



TO: Dr. Koultourides and Members of Council

FROM: Dustin Anderson, Town Manager

SUBJECT: CCMG 2020-2 Construction Award

DATE: April 5, 2021

Background

In December of 2020, Council approved the contract between the Town and INDOT to move forward with our 2020-2 Community Crossing Matching Grant. The impacted streets are as follows:

| Road Segment | To | From |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Elliott Drive | Columbia Avenue | White Oak Avenue |
| Timrick Drive | Forest Avenue | Fisher Street |
| Crestwood Avenue | Azalea Drive | Bluebird Lane |
| Bluebird Drive | White Oak Avenue | Foliage Lane |

The value of this grant is \$473,685. Because this is a matching grant, this would also be the cost to the Town of Munster bringing the total construction funds to \$947,370.

Methodology

In the time since the contract with INDOT was executed and bids were solicited, Timrick Drive has suffered multiple watermain breaks.

It would not be advisable to repave a street that has a failing watermain underneath it. We would likely be out sooner rather than later to tear up the fresh street that we would have just improved.

To accommodate this reality, we changed the bid specifications that we planned to issue for this job to include the replacement of the Timrick Drive water main. Our other alternative was to forgo the grant in total, as INDOT does not allow modification of the agreed upon scope after the award has been made.

Bids were opened on Tuesday, March 30th. Two responsive and responsible bidders provided prices to us. Results were as follows:

| | Engineer's Estimate | Reith-Riley | Milestone North |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total Bid | \$ 1,804,525.00 | \$ 1,678,124.00 | \$ 1,699,502.00 |

While both proposals were less than the engineer's estimate, Reith-Riley provided the most competitive bid. Their price is 7% or \$126,000 less than our project cost and \$21,000 less than their competitor's bid.

Because there are INDOT non-participating costs in this project, the Town will end up paying more than 50% of the total project. A breakdown of costs is included in the following table:



| | INDOT | TOWN | TOTAL |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Resurfacing | \$ 493,083.00 | \$ 473,685.00 | \$ 966,768.00 |
| Crestwood Water | | \$ 145,249.00 | \$ 145,249.00 |
| Timrick Water | | \$ 566,107.00 | \$ 566,107.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 493,083.00 | \$ 1,185,041.00 | \$ 1,678,124.00 |

Sources of funds for this project include:

- Municipal Surtax Fund: 25891501-64972
- GO Bonds: 4149152118-64972
- Municipal Wheel Tax: 25991501-64972
- Water Depreciation: 60391501- 64260

It is likely that an additional appropriation will be eventually necessary to authorize the use of funds in the Water Depreciation Fund (Fund 603) beyond what is currently authorized. There are sufficient funds to utilize, just not the authority to use those funds.

Recommendation

By motion and roll-call vote, approve Reith-Riley as the successful bidder for the CCMG 2020-2 project at a cost not to exceed \$1,678,124.