



To: Dustin Anderson – Town Manager
From: Stephen Gunty – Director of Public Works
Meeting: May 2, 2022
Re: Emergency Replacement of Beverly Sanitary Sewer

Background

On April 1, The Town was informed by NIPSCO that they discovered a collapsed sanitary sewer pipe on Beverly Place. This pipe condition was discovered accidentally by a NIPSCO contractor daylighting our utilities for placement of new electric poles (as part of their upgrade project in the area). Upon inspection, the Water/Sewer Division discovered roughly 800 feet of vitrified clay pipe that had lived out its life expectancy. Able to only televise a hundred feet or so in any direction, our inspection revealed multiple collapses in the lines making it virtually impossible to maintain.

It was deemed a potential emergency situation that required immediate action. The attached photo reveals the collapsed pipe and the attached diagram shows the highlighted the sanitary main in yellow along with several presumed residential taps in green all requiring replacement.

Methodology

Numerous quotes were solicited on a priority basis on April 6 and in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-4.7 . Results were received utilizing State Form 96 on April 18 from two companies, as follows:

- Gatlin Plumbing - \$115,000
- Calumet City Plumbing - \$335,145

The scope of work included; Installation of approximately 770 linear feet of 8-inch PVC SDR 35 sanitary sewer main on Beverly Place between State Line Avenue and Hohman Avenue to replace the existing deteriorated 10-inch clay pipe. SEH Engineering estimated that the total cost would be below \$150,000.

Due to the imminent emergency nature of this sanitary sewer project staff proceeded with the low bidder in order to lock in scheduling ASAP, with the understanding that the award would be presented to the Town Council (after-the-fact) at its next meeting in May. Gatlin Plumbing was notified on April 20 of the Award and April 27 to Proceed. It provided the required Payment & Performance Bond, and Insurance Certificate.

Mat Murphy of Gatlin Plumbing indicates that it will be able to start construction within 2 weeks by May 16, 2022 and should complete construction 2 weeks later on or about May 30, 2022, subject to weather and any unforeseen circumstances. There is no anticipated interruption of service to the residents.

Recommendation

Award the Beverly Sanitary Sewer Project to Gatlin Plumbing and Heating, Inc. 1111 East Main Street Griffith, IN 46319, deemed the most responsive and responsible Quoter in the amount of \$115,000.