



Village of Downers Grove

Report for the Village Council Meeting

Table 1 - Council Agenda item.

Subject	Authorization to Purchase Additional Water Meters
Submitted By	David Moody, Director of Public Works

Synopsis

A motion is requested to authorize staff to purchase additional water meters in Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed an additional \$100,000.

- Additional Sensus OMNI water meter purchases from Core and Main LP of St. Charles, IL, in the amount of \$30,000
- Neptune T-10 water meter purchases from Ferguson US Holdings, Inc. of Newport News, VA (Formerly Water Resources Inc. of Elgin, IL) in the amount of \$70,000

Strategic Plan Alignment

The goals for 2025-2027 include *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

Fiscal Impact

The Fiscal Year 2026 budget includes \$133,810 in the Water Fund for the purchase of water meters. In March, the Village Council authorized \$115,000 (\$55,000 for Core and Main and \$60,000 for Ferguson) for water meter purchases, and to date \$102,324 of that amount has been spent. This request for additional water meter purchases will bring the total authorized amount to \$215,000, which is \$81,190 over budget; however, many of the water meter purchases are for new residential and commercial developments, and the Village recovers the cost for those meters through building permit fees.

Recommendation

Approval on the July 7, 2026 Consent Agenda.

Background

Each year, the Village purchases water meters for the water distribution system. These new water meters are used for newly constructed buildings, new developments, and the replacement of existing water meters. Sensus OMNI water meters are purchased when large water meters (1.5 inch and larger) are needed. These meters are purchased from Core and Main LP (Core and Main), the only authorized supplier of OMNI water meters for the State of Illinois. Neptune T-10 water meters are purchased when smaller water meters are needed (1 inch and smaller), and are typically installed in residential homes. These meters are purchased from Ferguson US Holdings, Inc. (Ferguson) of Newport News, VA, the only authorized supplier of Neptune T-10 water meters in Northern Illinois. Previously the Village purchased Neptune T-10 water meters from Water Resources, Inc., of Elgin, IL, which was purchased by Ferguson US Holdings in July, 2025.

Staff is requesting additional purchasing authority for water meters due to the following:

- Higher than expected commercial and residential development water meter demand;
- Residential water meter testing that took place earlier this year. In order to test a residential water meter, it must be removed and tested. A new meter is installed in place of the old meter that will be tested.

Staff is requesting approval of the additional purchasing amounts for Core and Main LP and Ferguson US Holdings, Inc. as approved sole source vendors.

Attachments



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Council Action Summary

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Initiated By	Public Works
Effective Date	July 7, 2026
Recommendation From	
File Reference	
Nature of Action	Motion

Steps Needed to Implement Action.

Motion authorizing staff to purchase additional water meters in Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$100,000.

Summary of Item.

Adoption of this motion shall authorize staff to purchase additional water meters in Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$100,000.

Record of Action Taken.