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BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: October 24, 2023

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: John D. Schaefer, Director of Public Works

Topic: Budget Amendment - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

PURPOSE

Public Works is requesting the Village Board to consider a budget amendment, approving funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to be allocated to the following projects:

- **Downtown Tree Grate Replacement:** \$31,000
- **Fire Department Brick Landscape:** \$15,000
- **Harwood Metra Lot Improvements (Porous Pave):** \$12,500
- **Village-Wide Street Patching (Phase Two):** \$13,000

PROCESS

- **Downtown Tree Grate Replacement:** This project will replace the current concrete/steel tree rings. Over the years, tree roots have raised the grates creating tripping hazards. This will be a multi-year project to address all tree grate replacements. The grates along Harwood Avenue were completed this summer using a combination of a contractual vendor and in-house Public Works labor. Public Works is requesting a budget amendment approving funds from ARPA to pay for contractual services and material in the amount of \$31,000.
- **Fire Department Brick Landscape:** This project will replace the current sod area in the front of the Fire Department Memorial with brick pavers similar to the Police Department's frontage. This paver install will remove the need for repeated replacement of sod as a result of damage from snow and salt being piled in this area during snow removal operations. Public Works is requesting a budget amendment approving funds from ARPA for contractual services and material in the amount of \$15,000.

Harwood Metra Lot Improvements (Porous Pave): In August, the Village Board approved a request to use ARPA funding (\$21,880) to install a curb in the Harwood Metra parking lot from the entrance at Ridge Road and Harwood Avenue to the exit at Elm Road and Harwood Avenue. The reason for installing this curb was to prevent cars from pulling forward across the removed vegetation area directly onto Harwood Avenue. The curb also forces drivers to use the exit at Elm Road and

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Harwood Avenue. This first phase of landscape improvements on the west side of Harwood Avenue from Ridge Road to Elm Road has been completed.

The second phase of this project will install the new Porous Pave material between the newly installed curb in the parking lot and the existing curb along Harwood Avenue. The Porous Pave material will provide a finished look of mulch, but will be maintenance free, preventing the growth of weeds and the loss of mulch floating away during heavy rain storms. The Porous Pave installation will reduce stormwater runoff by allowing rain water to flow through the material and penetrate into the soil below. Public Works will also be able to make repairs and adjustments easily if necessary. Public Works is requesting a budget amendment approving ARPA funds for Porous Pave material in the amount of \$12,500. This purchase and subsequent work would complete the Harwood Metra Lot improvements.

Village-wide Street Patching (Phase Two): The Public Works Engineering Division selected patch locations of deteriorated asphalt pavement on various residential streets throughout the Village for a second phase of the pavement patching program. After proper advertising, bids were opened and read aloud at Public Works on October 2, 2023. The result of the lowest bid was higher than our IDOT/MFT estimate. IDOT will approve the use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds up to 25% over the estimate.

Public Works is requesting a budget amendment approving ARPA funds for payment of contractual services and material in the amount of \$13,000 to be added to the 2023-24 General Maintenance Pavement Patching Program Phase Two. Cost for the Harwood Metra Lot Curb Installation came in under cost. \$13,000 from the Metra Lot Curb Installation project will be reallocated to allow the Village to complete the second phase of the pavement patching program.

Bid results:

M&J Asphalt Paving Company:	\$492,000
Gallagher Asphalt Corporation:	\$419,250
D Construction, Inc.:	\$420,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** ARPA Funding
- **Total ARPA Budget Amendment Request :** \$71,500 for four projects

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

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RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Approve a budget amendment allocating ARPA funds for the following projects:

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- Fire Department Brick Landscape: \$15,000
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- Village-wide Street Patching (Phase Two): \$13,000

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Patching Program Map
- ARPA Expenditure Summary