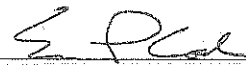
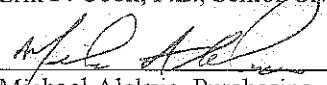


Memorandum
Engineering Division

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To: Albert J. Rigoni, Village Manager

From: 
Erik P. Cook, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer


Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent

Date: March 7, 2011

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM**
March 21, 2011 - Village of Skokie Board Meeting
2011 Crack Sealing Services

Background

Crack sealing is an inexpensive tool used to help extend the life of recently resurfaced streets. The Village has historically performed this maintenance by participating in a joint contract through the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC). This program stopped following the 2008 construction season. Since then, the Village has not performed this maintenance. The Village has not independently contracted crack sealing because the size of a project independently bid by Skokie would not generate competitive bids. Other communities have encountered the same situation since the end of the NWMC contract. Last year, four neighboring communities; Glenview, Morton Grove, Wilmette and Winnetka jointly bid this work as a multi-year contract. Those communities have extended an offer to Skokie and other surrounding communities to participate in the remaining two years of the current contract.

Budget

The Village has budgeted \$31,000 in the proposed FY12 Capital Improvement Program using Local Fuel Tax funds. This amount will translate into over 90,000 feet of crack maintenance. If the Village joined this contract, we would be able to take advantage of an exceptional price which we would not be able to achieve bidding alone.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Village Board approve the use of Village funds budgeted for crack sealing for the existing multi-community contract. Once approved, Village staff will coordinate this work with the contractor, North Suburban Asphalt.

Comments

The crack sealing methods and materials specified by the contract are in accordance with the current IDOT standards.

This will be the first work experience that this firm has had with the Village; however, the current four communities have been very satisfied with their performance.

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