

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



**BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**DATE OF MEETING: January 24, 2023**

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**To:** Village President and Board of Trustees

**From:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**Topic:** Budget Amendment – Structure Demo and Replacement Reimbursement 18316 Western Avenue

## **PURPOSE**

In order to permanently repair a water main located at or about 18316 Western Avenue, the Village requires access to private property. In order to make the repair, the Village must remove (demolish) a privately owned garage structure that is immediately above the damaged water main. Since the amount for repairs is not budgeted, a budget amendment is required.

## **PROCESS**

On Friday, December 30, 2022 at 3:44 a.m., the Public Works on-call staff person was notified of residential sewer back-ups at 18320 Western Avenue and at 18337 Dundee Avenue. The on-call staff person contacted two public works employees to come in to take care of a possible “sewer plug/blockage”. The two-man crew arrived at the public works facility and preceded to take the sewer jet out to 183rd & Western Avenue to take care of the problem. From what staff observed, the sanitary sewer was blocked somewhere between 183rd Street and south to Clyde Street in the rear easement between Western Avenue and Dundee Ave.

After analysis and discussion, the Public Works Director concluded that a below-the-surface water main break was causing the problem and had additional crews respond to start “listening” and shutting off large services/fire lines to test the idea. With no success in locating the break, a leak detection company was called to the site to pinpoint the water main break. Based on the location of the water main break, the repair would require the removal of a garage structure.

As a temporary measure, Public works cut and capped the water main and isolated the damaged section. Public Works then reestablished water services to the residents on the block. Public Works now needs to remove the garage, excavate down to the water main and sewer main, and make the necessary repairs to reestablish the permanent water main connection.

On Saturday, January 7, 2023, the Village Manager and Director of Public Works met with the residents of 18316 Western Avenue (owners of the garage structure). The owners understood the need for the repairs and inquired about the replacement process for the structure.

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The Village attorney prepared an agreement between the Village and the residents of 18316 Western Avenue that would allow the Village access to their private property to make the repairs. The agreement also provides for the owners to consent to the Village demolishing the existing garage and concrete drive on their property. In return, the Village agrees to reimburse the owners for the cost of replacing the structure at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

## **OUTCOME**

Once the agreement is finalized by both the Village and the owners of 18316 Western Avenue, Public Works will be able to complete the necessary repairs on the damaged water main. The reimbursement will be charged to the Village's Water and Sewer Fund.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Budgeted Amount \$0

- Water & Sewer Fund: Budget Amendment of \$25,000

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

Completed

## **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000; and, authorize the Village Manager to execute an agreement for access to private property to demolish a garage and concrete pad near a critical sewer line repair and reimburse the property owners of 18316 Western Avenue for their costs of replacement in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

## **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Agreement