

**Village Council Agenda Item
Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio**

Agenda Title: Consideration of Resolution 2008-xx Selecting LJB Engineering as the Village's Design Consultant on the Morris Bean Sewer Extension

Presenter: Eric C. Swansen, Village Manager

Problem/Issue Statement

The Morris Bean Company operates a sewer treatment facility in the Village's wellhead protection area. Eliminating this plant and connecting them to sewer is seen as advantageous to the Village and Morris Bean.

Financial Impact

The 2008 budget included a project funded with grant proceeds for this effort. There is no direct Village cost for this effort, although some indirect costs of staffing might be allocated to this effort. Some of these costs may be reimbursed to the Village under the terms of the grant, as will the entire design and construction costs.

Recommendation

Village Manager recommends approval.

Background

A Congressional earmark was made to assist Morris Bean in getting their wastewater treatment plant connected to the Village's sewer system, rather than having the potential for this plant to adversely affect our groundwater supply.

In late 2005, the Village adopted a resolution that expressed the intent of Council to serve the site with sewer and allow the connection. Shortly, thereafter, guidance from the granting agency advised us to have Morris Bean manage the project and receive the grant proceeds. Late in 2007, new guidance advised us that only the Village could receive these funds. As a result, we are responsible for design and construction of this project.

The next phase in this project is to get a firm involved in design. The Village is required to use a qualifications-based selection process, not cost, for engaging a firm. The Village sought proposals from qualified firms in January. The proposals were due in February. There were four qualified submissions that were evaluated, although we received a number of queries from interested parties during the advertising period.

The submissions were rated based on selection criteria that looked at the firms experience in similar projects, the project manager's experience, the project principal's experience and experience with this funding source. Our process also examined the work that firms had completed in the Village of Yellow Springs and experience presenting in Yellow Springs.

The highest rated firm was the engineering firm of LJB from Beavercreek, Ohio.

It should be noted the Village Solicitor has a conflict in this matter. As a result, the Village Manager will be using outside Counsel to advise us on the final terms and conditions of the contract.

Recommendation

Village Manager recommends approval.

Approved by: