

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



**BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**DATE OF MEETING: August 13, 2024**

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

**Through:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**From:** Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

**Topic:** Budget Amendment for Emergency Costs – Contractor Support/ Post Storm Cleanup

## **PURPOSE**

As a result of the EF-1 tornado that occurred on July 15, 2024, the Village has incurred emergency costs for cleanup of the debris. This cost could not have been anticipated during the budget process; therefore, staff requests a budget amendment to reallocate funds from the Contingency Funds line item in the Finance Department's budget, to the Lawn and Maintenance Emergency Tree Removal-Contractual line item and Rental Equipment line item in the Public Works Department's budget. This adjustment is needed to cover cleanup assistance costs for Winkler Tree & Lawn Service of LaGrange Park, IL, who aided in the post-storm cleanup efforts. As a result of collecting tree debris, Public Works must also rent a commercial-grade tub grinder/mulcher from Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. (scheduled for arrival in September 2024) to mulch all of the collected storm debris that is stored behind the Brian Carey Training Center.

## **PROCESS**

On July 15, 2024, Homewood was struck by an EF-1 tornado (100 m.p.h. winds). Public Works responded immediately, working tirelessly to reopen roads for emergency vehicles and clear storm debris from parkways. Due to the extent and locations of the fallen branches, a crane truck was utilized to safely remove storm debris. It became quickly apparent that Public Works needed assistance in this storm cleanup effort.

Winkler Tree & Lawn Care is currently the Village's contractor contracted to perform tree trimming and emergency tree removal. Winkler Tree was called on July 16, 2024 to provide assistance with the clean-up efforts. Winkler Tree & Lawn Care worked alongside Village staff until July 23, 2024.

The mulching and disposal of the collected storm debris is scheduled for late September 2024. Public Works staff will need to rent heavy equipment for mulching branches and chippings that are currently being stored at the Brian Carey Training Center, located at 1023 W. 191<sup>st</sup>. Staff contacted Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. of Naperville, IL for the rental of a large tub grinder (18 wheeler trailer device and grapple). Tub grinders are often used in forestry and recycling industries to

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process materials like wood, brush, and agricultural waste. By reducing the size of these materials, tub grinders can turn them into valuable products like mulch, compost, and boiler fuel. Tub grinders/mulchers can also reduce the volume of materials, which can save on transportation and dumping costs.



*Large Tub Grinder/Mulcher*

Winkler Tree & Lawn Care provided two (2) invoices for payment. One totaling \$40,606.92 and the other \$14,617.96, for a grand total of \$55,224.88. The rental of heavy equipment from Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. which will be used to dispose of the collected storm debris in late September 2024 will be \$13,446.

## OUTCOME

This budget amendment will allow the Village to cover the emergency costs associated with the removal and disposal of storm debris from the July 15, 2024 tornado.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** General Fund Contingency/ Emergency Funds
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$0 (not anticipated during normal budget process)
- **Budget Amendment:** \$68,670.88
- **Costs:**

Emergency Storm Cleanup	\$55,224.88 (Winkler Tree Service)
Tub Grinder/Mulcher	\$13,446 (Steve Piper & Sons, Inc.)
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$68,607.88</b>

## LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

## RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Approve a budget amendment and transfer of \$68,670.88 from the Contingency Fund line item to the Public Works Landscape & Maintenance Budget; and waive competitive bidding due to an emergency event and pay invoices for emergency storm-debris removals performed by Winkler Tree and Lawn Care of LaGrange Park, IL; and for the renting of commercial-grade rental equipment from Steve Piper and Sons, Inc. of Naperville, IL to dispose of storm debris for a total amount not to exceed \$68,670.88.

## ATTACHMENT(S)

- Winkler Tree & Lawn Care Invoices
- Steve Piper & Sons, Inc. Quote