
Memorandum

The City of Traverse City
Engineering Department



TO: R. Ben Bifoss, City Manager
FROM: Timothy J. Lodge, City Engineer *T. Lodge*
DATE: February 23, 2009
SUBJECT: 2009 Wadsworth Street Culvert Replacement Project

Sealed proposals were advertised for and were received on February 23, 2009 for the reference project. Plans and specifications were provided to nineteen contractors and/or suppliers with six bids being received for this work as follows:

Meyer Construction	Cadillac	\$ 351,726.10
Molon Excavating, Inc	Traverse City	\$ 382,835.49
DJ McQuestion & Sons	Leroy	\$ 392,103.25
Elmer's	Traverse City	\$ 464,738.00
JE Kloote Contracting, Inc	Ferrysburg	\$ 548,957.00
NW Michigan Contracting	Traverse City	\$ 647,035.00

The Engineering Department's preliminary estimate for this work was \$312,664.00. This project consists replacing the existing concrete culvert which failed during last year's spring run off. The failed portion of the culvert has been actively monitored and continues to deteriorate other portions of the culvert. Deferral of this work is no longer an option.

Therefore, it is recommended, that this work be awarded to the low bidder, Meyer Construction and that the proper City officials be authorized to execute a unit price contract with the above-mentioned low bidder, in the amount of \$351,726.10, more or less, with funds therefore available in the public improvements projects funds.

Also, due to the concerns with working under power transmission lines we solicited solutions for temporary deactivation and reactivation of the power lines during construction. Consumer's Energy has responded with their proposal to complete this work for \$13,800. Therefore, it is recommended that the City enter into an agreement with them, in an amount not to exceed \$13,800 with funds available in the public improvements projects funds.