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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: April 15, 2021

To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director
Dennis Trantham, Facilities and Grounds Operations Manager

Subject: Authorization to Request Reimbursement from Oakland County West Nile Virus Fund

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History

The Grounds Division is responsible for the maintenance of all municipal property including the control of pests. Park patrons, golf course participants, and property owners abutting some City of Troy maintained retention ponds have become accustomed to using these facilities with limited nuisances like mosquitoes. The objective of mosquito control is not to eradicate all mosquitoes but to limit the population to a tolerable threshold. The control targets both mosquito larva and adult mosquitoes at city parks, golf courses, cemeteries, and some retention ponds. Although Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services recommends the best form of protection from mosquitoes is personal protection products, the mosquito control products used by professionals will decrease the mosquito population at some of our facilities. Based on the County formula the City of Troy is eligible for reimbursement of County approved expenses up to $11,418.06 for the control of mosquito larva. These funds will be used to reimburse the city for expenses used for a contractor to supply larvicide and to provide personal protection products to residents. Personal protection products are scheduled to be available to residents at the Troy Community Center, Department of Public Works, Troy Farmers Market, and at City Hall in the Community Affairs Office beginning in June 2021. The city will update residents if restrictions or recommendations require the city to change its distribution methods or locations. To qualify for reimbursement of eligible expenses, City Council must pass a resolution authorizing the reimbursement request.

Policy Considerations:

Lower mosquito populations reduce the danger of insect borne diseases being transferred to the general public, thereby enhancing the health and safety of the community. Also, reducing the population of mosquitoes adds to the quality of life for Troy residents using our parks and other outdoor facilities.

Recommendation

The Facilities and Grounds Division recommends the City Council approve the request to seek reimbursement from the Oakland County West Nile Virus Fund for an amount not-to-exceed $11,418.06.