

**To:** President and Members of the Munster Town Council

**From:** Patricia Abbott, Controller

**Date:** August 4, 2025

**Re:** Ordinance 1987: Amendment to Water Bond Ordinance

Council had first reading on Ordinance 1987 at the July 21, 2025, meeting. The ordinance amends the original bond Ordinance 1936 to allow for a bond up to \$21 million and an expanded list of projects than originally contemplated. The proposed projects are as follows.

Description	Estimated Cost
Water Main Replacements	
Forest Avenue - Ridge Road to North Limits (design 2025; construct 2026)	\$2,300,000
Kraay Avenue - Fairway Drive to Ridge Road (design 2025; construct 2026)	585,000
White Oak Avenue - Fairway Drive to Ridge Road (design 2025; construct 2026)	607,500
Wren Drive - Crestood Avenue to East Limits (design 2025; construct 2026)	225,000
Calumet Avenue - Ridge Road to Town Limits (design 2026; construct 2027)	1,700,000
Hohman Avenue - Ridge Road to Town Limits (design 2027; construct 2028)	3,500,000
System Improvements	
Altitude Valves (White Oak, Superior, Ridge Road)	1,200,000
Mud Valves (White Oak, Superior, Ridge Road)	45,000
New controls on all towers/tanks	1,500,000
Rebuild valve vaults at River Bend	100,000
New Generator at River Bend	350,000
Lead service line replacements (117 services)	1,700,000
Construction Contingency (10%)	1,381,300
Other Project Costs	
Repayment of 2024 Bond Anticipation Note	4,547,800
Issuance Costs	348,400
	\$20,090,000

Financial advisors Baker Tilly has requested to seek authorization for \$21 million in bonds to ensure coverage for the underwriter's discount. The cost is supported by the currently approved water rates. In addition, the rates also allow for regular operations and smaller projects to be completed.

The bonds will be issued on the open market with the bond sale tentatively scheduled for the first week of September.

**Recommendation:**

By motion and voice vote, adopt Ordinance 1987 on second reading as presented.