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BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: July 14, 2026

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Terence Acquah, Assistant Village Manager

Topic: Bid Award – High-Visibility Crosswalk Improvements

PURPOSE

Staff seeks Village Board approval to award a bid subsequent contract to Iroquois Paving Corporation of Watseka, IL in the amount of \$176,917.65 for the installation of pedestrian safety improvements at key downtown intersections. Improvements will include the installation of high-visibility crosswalk striping, ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps, updated signage, and solar-powered flashing beacon assemblies to enhance pedestrian safety. These pedestrian safety upgrades can be paid for by funds available in the Downtown TIF Allocation Fund.

PROCESS

In July 2025, the Village Board approved an agreement with HR Green, Inc. of New Lenox, Illinois, to provide engineering and design services for the installation of high-visibility pedestrian crosswalks in Downtown Homewood.

The project focuses on improving pedestrian safety at four (4) crosswalk locations and constructing ten (10) ADA-compliant curb ramps at the following intersections [see map attachment]:

- Harwood Avenue and Ridge Road (Metra station intersection) – one (1) crosswalk lane with two (2) ADA curb ramps.
- Ridge Road and Martin Avenue (east intersection) – one (1) crosswalk lane with two (2) ADA curb ramps.
- Chestnut Road and Harwood Avenue – two (2) crosswalk lanes with four (4) ADA curb ramps.
- Dixie Highway and Chestnut Road – one (1) crosswalk lane with two (2) ADA curb ramps.

The proposed improvements include high-visibility pavement markings, ADA-compliant curb ramps, updated pedestrian signage, and solar-powered rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) to enhance pedestrian visibility and safety. As part of the project, HR Green completed a topographic survey, prepared detailed construction plans and specifications, developed bid documents, and coordinated the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) permit application

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for improvements along Dixie Highway, which is under State jurisdiction. The firm also assisted the Village throughout the bidding process by responding to contractor questions and reviewing submitted bids.

These improvements support the continued growth and redevelopment of Downtown Homewood. Several commercial and mixed-use developments are currently underway or planned over the next several years, bringing additional residents, businesses, and pedestrian activity to the area. The largest proposed redevelopment, located on the existing Village Hall parking lot, will relocate municipal parking to the east side of Dixie Highway, increasing pedestrian travel between parking areas and Village facilities. The proposed crosswalk improvements will provide safer, more accessible connections throughout the downtown and support the Village's ongoing transit-oriented development initiatives.

Bid Process

Sealed bids for the project were received at Village Hall, 2020 Chestnut Road, Homewood, Illinois, until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026. Bids were publicly opened and read immediately following the submission deadline.

Contracting Firm	Totals
Iroquois Paving Corporation (Watseka, IL)	\$176,917.65
McGill Construction LLC (Frankfort, IL)	\$181,771.50
Davis Concrete Construction Co (Monee, IL)	\$196,690.00
J & J Newell Concrete Contractors (Crete, IL)	\$201,917.50
Acura Inc. (Bensenville, IL)	\$213,609.00
Misfits Construction Company (Chicago, IL)	\$284,815.00
MYS Incorporated (Palos Heights, IL)	\$262,512.46

Iroquois Paving Corporation was identified as the lowest responsive bidder. Upon Board approval, work will be scheduled for completion during the summer construction season. The contractor will coordinate closely with downtown businesses to minimize disruptions and maintain pedestrian access.

OUTCOME

High visibility crosswalks and accessible pedestrian infrastructure are essential tools in promoting public safety. These upgrades will improve visibility for both pedestrians and drivers, reduce the likelihood of accidents, and ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The addition of solar-powered beacons will provide further protection by drawing attention to pedestrians who are crossing busy intersections.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** Downtown TOD Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$200,000.00
- **Cost:** \$176,917.65

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Award the bid for High Visibility Crosswalk Improvements to Iroquois Paving Corporation of Watseka, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$176,917.65 and authorize the Village Manager to execute the necessary contract documents.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Crosswalk Installation Map
- HR Green Recommendation Letter
- Bid Tabulation