

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-119**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA  
APPROVING THE USE OF RECYCLING FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
A BRUSH CHIPPER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION NOT TO  
EXCEED \$100,000.**

**WHEREAS**, the Recycling Fund is utilized by the Public Works Department for brush mulching at the yard waste site and for tree maintenance around the Village and the current Vermeer Brush Chipper from 2006 that the Village Public Works Department uses has served its useful life; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a Recycling Fund balance in excess of \$200,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Village Staff has obtained 3 quotes from different manufacturers of brush chippers and recommends the purchase of the Vermeer Brush Chipper utilizing the Recycling Fund balance as broken down on the Village Engineer's Memo dated October 17, 2023 and included herein as **Exhibit A**; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2023, the Committee of the Whole discussed and recommended approval to the Village Board for use of Recycling Fund balance to purchase the Vermeer Brush Chipper; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, that the Village Board will approve the use of Recycling Fund balance for purchase of a Vermeer Brush Chipper, not to exceed \$100,000, based on the Village Engineers recommendation included in **Exhibit A**.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

**VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

By: Thomas R Weatherston  
Thomas Weatherston  
Village President

Attest: Megan O'Brien  
Megan O'Brien  
Deputy Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

FISCAL NOTE: AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA TO PURCHASE A BRUSH CHIPPER THROUGH THE USE OF  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE RECYCLING FUND BALANCE

FISCAL YEAR: 2023

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURES	CURRENT BALANCE	BUDGET MODIFICATION	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION	REMAINING BUDGET BALANCE
<b>DEPARTMENT: HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS</b>							
Recycling Fund: Fund Balance							
Unassigned	241-34300-000	\$ (235,703)	\$ -	\$ (235,703)	\$ 95,000	\$ (140,703)	\$ (140,703)
General Fund: Transfer to							
Capital Projects	100-00-66300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (95,000)	\$ (95,000)	\$ (95,000)
Capital Projects Fund: Fund							
Balance Applied	400-00-49300	\$ (101,965)	\$ -	\$ (101,965)	\$ (95,000)	\$ (196,965)	\$ (196,965)
Capital Projects Fund:							
Equipment	400-41-65030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
		<u>\$ (337,668)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (337,668)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (337,668)</u>	<u>\$ (337,668)</u>

The budgeted modification is transferring \$95,000 from Recycling Fund Balance to cover the purchase of a Vermeer Brush Chipper.

## MEMORANDUM

Date: October 17, 2023

To: Committee of the Whole – Finance & Public Works

From: Ryan Schmidt, P.E.  
Village Engineer

Re: **Purchase of Brush Chipper**

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Public Works Highway Division utilizes a brush chipper for tree and brush mulching purposes throughout the year. The brush chipper is a standard “tool in the tool-box” that all public works departments utilize. The brush chipper can work in tandem with the tub grinding equipment that is contracted out for large scale yard waste mulching in addition to the standard tree maintenance that our crews perform. The Highway Division currently has a 2006 Vermeer chipper that needs repairs and is due for an upgrade. The radiator has been replaced and salt damage to the body is always needed due to the high usage in winter months. There is a recycling fund balance over \$200,000 that would allow the DPW to replace the current Vermeer chipper if authorized.

Staff has acquired quotes from 3 different dealers of the equipment per our procurement policy:

- Vermeer - \$94,550 (less trade in value estimated at \$8,000 or auction value)
- Morbark - \$106,685 (less auction value)
- Bandit - \$82,955.60 (less auction value)

Vermeer is located in Butler, WI; Morbark is in Waukesha and Bandit has a dealer in Janesville. Staff has no experience or knowledge regarding Bandit or Morbark equipment. In addition, with Morbark being in Janesville, it may make maintenance and support more difficult. Vermeer is the brand of chipper that our crews are comfortable with and is also the preferred choice in most neighboring communities as well. The quoted Vermeer includes a winch to reduce stress and strain on staff when handling large items and comes with SmartFeed system that can monitor the engine speed to stop or reverse the feed if needed in addition to the standard safety features. Public Works Staff has reviewed the quotes and the equipment specifications and recommends approval of the purchase of the Vermeer Brush Chipper utilizing the recycling fund balance not to exceed the quoted price. This would leave over \$100,000 in the fund balance for any other purposes required by the Village.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Move to recommend approval for the use of recycling fund balance to purchase a Vermeer Brush Chipper for the Public Works Highway Division not to exceed \$95,000.**