Town Council Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council
FROM: India Adams-Jacobs, Town Manager; J.C. LaRiviere, Director of Community Development & Partnerships
SUBJECT: Main Street Gravity Sewer Line Update
DATE: April 3rd, 2025

SUMMARY:

At their March 6th meeting, the Town Council authorized staff to award the contract for the bypass pump to Stemmle plumbing on an emergency basis and to award a contract for replacement of the full section of pipe after the completion of an invitation for bid process. Staff will provide an update on the project.

BACKGROUND:

The direction from Council at their March meeting was two-fold:
-   First, Council authorized the Town Manager to award a contract to Stemmle Plumbing Services for installation of the bypass pump
-   Second, Council authorized Town Staff to initiate a procurement for the replacement and authorized the Town Manager to award the contract to the selected bidder.

Fiscal Impact:

As to the first directive, Staff provided council the cost for a bypass pump given to staff by Stemmle Plumbing at the March meeting. After the March meeting, Stemmle submitted a new quote where installation costs were tripled and weekly rental fees had doubled. The total cost for one month using Stemmle based on the revised proposal would be 88,000 dollars. Staff immediately contacted companies to seek additional quotes.

Due to the substantially increased quote from Stemmle, staff are requesting that Council move to undo their prior authorization to award the contract to Stemmle. Staff is also requesting that Council authorize the award of that contract on an emergency basis to Rain for Rent. The total cost of one month using Rain for Rent for bypass pump installation would be 28,000 dollars.

Staff will also provide an update on the permanent solution.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council reverse their previous approval to award the bypass pump contract to Stemmle Plumbing Services and authorize staff to execute transaction documents with Rain for Rent.