

To: Jim Marino, Town Manager & President and Members of Town Council

From: Staff of Public Works

Meeting: August 4, 2025

Re: Renewal of Water Valve Assessment/Exercise Program

Background

On August 21, 2023 the Town of Munster purchased a comprehensive Water Valve Assessment program from M.E. Simpson

Methodology

The renewal is a three-year contract with M.E. Simpson where they will exercise 500 valves per year. The benefit of this program is enhancing our emergency response capabilities, faster more efficient response times during crises, reduce impacts of watermain breaks by enabling us to isolate and control water flow promptly and improve the water supply systems' overall reliability.

| Year | Cost per Valve | # of Valves | Annual Cost |
|------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2026 | \$65 | 552 | \$35,880 |
| 2027 | \$65 | 552 | \$35,880 |
| 2028 | \$68 | 552 | \$37,536 |

Funding

The funding will come from the Water Department repairs, 6101-37001-63601.

Recommendation

By motion and roll call vote approve the renewal of the water valve assessment/exercise program as proposed by M.E. Simpson at \$35,880 for 2026, \$35880 for 2027 and \$37,536 for 2028. Assets requiring GPS services will be \$10 each.