



MEMORANDUM

June 11, 2010

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric S. Stuckey, City Administrator
Russell Truell, Assistant City Administrator / CFO
Mark Hilty, Water Management Director
Brian Wilcox, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Report of Emergency Purchase – Replacement Pump

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to report the emergency purchase of a replacement pump for the City of Franklin Hillsboro Rd. pump station, a sewer lift station located near the intersection of Hillsboro Rd. and Fulton Greer.

Background

The City of Franklin purchasing procedures pertaining to “Emergency Purchases” require that such purchases in excess of \$10,000 be reported to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

As a result of the May 1-2 storm and flooding event, a pump at the City of Franklin Hillsboro Rd. pump station failed. Sewerage flows by gravity to this pump station and then is pumped from this location to the City’s nearby Water Reclamation Facility. This facility houses two pumps which cycle on and off as needed. The two pumps are wired in parallel such that after one cycles off, the other one cycles on when needed. One of the two pumps was replaced approximately seven years ago while the other was replaced about eighteen years old. Because of the quantity of inflow and infiltration of storm water into the City’s wastewater collection system over the course of the May 1-2 rain event, the older of the two pumps overheated and failed. A replacement pump was purchased and installed by City employees upon delivery about a week later.

Normally, this purchase would have been presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as a sole-source purchase inasmuch as this pump station is specifically designed for a particular brand of pump, and that brand is available to the City of Franklin only from a single authorized supplier. The sole-source purchase procedure involves presenting the purchase to BOMA in advance. As time did not permit for that process to be followed for this critical piece of equipment, the emergency procedure provisions were utilized instead.

Financial Impact

The replacement pump cost \$9,975.00 plus \$180.47 for freight for a total of \$10,155.47. The vendor name is Southern Sales Co., Inc. This unbudgeted expenditure will be allocated against the Sewer Collection division of the Water Management Department. Staff anticipates that the purchase will be eligible for partial reimbursement from FEMA and TEMA along with other expenses directly attributable to the May 1-2 rain event.

Options

Staff considered having the failed pump rebuilt but dismissed that option as it would not save more than \$1,000 and it would have taken much longer to accomplish.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen acknowledge receipt of this report of an emergency purchase.