



Legislation Text

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Title/Name/Summary

Tree Chipper - Purchase and Delivery

History

One of the Village's two existing tree chippers has reached the end of its service life and repairs to the unit have become increasingly expensive. The unit, which is a Morbark Chipper (#5135), was purchased in 2000 (21 years old) and does not have the modern mechanisms, nor power necessary, to ensure a safe and efficient tree removal operation. The Public Works Department utilizes tree chippers for numerous activities, including brush clearing, tree removals and responding to storm damage.

Funding was allocated for a new chipper in the 2021 budget. Staff from the Natural Resources and Facilities Division had the opportunity to test out a new Morbark chipper for 2 weeks in December, 2020. Staff was extremely impressed with the quality of the machine and the improved safety components as compared to the existing chipper. Subsequently, a proposal was requested from Morbark Industries utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative contract #050119-MBI.

As such, Staff is requesting approval to the utilize Sourcewell Cooperative contract (Sourcewell #050119-MBI) and award the purchase and delivery of one (1) 2021 Morbark Eger Beaver 2131-SA to Morbark, LLC of Winn, MI for an amount not to exceed \$88,774.70. Once purchased, the unit will be delivered to Alexander Equipment of Lisle, IL, where it will be adjusted to fit one of the Village's tree trucks. These adjustments are included in the purchase of the unit and Staff does not anticipate any additional charges to be incurred.

Financial Impact

A new tree chipper was budgeted for in 2021 under account 010-5006-470300.

Recommended Action/Motion

I move to approve utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing contract (#050119-MBI) to award the purchase and delivery of one (1) 2021 Morbark Eger Beaver 2131-SA to Morbark, LLC of Winn, MI for an amount not to exceed \$88,774.70.