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US12 WisDOT PROJECT

WisDOT's Chad Hines last communication about their schedule for roadway soil borings exceeds the Village's anticipated August 2011 utility project bid date. MSA's recommendation is that the Village proceed with their own soil boring professional.

The WisDOT has released their US12 ESA report to MSA. The ESA information will be included in the Village's utility project documents for bidding.

WATER/SEWER PROJECT STATUS

Ehlers and Associates' Brian Riley is proceeding with project interim financing as directed by the Village Board in April. MSA's Mary Wagner is coordinating a request for additional grant/loan funds from the WisDNR SDWLP. The success of this request will not be known until the SDWLP bond closure date.

The project is now proceeding into the bidding/construction phase of the utility project. Village Board action is needed to proceed into this phase.

MSA has coordinated the solicitation of soil borings needed for providing bidders with the ground water and hardpan information required to prepare their bids. MSA's recommendation is that the Village enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Nummelin Testing Services for \$4,240. The tabulation of the three soil boring proposals are as follows:

Nummelin Testing Services:	\$4,240
Midwest Engineering Services:	\$4,975
American Engineering Testing:	\$5,150

PROJECT UPDATE

The right-of-way for Railroad Street has been found to be undeterminable without additional research by a registered land surveyor. Dallas Wilhelm has estimated his cost to \$1,000 for researching building encroachments along Railroad Street (Main to Wisconsin). Dallas's services would be as subcontractor to MSA, and would be itemized separately on billing statements.

CDBG-PF Block Grant research has begun, and environmental/historical letters will be sent out soon. MSA's Planner, Jeff Thelen will coordinate with Clerk Debbie Green the notices required.

MSA has provided Debbie Green with two additional loan/grant program packages for elderly and low to moderate-income homeowners. The Veteran's Administrations Revolving Fund Program and the Rural Development Rural Housing Repair and Rehabilitation program could assist with plumbing and service line costs for building owners. Debbie Green also has application information for the Jackson County CDBG-Housing Revolving Loan Program.

According to the Department of Commerce, approximately \$6.0 million of CDBG funds will be available for Housing Programs this year. If awarded, these funds can be used to rehabilitate homes and rentals for low to moderate-income households in your community. As in the past few years, these funds are available on a lottery type basis. Pre-applications are made on-line and will be due mid-June. MSA will assist the Village in submitting the on-line pre-application at no cost to the community.

CLEAN WATER FUND AND SAFE DRINKING WATER FUND

A request from the WiDNR Construction Manager, Judith Hayducsko for the CWF and SDWLP has requested to be present at the utility projects pre-construction meeting.