



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** March 13, 2023

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**Agenda Item:** Hilldale Reconstruction Project – Phase 3 Alternate A

**Explanation:** City Council approved of the award of the Base Bid and Alternate B to Stark Excavating at the last council meeting. Alternate A was taken to Public Works Committee for discussion. Public Works Committee was in support of the alternate but recommended it be placed on the Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion and direction from the entire council.

Alternate A is the reshaping of the drainage ditch from the recently reconstructed North Street Culvert most of the way towards Hilldale. The area being reshaped cannot currently contain a 2 yr rain event. Alternate A would increase the capacity of the channel allowing it to contain a 10-yr event.

Before the previous phase of Hilldale was bid out, City Staff had reached out to the property owners along the drainage channel. There was mostly positive feedback at the time with some residents also asking for more information if the city were to move forward with the reshaping of this channel. If Council approves of using funds to regrade this channel, Staff will reach out to the property owners to confirm their interest in the project. If the property owners support the project, staff will bring the award of Alternate A back to a future Council meeting for approval.

A bid opening took place on March 1, 2023 at 10 AM at City Hall with three bids submitted.

Company	Alternate A Amount
Stark Excavating	\$ 108,405.01
Otto Baum	\$ 150,750.00
ICCI	\$ 167,100.69

Engineers Estimate	\$ 153,797.00
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**Fiscal Impact:** The FY 23-24 budget includes \$2,250,000 in the water/sewer/capital fund accounts. The combination of the base bid and alternatives A & B would come in under the budgeted amount.

**Recommendation Summary:** Staff recommends discussion on the inclusion of Alternate A and direction to engage with the property owners to get their blessing on the project.

**Action Requested:** Direction to begin discussion with the residents so that we can bring the alternate A bid approval to a future council meeting for approval.