

Flossmoor OKs generators for village hall, public works center

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Two Flossmoor municipal buildings will soon be getting re-energized.

The village board voted unanimously to approve a contract to pay Powerlink Electric Inc. \$476,995 for the Village Hall Generator Improvements Project. The project includes the replacement of an emergency back-up generator to power the facility during outages.

Public Works Director John Brunke told trustees at the May 16 board meeting the existing generator is 45 years old and in need of replacement. It was also only sized to power the emergency back-up systems in the building, sometimes leaving administration, finance and the building department out of commission during outages.

Because the village hall serves as the emergency operations center during natural disasters or other emergencies, Brunke said it is critical that it can remain operational during all weather conditions.

Powerlink provided the lowest bid. Brunke noted because of extended lead times, the village likely will not see delivery of the generator for at least 48 weeks.

Design and construction engineering by Christopher B. Burke Engineering is expected to cost a total of \$38,500, bringing the project total to \$515,495.

The village board also voted unanimously to approve a contract to pay

\$136,605.12 to Electrical Systems Inc., the lowest bidder, for the installation of an emergency back-up generator at the Public Works Service Center.

That generator is designed to power the facility during power outages, according to Brunke. The facility, built in 1996, did not include a generator during original construction.

Both projects came in "well over" the village's budgeted amounts, attributed to high inflation and other factors, Brunke said. But staff does not anticipate prices coming down in the future and suggested proceeding with the projects now.

Design and construction engineering by Milhouse Engineering is expected to cost a total of \$21,600, bringing the total cost of the project to \$158,205.12. Brunke noted there is sufficient capital equipment fund balance to cover the cost of both projects.

The village does not currently have a timeline for the public works project because of delays for equipment, Brunke said.

Pricing should remain the same for the village, Brunke said, because nothing in the bid allows for an increase down the road.

"It's shocking how much things have gone up," Trustee Gary Daggett said. "It's unfortunate, but at the same time the facility has to have it. If we get storms coming through and you're trying to service the rest of the community and you have no power, it's tough to do your work."

H-F students join Mu Alpha Theta

BY CHRONICLE STAFF

The Homewood-Flossmoor High chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the national Mathematics Honors Society, inducted 75 new members during an April 28 ceremony with guest speaker Michelle Nelson, mayor of Flossmoor.

New inductees are: Micaiah Abramczyk, Gianni Alberico, Elijah Barnum, Ari Bauer, William Belue, Natilee Benson, Sidney Bester, Louis Bloomberg, Kailah Brooks, Camille Brooms, Elijah Burr, Cameron Cage, Vivian Clark, Noelle Dolan, Zaria Douglas, Donald Dowd, Owen Eaheart, Ashley Esparza, Melissa Fateen, Naomi Fry.

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Ethan Mangram, Eva Marete, Nyla McGowan, Gregory Mitchell, Kaleel Morris, Truman Moss, Layla Moyer, Valycia Muhammad, Mitchell Niemiec, Inioluwa Odumosu, Aubrey Ooms, Daija Pearson, Alexander Pease, Bre'on Peterson, Victoria Plummer, Lyndon Proby,

Tyler Pruitt, Kaleb Searles, Chayse Selvie, Addison Sextonson, Steven Simpson, Frances Smith, Emma Steiner, Kiersten Thomas, Ke'Andrea Tolbert, Ana Liese Torian, Evan Ulmer, Everett Van Til, Tabitha Werner, Alexander Wettstein, Thaddeus Whorton, Alexander Williams, Cameron Williams, Nicholas Williams, Sani Zinnerman and Sari Zinnerman.

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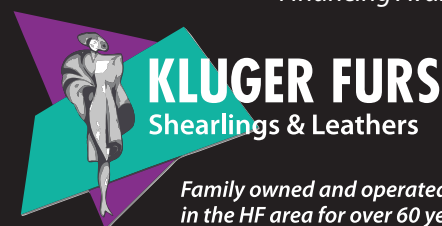
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