



## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS Public Works Committee Agenda Communication

**Meeting Date:** Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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**Agenda Item:** Excavator Discussion

**Explanation:** Over the past several years Public Works has discussed the benefits of getting an Excavator. Staff is appreciative of the Township's willingness to borrow their machine but feel it is time to purchase our own. Having a City owned Excavator will allow us to complete jobs during the week or after hours without having to make arrangements to borrow. We have had the discussion of a large Excavator, to complete Large Projects and Brush Burning, vs a Mini Excavator, to complete water and sewer main breaks, storm sewer repairs and small ditch grading projects. Although both have their pros and cons, Staff feels Mini Excavator would be utilized more often for the day-to-day jobs.

Staff reached out to Alta Equipment Co. to get a Quote for a Budget Number. They quoted two New Excavators, one being a 2022 and the other a 2023. The 2022 Make and Model is one Staff has used in the past and were impressed with. Both these Excavators are onsite in Bloomington. As we have seen large equipment is taking several months to years to build and deliver. Equipment that is available is something to consider.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$120,000.00 is proposed in the FY 23-24 budget for a Mini Excavator.

**Recommendation:** Based on the positive experiences with these Excavators and because they are in stock, Staff would recommend purchasing an in-stock excavator from Alta vs the bidding process.

**Action Requested:** Public Works Committee discussion and direction.