

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: October 28, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Joshua Burman, Public Works Director

Topic: Sanitary Lift Station #9 – Emergency Repairs

PURPOSE

Public Works requests approval of a budget amendment for emergency repairs and authorization to waive competitive bidding for the emergency purchase of a new above-ground, stainless-steel enclosure and for the replacement of all the electrical, control components required to operate Lift Station #9. from Metropolitan Industries of Romeoville, IL in the amount of \$109,639.00 with an additional 10% contingency of up to \$120,602.90.

PROCESS

On Monday, September 8, 2025, at about 1:45 p.m., Public Works staff discovered that Lift Station #9 had flooded. The dry well was fully submerged, and both pumps were inoperable due to a power loss which was traced to blown fuses on a ComEd service pole. This caused sewage to overflow from the wet well to the dry well.

At 2:14 p.m., staff reported the outage to ComEd, and a crew was dispatched. To maintain service and prevent overflow, Public Works deployed a rental pump until repairs could be completed. The following morning, September 9 at 8:00 a.m., ComEd returned to trim vegetation and replace the fused switches.



183rd Street

Halsted Street

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After power was restored, inspections showed that both pumps needed removal and repair, at a cost of \$18,997.32. The station's electrical system and dry-well interior were also heavily damaged. Staff obtained a \$109,639 proposal to move all controls above ground in a new stainless-steel enclosure and replace damaged parts, including the transducer, float switches, disconnects, heater, and exhaust fan. Relocating the controls aligns with the Village's long-term plan to convert Lift Stations 7, 8, and 9 to wet-well systems with equipment above flood elevation.

Due to the emergency situation, risk to sanitary service, and need to complete repairs before colder weather, staff requests Board approval of a budget amendment and waiver of competitive bidding to authorize Public Works to contract with Metropolitan Industries for \$109,639, plus a 10% contingency (\$120,602.90 total). The contingency will cover unforeseen costs related to underground work. Any expenses beyond this amount will be brought to the Board as a change order.

Currently, the Village is incurring costs for the rental bypass pump in the amount of \$5,681.72 per month. This rental will be necessary until full station restoration is complete. Staff has initiated outreach to ComEd for reimbursement, since the root cause originated with their fused switches.

The Village's Contingency Fund policy was approved by the Village Board in April 2022. The policy was created to have funds available for expenses incurred that could not have been anticipated during the time of budget discussions and budget approval. The Village attempts to budget a contingency fund each year in the Finance Department budget equal to 1% of total General Fund expenses (\$275,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-2026).

A list of expenses that are appropriate for use of this contingency fund are as follows:

- large equipment failure
- unplanned legal expenses
- overtime costs due to social emergencies, e.g. community disruption
- spikes in fuel and energy costs
- unexpected recruitment costs due to unforeseen position openings
- information technology service overruns
- risk management (IRMA) insurance overruns

OUTCOME

Approval of a budget amendment and authorizing this emergency repair will restore full operational capability to Lift Station #9 and permanently reduce the risk of repeat failures by relocating controls above grade and installing robust replacement components. This work will enhance system reliability, protect public health, comply with regulatory standards, and avoid far more costly repair or remediation if an overflow were to occur. The project also aligns with the

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Village's asset-management strategy and CIP planning for converting legacy dry-well stations into modern wet-well facilities at key sites.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** General Fund Contingency/Emergency Funds \$275,000
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$0
- **Budget Amendment Requested:** \$120,602.90

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Approve a budget amendment transfer of \$120,602.90 from the Contingency Fund line item; and, waive competitive bidding to approve an emergency purchase of a stainless-steel above-ground enclosure and the replacement of new electrical and control components at Lift Station #9 from Metropolitan Industries of Romeoville, IL in the amount of \$109,639.00 with an additional 10% contingency of up to \$120,602.90. This approval will authorize the Village Manager to execute the necessary agreements and payment approvals required to complete this project.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Attachment A – Metropolitan Industries
- Attachment B – ComEd Claim