



Memorandum

To: Mark Gaffino, Village President & Board of Trustees

Cc: Steven Bosco, Village Administrator

From: Paul Young, Water Operations Superintendent
John Laskowski, Public Works Director

Date: May 25, 2022

Re: Reject All Bids for Well #5 Site Improvements & Award a Contract to H Linden in the amount of \$615,100.00

The Village has two projects proposed for Well #5: a pump and motor rehabilitation project and a site improvements project. The pump and motor maintenance and rehabilitation project includes evaluating the Byron Jackson submersible motor, Byron Jackson 13 stage pump, the submersible electrical cable, and the column pipe. This project was already awarded to Layne on June 7, 2021.

The second part of the project is the site improvements, which includes installing a pitless adapter, relocating the discharge supply pipe underground to prevent damage, installing a new meter vault, adding valves that will isolate Well #5 from Well #9, demolition and removal of the well house, and restoration of the well site.

The site improvements were designed by consulting engineer EEI and advertised in February. A site visit was conducted on March 1 for prospective contractors and the bids were opened on March 9. Despite having a handful of contractors attend the pre-bid meeting, the Village only received one bid that was in the amount of \$629,300, which was higher than the initial engineers' estimate of \$489,874. While the project cost was higher than the initial estimate, some of this cost can be attributed to an increase in the amount of electrical work not originally included in this estimate.

Subsequently, staff and EEI have discussed options to reduce the cost, increase competition, and maintain a reasonable project delivery schedule. EEI has reached out to contractors who attended the pre-bid meeting to investigate why we only received one bid. Based on that feedback they received, EEI modified the specifications to accommodate some of the contractors' concerns. The result was successful as three companies bid the project and the low bid cost came in approximately \$14,000 lower than the original than that from the original letting. The results are illustrated in the table below. A more detailed analysis of the bid tabulation as well as recommendation has been prepared by EEI and is attached to this memorandum.

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| H. Linden & Sons (ORIGINAL BID) 722 East South Street Plano, IL 60545 | H. Linden & Sons 722 East South Street Plano, IL 60545 | Performance Construction & Engineering 217 W. John Street Plano, IL 60545 | Boller Construction Company 3045 Washington Street Waukegan, IL 60085 |
| \$629,300 | \$615,100 | \$647,000 | \$675,200 |

It is the staff recommendation to award a contract to H. Linden; however, it is a little more complicated procedurally because EEI and staff made a mistake with the advertising procedure. The bids must be rejected because the bid advertisement did not meet the requirement of our purchasing policy. This policy requires the Village to advertise in a daily publication. Practically, we do not believe that the advertisement in a local newspaper has much impact. Rather for most projects, including this one, we advertise using electronic bidding platforms, trade publications, and rely on direct contact all which more effectively target construction companies. State law no longer requires posting in a daily publication.

In summary, it is the staff and EEI joint recommendation to advance the project by rejecting all bids, then agree in a separate action item to enter into a contract with H. Linden and Sons in the amount of their bid, which is \$615,100.00.