

Staff Responses to Council Questions

August 6, 2013

7. CONSENT AGENDA

C. Resolution: Authorize an Amendment to the Resolution Authorizing Certain Purchases for FY2013 from the Suburban Tree Consortium

How much money has the Village spent on EAB treatments?

Since 2008, the Village has spent a total of \$159,425 on EAB treatments.

Does the value of a tree increase with the size and age of a tree? If so, can this be quantified?

The value of a tree increases with tree diameter provided the condition of the tree is good. Staff uses the appraisal formula of the International Society of Arboriculture to determine value. Additional details are in Chapter 8 of the Urban Forestry Program manual, found here:

<http://www.downers.us/res/forestry/urban-forestry-and-municipal-landscape-manual>.

E. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with CHC Wellness

Were the wellness testing expenses included in the budget?

The wellness testing is not included as a line item, as it is paid out through the contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The cost of this agreement is included in the overall administrative and claims budget in the Health Insurance Fund.

F. Resolution: Authorize an Agreement with Aclara Technologies, LLC for Meter Reading Services

Are there any other compatibility issues with Verizon that may affect Village operations in the future?

Staff is not aware of any at this time.

8. FIRST READING

C. Resolution: Approve Final Plat of Subdivision with Exceptions for 4101 Lindley Street and 913 40th Street

Will there be enough room to construct public sidewalks?

Yes, the lots do have sufficient space for sidewalks.

Council rEmarks

There were no online comments this week.