

## **Staff Responses to Council Questions**

### **February 4, 2014**

#### **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **D. Motion: Award a Three-Year Contract Not to Exceed \$301,168.50 to Meade Electric Company, McCook, IL, for Traffic Signal Maintenance**

*Who is currently providing this service? How long have they been providing the service?*

H & H Electric is the Village's current contractor and they have been providing this service since 2011 through a three-year contract with the Village.

#### **9. FIRST READING**

##### **A. Ordinance: Establish a Crosswalk at Carpenter Street**

*What type of signage and striping will be installed? Will flashing lights be used?*

The crosswalk will be striped with paint or thermoplastic and advance warning signs will be installed. Staff will install an in-street "stop for pedestrians" sign if compliance is a problem. Flashing lights will not be installed.

##### **B & C. Amend Alarm Code Provisions to Provide for Wireless Radio Systems and Award \$85,966.01 to Total Fire and Safety, Inc. for Purchase and Installation of Alarm Panel Equipment**

*Will the wireless radio system accommodate multiple alarm systems that can broadcast to the radio receiver?*

Yes.

*Does staff have any concerns about the reliability of the wireless radio system due to batteries or connections failing?*

No, this has proven to be a reliable system and is not a concern. The Village will be alerted if the radio is not functioning because the alarm radios check in multiple times a day.

*The materials refer to a "runaway radio." What is that?*

A runaway radio refers to a radio that is sending a constant signal to the VOC receiving equipment, which could overpower other signals. In this case, Total Fire would identify the radio and contact the business owner to make the correction. VOC can temporarily halt the signal until the radio can be repaired.

*Will businesses be required to use wireless alarms?*

No, businesses are not required to use wireless alarms. The Village will maintain the analog system to receive alarm signals via telephone lines.

*Will businesses be required to use a specific wireless alarm company?*

No, businesses can use the alarm company of their choice. This is similar to the current system where a business is required to maintain an alarm system, but the Village does not require a specific vendor.

*Will businesses be required to pay the Village and a private alarm company?*

Yes, each business will continue to pay an annual monitoring fee to the Village and pay a separate fee for maintenance or installation of their own alarm system to a private company. (Businesses do not pay a private firm for alarm *monitoring*.) This is similar to the current practice. Each business pays separately for the installation and maintenance of their alarm system from the firm of their choice. They will save money by not paying for a monthly phone bill on top of the maintenance and monitoring costs.

### **Online Comments**

There were no online comments this week.