

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



**BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2026**

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**To:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**From:** Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

**Topic:** Bid Award Recommendation for the FY 2025-2026 Idlewild Lane Water Main and Storm Sewer Improvements

## **PURPOSE**

Staff request that the Village Board award the FY 2025-2026 Idlewild Lane Water Main and Storm Sewer Improvements to M&J Underground Inc., of Monee, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,318,612.33. This project includes:

- installation of a new water main on Idlewild Lane between Dixie Highway and Ashland Avenue.
- relocation of the existing storm sewer on Idlewild Lane, just west of Highland Avenue, to accommodate and enhance the new water main infrastructure.
- Replacement of all lead water service lines within the project limits, extending from the new water main to the water meter inside each affected residence.

The project will improve water distribution reliability, modernize aging infrastructure, enhance stormwater management, and eliminate lead service lines within the project area.

## **PROCESS**

This project addresses several critical infrastructure challenges that have been experienced in this specific geographical area in recent years. Much of the Village's underground water system was installed decades ago and has reached the end of its useful life. As water mains age, they become susceptible to deterioration, corrosion, and structural failure. This results in an increase in water main breaks, which can disrupt water service to residents, require costly emergency repairs, damage roadways, and strain Village resources. This particular project is part of the Village's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan to replace aging infrastructure.

Replacing aging water mains with modern infrastructure helps improve the reliability and resiliency of the water distribution system while reducing the likelihood of future service interruptions.

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The installation of a new water main on Idlewild Lane between Dixie Highway and Ashland Avenue will strengthen the Village’s water distribution network and ensure residents continue to receive safe and reliable drinking water. At the same time, relocating the existing storm sewer on Idlewild Lane just west of Highland Avenue will allow the new water infrastructure to be installed properly while also improving stormwater conveyance in the area.



## *Lead Line Replacement Component*

Equally important, the project includes the replacement of all lead service lines within the project limits, extending from the new water main to the water meter inside each residence. Because the water main project involves new service connections, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires that the Village remove any lead service lines within the system.

Removing lead service lines is a major public health initiative required by federal and state regulations and is a key component of the Village’s broader Lead Service Line Replacement Program. By eliminating these lines, the Village reduces the potential risk of lead exposure in drinking water and helps protect the long-term health of residents.

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Overall, this project represents a proactive investment in the Village’s infrastructure. By modernizing aging water and stormwater systems while removing lead service lines, the Village will improve system reliability, enhance public health protections, and strengthen the community’s infrastructure for decades to come.

## *Bid Process*

The Public Works Engineering Division completed the detailed plans, specifications, and bid documents, which were subsequently approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Following proper advertisement, four (4) bids were received, opened, and read aloud at the Public Works facility on February 26, 2026. The results for the four (4) bidders are presented in the attached bid tabulation.

Bidder	Bid Amount
M&J Underground, Monee, IL	\$1,381,612.33
H. Linden & Sons, Plano, IL	\$1,444,445.00
Airy’s, Inc., Tinley Park, IL	\$1,599,617.00
Trine Construction, St. Charles, IL	\$1,803,500.00

## **OUTCOME**

Staff recommends awarding the bid for the FY 2025-2026 Idlewild Lane Water Main and Storm Sewer Improvements to M&J Underground, Inc. of Monee, IL. This contractor submitted the lowest responsible bid, is prequalified to perform work of this nature, and has demonstrated the capability to complete the project in accordance with the plans and specifications.

## *Contingency Request*

The lowest bidder (M&J Underground) submitted a bid that is \$98,687.67 below what was budgeted for the project. The lowest bid is also \$62,832.67 lower than the next submitted bid. Because underground and infrastructure work has various “unknowns” that can only be revealed once the contractor is “in the ground,” staff is requesting authority to utilize \$60,000 of the remaining budgeted amount as a “contingency” amount for any staff-vetted and staff-evaluated work that may need to occur during this project. This “contingency” funding would **only** be considered for use to address unforeseen field conditions such as unforeseen utility conflicts, soil conditions, or required adjustments during construction. The contingency would be used only if necessary and subject to the Village’s purchasing and authorization policies. The \$60,000 contingency is 4.55% of the bid submitted by M&J Underground, Inc. of Monee, IL.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- **Funding Source:** Water and Sewer Capital
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$1,480,300.00
- **Cost:** 1,381,612.33

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## **LEGAL REVIEW**

Not Required

## **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

Award the FY 2025-2026 Idlewild Lane Water Main and Storm Sewer Improvements contract to M&J Underground, Inc. of Monee, IL, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,318,612.33, and to approve an additional project contingency in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for a total project amount not to exceed \$1,441,612.33; and to authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract and approve contingency expenditures in accordance with Village policy.

## **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Bid Tabulation