



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: Monday April 10th, 2023

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Agenda Item: Excavator Purchase Discussion

Explanation: Over the past several years Public Works has discussed the benefits of getting an excavator. Staff is appreciative of the Township's willingness to borrow their machine but feel it is time to purchase our own. Having a city owned excavator will allow us to complete jobs during the week or after hours without having to make arrangements to borrow. We have had the discussion of a large excavator, to complete large projects and brush burning, vs a mini excavator, to complete water and sewer main breaks, storm sewer repairs and small ditch grading projects. Although both have their pros and cons, staff feels a mini excavator would be utilized more often for the day-to-day jobs.

Staff was looking for a budget number so we reached out to Alta Equipment Co. for a Sourcewell quote, which satisfies the competitive bid process. Their quote was \$102,194.00 for a New 2022 Volvo Excavator. The quoted make and model is one staff has used in the past and was impressed with. As we have seen large equipment is taking several months to years to build and deliver. Equipment that is available is something to consider.

Fiscal Impact: \$120,000.00 is proposed in the FY 23-24 budget for a mini excavator.

Recommendation: Staff would recommend purchasing an in-stock excavator from Alta in a not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000.00 vs the bidding process. Public Works Committee was in support of staff's recommendation of purchasing an in-stock excavator.

Action Requested: Motion to approve Purchase Authorization for an excavator from Alta Equipment Co., pending excavator approval in the FY 23-24 Budget, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000.00 as a Consent Agenda item.