

## Office of the Director of Public Works

**To:** City of Milton Common Council  
**From:** Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works  
**Date:** July 21, 2020  
**Subject:** Public Hearing, Discussion and Possible Action on Final Resolutions #2020-20 Regarding Assessments for the Sanitary Sewer Main Installation along North Janesville Street.

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### **Discussion**

The City was notified of the replacement requirement of a septic system located at 331 North Janesville Street. Therefore, the City of Milton has prepared Final Resolution #2020-20 which outlines the project costs and assessments associated with the sanitary sewer installation along North Janesville Street. Notification has been sent to each affected property owner informing them of their respective assessment and the public hearing scheduled for this evening.

### **Analysis**

The installation of the sewer along North Janesville Street comprises 940 and would serve not only the property that has a failing septic, but would serve an additional 10 lots and make sewer available to undeveloped lands to the north if development occurs at some point in the future. Assessments levied would only become due from the affected property owners upon hook up. Hook up would only be required if a septic system fails or the property owner requests hook up.

### **Background**

On May 5, 2020 the Common Council reviewed application for connection to City sanitary sewer service due to a failed septic system at 331 North Janesville Street. At that time a sanitary sewer extension was not planned, but would be required in order to serve this home and its required hook up. The Council directed staff to pursue project cost estimates for an extension to the affected property (340 feet) and an alternate to extend sanitary sewer beyond the affected property to the City limits (940 feet).

On May 19, 2020 the Common Council reviewed the two options and their respective cost options. Based on the cost estimates, the Common Council directed staff to bid both alternatives to see how the actual costs may vary from the estimated costs.

On June 16, 2020 the Common Council reviewed the bids that were received for the two alternatives. Five bids were received by qualified bidders, and the low bidder was selected. The Council had considerable conversation regarding the two approaches and ultimately directed staff to pursue the installation of the sanitary sewer main to the City limits and approve the bid for said project scope.



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Based on the Preliminary Resolution 2020-14, a public hearing was scheduled for July 21, 2020. Affected property owners were notified of the public hearing and corresponding assessment.

Pursuant to State Statutes 66.0701 and 66.0703 local municipalities have the ability to levy assessments upon property within the area of benefit. However, assessments would only become due from those properties at the time they hook up to the installed facilities.

**Staff Recommendation**

Approve Final Resolution 2020-20 authorizing special assessments against benefitted properties for the extension of sanitary sewer, laterals, main and appurtances along North Janesville Street.