



## MEMO

**To:** Dustin Anderson – Town Manager  
**From:** Stephen Gunty – Director of Public Works  
**Subject:** RESOLUTION 2081 - 2021 Sidewalk Raising Program

**Meeting**

**Date:** May 17, 2021

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**Background:** Level Rite Concrete of Munster, IN has been the Town's Sidewalk Raising Program Contractor since 2017 and have submitted in writing an offer to extend their Foam jacking price of \$110.00 per square through December 31, 2021 if the Town would agree to extend their contract.

The Town has incorporated sidewalk raising into its Sidewalk Program as a cost-effective alternative to replacement in instances where up to 3" of an unbroken sunken sidewalk can often be lifted to match the adjoining section. Foam jacking raises and supports settled concrete sidewalks by injecting high density polyurethane foam under the concrete. The use of polyurethane is preferred as it seeks out weak soils, and during expansion, creates a strong, dense, sub-base. It takes the path of least resistance and fills in all voided areas retaining its shape and requires much smaller and fewer injection holes.

**Recent Sidewalk Raising CHART**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>\$ SPENT</u>	<u># of LIFTS</u>	<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Lin. Ft.</u>
2020	\$1,760	16	400	80
2019	\$5,170	48	1,200	240
2018	\$4,180	38	950	190
2017	\$1,980	18	450	90
<u>2016</u>	<u>\$8,360</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>380</u>
4 yr Total	\$19,690	196	4,900	980

**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.

**Recommendation:** The Town Council authorizes the extension of the Sidewalk Raising Program Contract with Level Rite Concrete through December 31, 2021.