



MEMORANDUM

TO: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

THROUGH: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works

FROM: David P. Gorman, Asst. Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: **ComEd Proposals to Bury Overhead Wires in the Downtown**

DATE: April 28, 2009

Staff has obtained proposals from ComEd for two separate projects to bury overhead wires in the downtown. Attached are an aerial and two schematic drawings showing the locations of the existing overhead wires and the proposed buried conduits. The cost would be paid from downtown TIF funds.

The FY08-09 budget includes \$160,000 to bury overhead wires in the downtown. However, the total of ComEd's two proposals is \$212,000. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Board may opt to fund only one of the projects. The projected balance at the end of this fiscal year for the downtown TIF is \$644,000, not including these projects.

The southern project (#1 on the aerial) would cost \$125,000 and it would bury the wires along the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks that cross over Parkside Avenue, Michael McGuire Drive, and Main Street just north of the viaduct. The northern project (#2 on the aerial) would cost \$87,000 and it would bury the wires that cross over Main Street just north of St. Charles Road. Attached are emails from ComEd discussing these costs.

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees accept only the proposal for the southern project (#1) at a cost of \$125,000. This will leave a \$35,000 surplus in this budget line item. Please obtain a directive from the Board of Trustees on which project(s) are to be approved.

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attachments: one color aerial and two schematics