

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AUGUST 12, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Engineering Contracts for Selected FY09 Capital Projects	Resolution Ordinance ✓ Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested to authorize staff to negotiate engineering contracts for 11 capital projects that previously were scheduled to be awarded as part of the FY09 Municipal Budget. Approval of this motion will allow staff to present engineering contracts for those 11 capital projects to the Village Council for approval before the end of 2008. Early award of these contracts will allow engineering services to begin in the fall of 2008 instead of the beginning of 2009. Approval of this motion may result in an amendment to the FY08 budget in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,055,000, which would be presented at the end of 2008.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2007-2012 identified *Top Quality Village Infrastructure and Facilities*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Improved Neighborhood Infrastructure Curbs, Gutters, Streets and Sidewalks*.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff estimates the engineering contract amounts for the 11 capital projects to be as follows:

Project Number	Project	Estimated Engineering Contract Amount
S-004	New Sidewalk Program	\$40,000
ST-008	Valley View Estates Reconstruction	\$175,000
SW-034	Prentiss Creek, Sub B (McCollum Park)	\$100,000
SW-042	N. St. Joseph Creek, Sub E (Washington Park)	\$100,000
SW-036	N. St. Joseph Creek, Sub J	\$150,000
SW-037	Prentiss, Sub F	\$200,000
SW-038	S. St. Joseph Creek, Sub I	\$175,000
TR-008	Springside/63rd St.	\$15,000
BW-003/ BW-004	Bikeways Phase II and III	\$50,000
WA-019	Esterbrook (63rd to Norfolk)	\$20,000
WA-026	Watermain Interconnections (59th)	\$30,000
Total		\$1,055,000

The budget amendment that will be presented to the Village Council at the end of 2008 will be an amount not-to-exceed \$1,055,000. It is likely that the engineering will not be complete by the conclusion of 2008; the budget amendment will reflect the funds spent on those engineering contracts through December 31, 2008. The proposed change would affect the timing of the expenditures, not the cost.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the August 19, 2008 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

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1. Proceeds from the Village's recent General Obligation bond issuance for stormwater improvement projects
2. Funds available from projects where the contract amount is less than the project budget
3. Fund balances in the Stormwater Improvement Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Water Fund

The amount spent on these engineering contracts is currently scheduled to be spent in FY09; if the proposed motion is approved this money will be spent beginning in FY08 and extending into FY09, though the contracts will be awarded in 2008. Awarding the engineering contracts early will mean design work can commence in the fall of 2008 and extend through early 2009 instead of January through April 2009. Completion of engineering work in early 2009 would allow construction contracts to be awarded early in the season, which should result in better bids. It would also allow the Village to use the full construction season in 2009. The proposed change in schedule should help the Village complete the many planned capital improvements on time and within budget.