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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Dean R. Gazza

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RE: Action: Award the "2022 AWWTP Electrical Distribution Upgrades - Phase 5 Project" contract to Van Ert Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,595,000 with a contingency of 10% for a project total not to exceed \$1,754,500.

The 2022 Capital Improvement Plan includes \$1,700,000 for the Wastewater Electrical Distribution Upgrades Project. The amount of \$682,487 was carried over from 2021 for a Phase 5 total budget of \$2,382,487. The majority of the electrical distribution system is from the mid-1970's and has reached the end of its useful life. The electrical distribution system is critical to the Wastewater Treatment Plant's operations and needs to be upgraded to reduce the risk of an electrical distribution component failure. This is Phase Five of a Five-Phase project.

The bids were received as follows:

Van Ert Electric, Inc.	\$1,595,000
Pieper Electric, Inc.	\$2,626,399

Our consulting engineer has written the City of Appleton a formal letter of recommendation to award the contract to Van Ert Electric, Inc. The Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Management Department has also reviewed the bids and is in agreement with the engineer's recommendation. Therefore, we recommend awarding the contract to Van Ert Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,595,000 plus a contingency of 10% only to be utilized as needed.

Please contact me at 832-5572 or at dean.gazza@appleton.org with any questions.