



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to approve, execute, and make payment to A&R Buildings, LLC for a permanent easement located at 2747 South 25th Avenue, Broadview, Illinois in connection with the Addison Creek Channel Improvements Project (Contract 11-187-3F). Consideration shall be a one-time fee of \$15,200.00, Account 501-50000-667340, Stormwater Management Fund

Dear Sir:

On August 6, 2015, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") adopted Ordinance No. R15-006 establishing the right-of-way for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Addison Creek Channel Improvement Project located in the municipalities of Northlake, Stone Park, Melrose Park, Bellwood, Westchester, and Broadview (Contract 11-187-3F) ("Project"). Ordinance R15-006 was subsequently amended by Ordinances R15-007, R18-003, R19-002, and R20-001 to include additional right-of-way needed for the Project. Said Ordinances authorized and directed the Executive Director to negotiate with the respective owners to acquire fee simple title or such lesser interests, as appropriate, in and to the real estate described in the Ordinances.

On September 6, 2018, the Board authorized the District to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the City of Northlake, Village of Stone Park, Village of Melrose Park, Village of Bellwood, Village of Westchester, and Village of Broadview for the Project. The proposed channel improvements are broken down into nine reaches along approximately 15,300 linear feet of Addison Creek beginning at Hirsch Street in the City of Northlake and continuing to Cermak Road in the Village of Broadview. The Addison Creek channel improvements, along with the proposed Addison Creek Reservoir, will provide flood reduction benefits to approximately 2,200 properties.

The Project requires an approximately 36,383 square foot permanent easement on the property commonly known as 2747 South 25th Avenue, Broadview, Illinois. The easement area is located in a regulated flood hazard area and regulatory floodway, and it has no improvements located on it. The permanent easement area is necessary for construction of the channel improvements and future periodic maintenance.

The District and the property owner have reached an agreement regarding the compensation to be paid for the permanent easement in the amount of a one-time fee of \$15,200.00. This amount is based on a fair market value appraisal obtained by the District. Settlement of this matter will also save the District substantial costs that would otherwise be required to proceed to contested litigation, including legal fees, expert witness fees, and court costs.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board that it accept and approve the permanent easement grant from the property owner in connection with the captioned project and authorize payment to the owner in the amount of \$15,200.00 as compensation for the easement.

It is further requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary in connection with the subject easements after they are approved by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Funds are available in Account 501-50000-667340.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel and Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering;
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Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for September 17, 2020

Attachment