and downtime costs but also loses the opportunity to recover reasonable resale proceeds. By replacing vehicles at the appropriate point in their lifecycle, the Village maximizes return on investment while ensuring staff has reliable, safe, and consistent equipment.

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OUTCOME

Replacing the current unit now will reduce downtime, lower ongoing maintenance costs, and enhance operational readiness. Maintaining a standardized fleet also supports long-term cost savings through improved training consistency, reduced parts variability, and streamlined emergency response capabilities.

Upon Board approval of this purchase, Public Works will prepare the existing vehicle for auction or sale and will bring an ordinance declaring it as surplus property to a future Board meeting for approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** General Capital (50%) and Water Sewer Capital (50%)
- **Budgeted Amount:** General Capital - \$750,000 and Water Sewer Capital - \$303,000
- **Cost:** \$54,821

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Waive competitive bidding due to participation in a cooperative purchasing program; and, approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Utility Interceptor from Currie Motors Fleet of Frankfort, IL, through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative in the amount of \$45,321, and additional equipment and upfitting costs of \$9,500, for a total amount of \$54,821.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 2024 Vehicle Evaluation Form
- 2024 Equipment Replacement Justification Form
- Proposal from Currie Motors