

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: October 22, 2024

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

Topic: Purchase Approval - Public Works Towable Generator Replacement

PURPOSE

Staff is requesting the Board approve the purchase of a 100kw Kohler towable generator and power distribution accessories to replace the 1984 ONAN 30kw towable generator unit. The purchase will be financed through the five-year lease agreement that was approved by the Board of Trustees at the October 8, 2024 meeting.

PROCESS

At the September 10, 2024 Board meeting, the Board approved the purchase of a 100kW Kohler towable generator and power distribution accessories for \$82,759 and funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This purchase replaced a unit that had been in service for 41 years. Another generator remains in the fleet, is also 41 years old, and faces similar issues such as the unavailability of parts. Staff has determined that adding another 100kW Kohler towable generator equipment would be advantageous as the department works to standardize Village equipment.

Having two fully operational generators will eliminate the need for the Village to rent equipment during emergencies, as well as for festivals and civic events. Staff conducted an analysis of rental costs and concluded that owning a generator would be more beneficial for the Village's operations.

Initially, during the budget process, approval was granted to finance a plow truck through a five-year lease, with the annual lease payment allocated in the General Fund. However, since the plow truck was not immediately available, six other vehicles were identified for replacement and introduced to the Board during the October 8, 2024 Village Board meeting, when the 2024 leasing program received approval. The towable generator was included among the vehicles slated for replacement and financing.

The generator that was approved on September 10, 2024, was purchased from Buckeye Power Sales in Romeoville, IL, leveraging a cooperative purchasing contract with Sourcewell and selecting Buckeye Power due to their status as a regional vendor for Kohler. This decision was made to ensure consistency and cost effectiveness in our procurement process. Staff now

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requests approval to purchase an additional 100kw Kohler towable generator from Buckeye Power Sales of Romeoville, IL in the total of \$82,759.



New 100kw Kohler towable generator



Old 1984 ONAN 30kw towable generator

OUTCOME

The generator will be used to provide emergency power supply during outages at our water pumping stations and lift stations to ensure that service to residents will go uninterrupted. Staff also has plans to provide power during Village festivals using Village equipment instead of costly rentals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** Five-Year Lease Agreement through BMO Harris Bank
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$80,000 in General Fund – annual lease payment covering the purchase of six (6) Public Works vehicles/equipment
- **Cost:** \$82,759.00 to be financed over a five-year period through a lease agreement

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Waive competitive bidding due to Buckeye Power Sales being the local Kohler Power Systems vendor; and, approve the purchase of a 100kw Kohler towable generator from Buckeye Power Sales of Romeoville, IL in the total amount of \$82,759 to be financed over a five-year period through a lease agreement.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Two quotes from Buckeye Power