

**Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners  
Town Hall Public Meeting Agenda  
February 6, 2023, at 5:30 PM  
Bel Air Library  
100 East Pennsylvania Ave., Bel Air, MD 21014**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
5. PRESENTATIONS
  - a. Appreciation of Mike Blum for the Christmas Parade
  - b. Bel Air Police Department Promotions
    - i. Sergio D'Alto to Sergeant
    - ii. Jonathan Kauffman to Corporal
    - iii. John Ganovski to Corporal
    - iv. Keith Smithson to Corporal
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS ITEMS
7. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Tree Removal Contract Approval
  - b. Sewer Line Root Control Maintenance Contract
  - c. Reappointment to the Economic & Community Development Commission
    - i. Christopher Streett
8. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS
9. PUBLIC COMMENTS
10. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONERS OF BEL AR  
AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Award of Contract – Tree Removal and Trimming Services

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "...that the bid prices, terms, and conditions of Harford Tree Experts and Landscaping, Inc., 2911 Beechwood Lane, Fallston, Maryland as provided to and accepted by Harford County Government Contract No. 23-054 for On-Call Tree Services be also accepted by the Board of Town Commissioners for a contract not to exceed \$40,000."

1. **BACKGROUND**

The Town's Department of Public Works in cooperation with the Planning Department and the Town's Tree Committee is responsible to remove or cause to be removed any Public Tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, or other public improvements or is infected with a disease or harmful insect or pest.

2. **PRIMARY ISSUES**

Forty thousand dollars was allocated in the FY-2023 Streets Budget for tree trimming and removal. Public Works will utilize the bid prices of Harford Tree Experts to perform Tree Trimming and Tree Removal annually at a price not to exceed the amount of the approved budget for that year.

3. **DISCUSSION/EXPLANATION**

The Town is afforded the opportunity of "piggy-backing" on the prices, terms, and conditions obtained by Harford County Government Contract No. 23-054. By doing so, the Town can obtain excellent pricing for the work required because of the large quantities that the county government bids. The Town's procurement regulations allow for competitive bids from other Maryland jurisdictions to be used to purchase goods and services.

4. **RECOMMENDATION**

The staff recommends that the bid prices, terms, and conditions of Harford Tree Experts and Landscaping, Inc., as provided to and accepted by Harford County Government Contract No. 23-054 for On-Call Tree Services be also accepted by the Board of Town Commissioners for a contract not to exceed \$40,000.

**COMMISSIONERS OF BEL AIR**  
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SEWER LINE ROOT CONTROL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** "... that the unit price bids of Duke's Root Control, Inc. 1020 Hiawatha Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13204, to apply a chemical root control agent designed specifically to control sewer line tree root intrusions as submitted to and accepted by City of Baltimore Bid No. B50005627 Chemical Root Application and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Systems for a project not to exceed \$35,000.00 be accepted by the Board of Town Commissioners."

1. **BACKGROUND**

Tree root intrusions into sewer lines can cause sewer backups as well as cause damage to the lines. Mechanical measures such as cutting the roots can cause damage to the lines and often the tree roots grow back over time after the service is performed. Department of Public Works Staff spend many hours regularly working to remove sewer blockages caused by tree root problems.

2. **PRIMARY ISSUES**

The Town is afforded the opportunity of "piggy-backing" on contract No. B50005627 "Chemical Root Application and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Systems" with City of Baltimore. By doing so, the Town can obtain a low unit price of \$1.69 per linear foot for 8" sewer main, \$1.76 per linear foot of 10" main, and \$1.96 per linear foot of 12" main. Funding in the amount of \$35,000 was budgeted in the FY-23 Sewer Fund.

3. **DISCUSSION / EXPLANATION**

The Homestead Village neighborhood is scheduled for root control this year. The Town's root control program operates on a rotating basis treating the neighborhoods prone to tree root intrusion once every three years. Under this contract, approximately 18,165 linear feet of 8" sewer main, 1,847 linear feet of 10" and 268 linear feet of 12" will be treated for roots.

4. **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the bid of Duke's Root Control, Inc. as accepted by City of Baltimore Contract Bid No. B50005627 "Chemical Root Application and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Systems" to apply a chemical root control agent designed specifically to control sewer line tree root intrusions for the amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 be accepted by the Board of Town Commissioners.