

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda
Bids and Proposals

TO : President and Village Board of Trustees
FROM : Scott Niehaus, Village Manager
DATE : November 25, 2014 Agenda Date: December 4, 2014
TITLE : Waiver of Bids – All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc.
2015 Sewer Stub Rodding
SUBMITTED BY: Brian M. Jack, Utilities Superintendent *bmj*

RESULTS:

Date Bids Were Published _____ Bidding Closed _____
Total Number of Bids Received _____
Total Number of Bidders Meeting Specifications _____
Bid Security Required _____ Yes _____ No
Performance Bond Required _____ Yes _____ No
Were Any Bids Withdrawn _____ Yes _____ No
Explanation:
Waiver of Bids Requested? _____ **X** Yes _____ No
If yes, explain:
Award Recommended to Lowest Responsible Bidder? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, explain:

FISCAL IMPACT:

Engineer's Estimate/Budget Estimate \$\$60,000.00
Amount of Award \$60,000.00 Account # 510.270.380.75350

BACKGROUND/RECOMMENDATION:

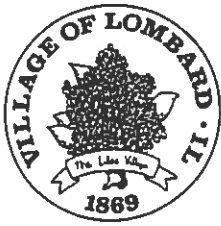
Waive bids and award contract for sewer rodding services for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Has Recommended Bidder Worked for Village Previously **X** Yes _____ No
If yes, was quality of work acceptable **X** Yes _____ No
Was item bid in accordance with Public Act 85-1295? _____ Yes **X** No
Waiver of bids - Public Act 85-1295 does not apply **X** Yes

REVIEW (as needed):

Village Attorney XX _____ Date _____
Finance Director XX _____ Date _____
Village Manager XX _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Board Agenda distribution.



MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

Through: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *g*

From: Brian M. Jack, Utilities Superintendent *BJ*

Date: November 25, 2014

Subject: Waiver of Bids - 2015 Sewer Rodding Services
All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc.

Background

The intent of the Sewer Stub Program is to use plumbers who respond in a timely manner and provide the Village with accurate information at a reasonable cost. The Sewer Stub Ordinance gives the resident the option of hiring a plumber (with the Village to witness the rodding) or using a plumber that the Village contracts with. The plumber is hired to not only open the clogged sewer service but to give the Village information on the type and location of the clog.

The Village has contracted with All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc. since 2007 (formerly Russ's All Plumbing & Sewer, Inc since 1995) when the Sewer Stub Ordinance was amended. All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc. of Lombard, IL has continued to respond to requests in a very professional, responsive and reliable manner on a 24-hour/365 day per year basis. Attached is a schedule of charges for All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc. for FY 2015. The schedule of charges is the same as the five previous years and provides flat fees for sewer rodding during regular working hours and a fee for after hours.

The Village last formally advertised for competitive bids for Sewer Stub Rodding Services in FY 2008/2009 in which Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sent to six plumbing contractors. After discussions among staff and the Village Attorney, it was recommended that all proposals be rejected and the revised ordinance was presented to the Public Works Committee that included a fixed schedule of reimbursement amounts for rodding services.

An unofficial request for proposals was done in FY 2012 to gauge the interest and response capabilities for this service. Four plumbing contractors were contacted including All Plumbing & Sewer Services Inc. Discussions regarding fixed pricing, 24-

hour/365 day emergency response, warranty of roddings, and solicitation of additional services were had with each contractor. Three of the four contractors could not commit to the unconditional emergency response times even though they advertise themselves as 24-hour companies, length of rodding warranties varied, and the impression of one contractor would solicit residents for additional work once their "foot" is in the door. The decision was again made to recommend waiving of bids for Sewer Stub Rodding Services and award the contract to All Plumbing & Sewer Services Inc.

Public Works staff discussed re-advertising for proposals for the FY 2015 Sewer Stub Services and is recommending waiving bids and awarding a contract with All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc. The Village continues to have a strong working relationship with All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc. and they continue to provide a high level of service to the Village and its residents. Previous experiences with contracted plumbing firms have fallen well short of the high standard of All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc. has been providing. Other firms have not been reliable in 24 hr./365 day emergency response times, and have acted as "salesmen" with residents to drum up more business.

All Plumbing & Sewer Services Inc. has again held their fees for FY 2015 with no increase in the past five years. Therefore, we are again recommending the Village to continue to use All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc. for sewer stub rodding services.

The FY 2015 budget for sewer rodding services is \$75,000: \$60,000 for the plumber the Village contracts with and \$15,000 for other plumbers.

Recommendations

I am requesting that the Village Board approve a waiver of bids for All Plumbing & Sewer Services, Inc. of Lombard, IL to perform sewer rodding services in conjunction with the Sewer Stub Program for the FY 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

ALL PLUMBING & SEWER SERVICES, INC.

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Nov. 6, 2014

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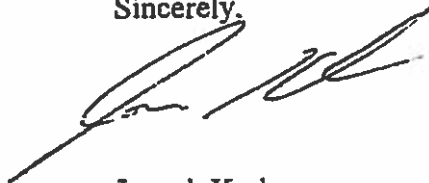
Dear Brian:

Here are the prices you have requested. These prices reflect the same service you have received in the past from All Plumbing & Sewer Service;

- SEWER RODDING BASE CHARGE.....\$270.00 ea.
- WEEKENDS, EVENINGS, HOLIDAYS.....\$353.00 ea.

We are very proud to be part of this program that benefits the citizens of our community. It is always a pleasure to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Joseph Kud
All Plumbing & Sewer