



Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026
Submitter:	Ronald J Wiedeman
Department:	Engineering
Agenda Item:	A Resolution approving a revision to the construction agreement for the Caton Farm Rd. water main extension by and between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and M.J. Underground, Inc. to increase the contract amount to \$775,874.88.

Summary:

Over the last couple of months staff along with the city attorney have been working to get an executed utility easement along Caton Farm Rd across the Christofaro parcel, see attached exhibit.

This particular parcel is in a trust with many different people located across the United States. Because of this it is taking much longer to acquire this utility easement.

To keep the project moving forward without disrupting the contractor or causing delays in the improvement that will cost the city additional funds, staff have asked our consultant and contractor for a solution.

It has been determined that if the new water is moved to the north about 5 ft or so it can be installed within the existing easement the city already has, but do to existing ComEd power poles the work will need to be performed by directionally drilling instead of by open cut. This method of construction comes at a higher cost than traditional open cut. The additional cost to perform the installation with this method is \$51,038.88.

The contractor is on schedule to be ready to install this section of water main by the week of January 26th.

To date we have not heard back from anyone from the Chrisofaro Trust and if the contractor stops work until we secure the utility easement the city will be responsible for additional costs due to the delay. These costs are estimated at \$15k to \$25k depending on the amount of time it takes to acquire the easement.

Therefore, it is staff recommendation to move forward with the relocation of the water main to have it installed in the existing utility easement and have the installation completed by directional boring.

Recommended Council Action: A Resolution approving a revision to the construction agreement for the Caton Farm Rd. water main extension by and between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and M.J. Underground, Inc. to increase the contract amount to \$775,874.88.

Financial Impact:

Funding Source: Water Fund

Budgeted Amount: \$3,602,608.40

Cost Approved to Date:

Award Construction Amount \$724,836.00

Plus Change Order No.2 \$51,038.88

New Cost Approved to Date \$775,874.88

With this Change order Account No 12-00-7620 is still **under** budget by over \$200,000 for the 2026 budget.

Attachments

M.J. Underground, Inc CO 1 Resolution

Crest Hill-Caton Farm Rd-Change Order #2

CO 2 Exhibit