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**To:** Dustin Anderson – Town Manager

**From:** Stephen Gunty – Director of Public Works

**Subject:** Resolution 2065: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Extension of a Contract for the Sidewalk Replacement Program through 2020

**Meeting Date:** March 2, 2020

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**Background:** J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc. of Calumet City, IL has been the Town's Sidewalk Replacement Program Contractor mostly through our competitive bid process for nearly 15 years and have submitted in writing an offer to extend their prices, unchanged since August 24, 2015, through December 31, 2020 if the Town would agree to extend their contract. Their prices are as follows:

**J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc**  
5" thick regular sidewalk - \$7.95/sq ft  
7" thick driveway sidewalk - \$8.10/sq. ft.  
ADA Plates - \$250.00 each

**Methodology:** The renewal of this type of contract is allowed under Indiana Code 5-22-17-4. When it is in the best interest of a municipality and the contractor agrees, a contract may be renewed at the same prices. Other local municipalities, namely Highland and Merrillville, have agreed to similar renewals in the past. There are some distinct advantages for the Town.

The extension removes uncertainty about the contract price and locks it in at the previous low pricing. Efficiencies are gained working with a time-tested reputable Contractor familiar with Town expectations and our payment processes. This contractor schedules the entire scope of work all at once working continuously in stages of demolition, setup and pouring until complete. This pattern of bulk scheduling allows Public Works needed time to mark, measure and estimate cost of the selected sidewalk locations in order to help keep the Sidewalk Replacement Program within budget.

**Funding:** This is funded through Council approved General Obligation Bonds.

**Recommendation:** The Town Council authorizes the extension of the Sidewalk Replacement Program Contract with J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc. through December 31, 2020.