

ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING

SUBJECT: Continuanace of Spring Lake Incident Emergency Expenditure

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Summary:

This Memo is a continuance of the emergency expenditure relating to the utility pole incident that occurred near Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District's Spring Lake Pool on June 5th, 2025.

On July 29th, Clean Harbors (Hepaco) took soil samples of the area next to and at the base of the waterfall area where mineral oil had leaked from the severed utility pole's transformers. The hope was that any residual oil would be baked and washed away by sunshine and rainfall. Unfortunately, the soil samples taken confirmed the continued presence of mineral oil, and excavation of the oil impacted soil is now needed.

Clean Harbors has provided a quote for the excavation and removal of this special waste. As concerns with the weather changing, getting the excavation project on Clean Harbor's schedule, and not affecting the Park District's pool operations in spring of 2026, it is important that the City move this project forward in a time-sensitive manner.

In effort to mitigate future incidents of this nature, Electric Operations is working with Fast Forward, a utility technology solutions company, to provide visual inspection and documentation of utility poles and lines to proactively identify issues before they occur.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
Project #25-3600-02		\$73,937.03

Strategic Plan Goal Application:

N/A

Recommendation:

To proceed with Clean Harbors to excavate and dispose of the mineral oil impacted soil at Spring Lake.