



**To:** Dustin Anderson – Town Manager  
**From:** Stephen Gunty – Director of Public Works  
**Date:** April 5, 2021  
**Re:** Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) – Agreement & Proposal

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**Background:**

The South Shore Clean Cities Coalition (SSCC), in partnership with Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), successfully applied and received a \$9,000 grant through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on behalf of the Town of Munster for the deployment of a Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS). Eleven other NWI communities were awarded similar projects.

Funding originated through the Indiana Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund Program with \$615,000 eligible for Level 2 Charging Stations (in residential/retail areas with slower charge rate of 25 miles per hour) and \$5,353,000 eligible for Direct Current Fast Charging Stations (along highways).

Program goals are to advance sustainable fuel technology in support of IDEM's mission to protect human health and the environment. This cost-effective, Level-2 charging smart station (with "AmpUp Software") will provide immediate air quality benefits by reducing transportation emissions and allows charging fees with direct revenues back to the Town and tracking usage via its online WIFI enabled network.

**Action Required:**

The Council recently approved an Agreement with SSCC and committed to the required cost-share. IDEM requires execution of the attached Funding Agreement in order to utilize the \$9,000 EVCS grant. Also attached is a proposal from OZINGA ENERGY in the amount of \$13,995 for acquisition and installation of the EVCS in the SW corner of Town Hall's front public parking lot.

IDEM will cover and reimburse 90% of total project cost up to \$9,000 of the station with the Town responsible for paying the remaining project cost. If the Town elects to proceed with the Ozinga proposal, it must pay the full \$13,995 upfront cost to Ozinga, but upon full deployment of the EVCS and after grant reimbursement of \$9,000 the Town's final cost (barring any unforeseen change orders) will be \$4,995.

**Recommendation:**

Approve VW Project Funding Agreement Number VWL2-025 with IDEM and Approve the OZINGA ENERGY Quote #269 in the amount of \$13,995 for acquisition and installation of a Level 2 EVCS.