



Glen Ellyn Village Board
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Department: Public Works
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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 3392)

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Motion to Authorize the Village Manager to Execute Agreements with Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. and WOW! for the Undergrounding of Overhead Utility Wires on Lake Road North of Crescent Boulevard in the Respective Amounts of \$19,000 and \$6,000, to be Expensed to the Capital Projects Fund (Public Works Director Hansen)

In the fall of 2015, and in conjunction with the construction of the new Science wing at Glenbard West High School, Village staff began investigations into the feasibility of undergrounding a short, dead-end run of overhead utility wires on Lake Road north of Crescent Boulevard. At that location, there are four utility poles carrying three spans of wires servicing residential properties in the area. Please note the attached sketch of the area.

In May 2017, the Village Board approved a contract in the amount of about \$31,000 with Commonwealth Edison Company to underground the overhead electric wires on this portion of Lake Road. With the completion of the electrical wire relocation during the summer of 2017, the ComEd overhead wires were removed and the poles topped, leaving the cables from AT&T, Comcast and WOW still to be relocated and the poles to be removed.

Staff has been pursuing the three remaining utilities for about the past year to obtain quotes to complete their work. A rather convoluted negotiation sequence with AT&T ultimately resulted in that utility agreeing to participate only tangentially and at no cost to the Village. AT&T has no current active customers in the undergrounding area; an empty conduit will be provided them for potential future use and they will “wreck-out” their wires and the poles when Comcast and WOW have relocated their facilities.

Staff inquired about joint work opportunities instead of just separate efforts as a cost-savings approach: Comcast was cooperative and developed an estimate to install all three of the required conduits at the same time. A quote from Comcast was received in February 2018 in the amount of just under \$19,000. The current quote from WOW is for just under \$6,000.

Staff feels the Comcast quote is reasonable, given that they will be installing the conduits for all three utilities. The WOW quote is also acceptable. Copies of the Comcast and WOW proposals are attached.

The Village engaged surrounding landowners (District 87, Park District and homeowners) in the undergrounding discussion and this dialogue has resulted in securing multiple partners to participate financially in the undergrounding project. Our partners have pledged a total of \$20,000 toward the undergrounding project. In addition, we have a tentative agreement to sale a portion of the ROW to the adjoining property owner at a negotiated cost of \$9,000 to further offset the costs to

underground these lines. Given this is an entry way to the High School and Lake Ellyn Park, these costs seem to be justified to improve the overall aesthetics of the area. Project Costs and Funding are summarized in the following table:

Participant	Cost Share	Funding Share
ComEd	\$31,236	
AT&T	\$0	
Comcast	\$18,646	
WOW	\$5,963	
Village Partners		\$29,000
Village		\$26,845
Totals	\$55,845	\$55,845

To continue with the project, the agreements with Comcast and WOW require execution and payment to the individual utility by the Village.

A motion has been developed for Village Board consideration, authorizing the Village Manager to execute agreements and payments to Comcast and WOW of the requested amount, using Capital Project Fund monies. The authorized amounts are rounded up so that the funding approved will total **\$25,000** as follows:

Lake Road Utility Wire Undergrounding - 2018 Project Completion			
Vendor	Funding Source (CY-18)	Account No.	Amount
Comcast Cable	Capital Projects Fund	40000-580100-16018	\$19,000
WOW	Capital Projects Fund	40000-580100-16018	\$6,000
Total			\$25,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- Lake Road Undergrounding Area Map (PDF)
- Comcast and WOW Proposals (PDF)