Village Board Agenda Memo

Date:	November 24, 2026
To:	Village President & Board of Trustees
From:	Rick Radde, Public Works Director
	Mark Lucas, Village Engineer
	Julia Cedillo, Village Manager
RE:	**Central Area Sewer Separation (CASS) Project – Bidding Update**

PURPOSE
To provide the Village Board with an update on the CASS Project bidding results and next steps.

BACKGROUND
The Central Area Sewer Separation (CASS) Project is designed to reduce flooding and improve stormwater management in the central portion of the Village, generally bounded by 31st Street, La Grange Road, Homestead Road, and the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad. As originally planned, the project includes approximately 7,200 feet of new storm sewer, 450,000 gallons of underground stormwater storage, a new pumping station, 4,600 feet of force main, and associated sewer improvements, with stormwater ultimately discharged to Salt Creek.

Bidding Update
The CASS Project was divided into three construction contracts (A, B, and C) to facilitate bidding and construction. The project was initially bid in July 2026; however, the bids received exceeded the project budget, prompting the Village to revise portions of the project and rebid the work.

Bids for Contracts B and C were opened on September 29, 2026, with Trine Construction submitting the lowest combined bid of $9,190,235. However, no bids were received for Contract A, which includes construction of the stormwater pumping station and associated force main improvements.

At its October 27, 2026, meeting, the Village Board reviewed revised project cost estimates and approved the rejection of the original bids for Contracts B and C. The Board also postponed consideration of awarding the combined contract to Trine Construction until November 24, 2026, pending the results of rebidding Contract A and a more complete assessment of the overall project costs.

Contract A was subsequently rebid, with bids opened on November 18, 2026. The bids received were higher than the Village Engineer's estimate and are currently being evaluated as part of the overall project cost review. The Village had anticipated bringing all three contracts to the Board for consideration and possible award at the November 24 meeting. However, given the higher-than-anticipated bid results, additional evaluation of the overall project costs and available options is necessary. Accordingly, no contract awards are being recommended at this meeting.

Next Steps
The Village Engineer will return to the Village Board at its December 2026 meeting with an updated assessment of the bids, overall project costs, and recommendations regarding options for moving the project forward.

In addition, staff will coordinate with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), which has committed $4 million toward the project through its Stormwater Partnership Program, to discuss the financial implications of the higher construction costs and potential options for proceeding.

The Village remains committed to advancing this important flood mitigation project while carefully evaluating the most practical and financially responsible approach.

This memorandum is provided as an informational update. No Village Board action is requested at this time. Village Engineer Mark Lucas will be available to answer any questions.

DOCUMENTATION

- October 27, 2026, Village Board Agenda Memorandum – CASS Project (Contracts B and C)
- Supplemental Revised Project Cost Estimates – October 2026

LA GRANGE PARK EST. 1892

Village Board Agenda Memo

Date: October 27, 2026

To: Village President & Board of Trustees

From: Richard Radde, Director of Public Works
Julia Cedillo, Village Manager

RE: Resolution – Central Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project (Contracts B and C)

PURPOSE

Approve a resolution and contract with the low bidder, Trine Construction Corporation, for combined contracts B and C for the Central Area Sewer Separation (CASS) Project.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

For the past few years, Village staff and its Engineers have worked tirelessly on the Central Area Sewer Separation Project, seeking funding and finalizing the design for bidding. The Project was divided into three contracts, each with specialized work. Contract A covers the construction of a pump station and a force main to the creek. Contract B covers the construction of box culverts under Monroe. Contract C covers the construction of a water main along Homestead and Jackson, the large stormwater pipe under Homestead, the storm pipe along Oak from Barnsdale to Forest, the storm pipe along Harding from Barnsdale to Forest, and connections to the pump station.

The first round of bidding occurred in July 2026, but both Contract B and C bids were rejected because overall costs were higher than expected. The Project was re-advertised soliciting separate bids for Contract B work and Contract C work as well as a solicitation for a combined bid for both Contract B work and Contract C work. Contract C included a base bid, Alternative 1, and Alternative 2. Contract B only had a base bid. The following are the results from the second bid opening on September 29, 2026, and they reflect only the base bids.

CONTRACT B ONLY

Contractor	Bid Pricing
Acqua Contractors Corp.	$4,054,000.00 (Low Bid)
A Lamp	$4.408,960.20
Revised Engineer's Estimate	***$3,308,650.00***

CONTRACT C ONLY (Base Bids)

Contractor	Bid Pricing
Suburban General Construction, Inc.	$5,647,588.00 (Low Bid)
Acqua Contractors Corp.	$6,578.000.00
A Lamp	$7,204,936.00
Revised Engineer's Estimate	***$5,699,220.00***

CONTRACT B+C Combined

Contractor	Bid Pricing
Trine Construction Corp.	$9,190,235.00 (Low Bid, Only Bid, Contract Award)
Revised Engineer's Estimate	***$9,331,905.00***

Because of the complexity of the bidding status and given the low bid for the Combined Contracts B+C, formal bid rejections of the individual bids provided for Contract B work and Contract C work are required to be approved by the Village Board before approving the Combined Contracts B+C bid.

As outlined in Hancock Engineering's Letter of Recommendation, Engineer Lucas reviewed all bids, and Hancock recommends that the Village Board accept the Combined Contracts B+C,bid and award and approve a construction contract with the lowest cost, qualified and responsible bidder Trine Construction Corporation to complete the Contract B work and & Contract C work.

Engineer Lucas will provide a brief overview of the project, including revisions to the project scope, costs, and an update on funding mechanisms.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that the Village Board accept the Combined Contracts B+C,bid and award and approve a construction contract with the lowest cost, qualified and responsible bidder Trine Construction Corporation for the Central Area Sewer Separation Project, based on the Combined Contracts B+C bid.

ACTION REQUESTED
This item is for discussion and action.

Motion: (1) To Approve The Rejection Of All Bids Received On September 29, 2026, That Were Publicly Opened And Read For The Central Area Sewer Separation Project – Contract B - APPROVED

Motion: (2) To Approve The Rejection Of All Bids Received On September 29, 2026, That Were Publicly Opened And Read For The Central Area Sewer Separation Project – Contract C -APPROVED

Motion: (3) To Approve A Resolution Accepting The Lowest Cost, Qualified And Responsive Bid Submitted By Trine Construction Corp. And Authorizing The Approval And Execution Of A Construction Contract To Perform The Combined Contracts B+C Work For The Central Area Sewer Separation Project To Be Entered Into With Trine Construction Corp. And Authorizing The Expenditure Of Road Bond, Capital, Water And Sewer Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed $9, 190,235.00 To Pay For The Work - POSTPONED

DOCUMENTATION
- Hancock Engineering - Letter of Recommendation dated October 19, 2026
- Resolution
- Construction Contract
- Supplemental - Revised Cost Estimates

CENTRAL AREA SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT (CASS)

UPDATED COSTS AS OF OCTOBER 27, 2026

Village of La Grange Park
Central Area Sewer Separation Program

Engineer's Estimate of Cost
Central Area Sewer Separation Project - October 2026

Contract	Scope	Funding Sources	Total Cost	Sewer	Water	Roadway
Contract A	Work associated with the wet well, pump station, force main, and outlet (this is generally in the area north of Jackson Avenue.	Village,MWRD	$ 6,250,000.00	$ 5,294,000.00	$ 556,000.00	$ 400,000.00
Contract Combined B&C	Work associated with the storage units of the project on Jackson and Monroe, water main be relocated on Homestead and all gravity sewer south of Jackson in addition to the final restoration in addition to the 48" sewer	Village, MWRDGC, DCEO	$ 9,190,235.59	$ 5,476,290.24	$ 2,296,739.95	$ 1,417,205.40
	Total Construction		$ 15,440,235.59	$ 10,770,290.24	$ 2,852,739.95	$ 1,817,205.40
	Contingency		$ 538,514.51	$ 538,514.51		
	Construction Engineering		$ 773,750.00	$ 619,000.00	$ 154,750.00	
	Total Cost		$ 16,752,500.10	$ 11,927,804.75	$ 3,007,489.95	$ 1,817,205.40
Funding						
	DCEO		$ 1,000,000.00	$ 500,000.00	$ 500,000.00	
	MWRD		$ 4,000,000.00	$ 4,000,000.00		
	Bond, Sewer		$ 5,000,000.00	$ 5,000,000.00		
	Water		$ 2,507,489.95		$ 2,507,489.95	
	Village, Other Sources		**$ 4,245,010.15**	$ 2,427,804.75	$ -	**$ 1,817,205.40**

Village of La Grange Park
Central Area Sewer Separation Program

Engineer's Estimate of Cost
Central Area Sewer Separation Project - April 2026

Contract	Scope	Funding Sources	Total Cost	Sewer	Water	Roadway
Contract A	Work associated with the wet well, pump station, force main, and outlet (this is generally in the area north of Jackson Avenue.	Village, MWRDGC	$ 5,899,021.00	$ 5,003,378.00	$ 57,338.00	$ 838,305.00
Contract B	Work associated with the storage units of the project on Jackson and Monroe, in addition to the 48" sewer between Monroe and Jackson Avenue.	Village, HUD	$ 2,362,734.50	$ 2,254,995.00	$ 27,180.00	$ 80,559.50
Contract C	Work associated the water main be relocated on Homestead and all gravity sewer south of Jackson in addition to the final restoration of the work being	Village, MWRDGC, IL-DCEO	$ 5,620,915.25	$ 2,051,532.00	$ 3,061,477.76	$ 507,905.50
	Total Construction		$ 13,882,670.75	$ 9,309,905.00	$ 3,145,995.76	$ 1,426,770.00
	Construction Engineering		$ 832,960.25	$ 558,594.30	$ 188,759.75	$ 85,606.20
	Total Cost		$ 14,715,631.00	$ 9,868,499.30	$ 3,334,755.51	$ 1,512,376.20
Funding						
	DCEO		$ 500,000.00		$ 500,000.00	
	MWRD		$ 4,000,000.00	$ 4,000,000.00		
	Bond, Sewer		$ 5,000,000.00	$ 5,000,000.00		
	Water		$ 2,834,755.51		$ 2,834,755.51	
	Village, Other Sources		**$ 2,380,875.49**	$ 868,499.30	$ -	**$ 1,512,376.20**