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TO: Village Board  
FROM: David De Angelis  
DATE: January 18, 2021  
RE: Agenda Items

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At the last Committee of the Whole meeting the Board discussed the possibility of creating a transportation utility for the purpose of funding future road and bridge projects. Subsequent to those discussions, there has also been some discussion on the possibility of including future pathway projects in the utility as well. The Board at its November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting authorized staff to initiate the process of creation of a utility.

Staff has received two consultant proposals for assistance in the evaluation of options, financial modeling and implementation. The two firms are both current consultants of the Village. The first proposal is from Ehlers, partnering with R.A. Smith, and the second proposal from Ruckert & Mielke. You will find both proposals attached for your review prior to the Village Board meeting. Both firms have provided the requested information for the study and have proposed the following fees:

1. Ehlers/R.A Smith - Sum not to exceed \$20,000
2. Ruckert & Mielke – Lump sum fee of \$18,800

As there is only \$1200 separating these proposals I would consider them comparable in costs. Ruckert & Mielke does have the potential for additional fees for additional meetings while Ehlers proposal is an “all in” cost. Both firms have utility experience, with Ehlers/R.A. Smith, having more current transportation utility experience. Ehlers is currently engaged in two other Wisconsin communities giving them more recent experience with the transportation aspect of utility creation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.