

TO: Council, Village of Mariemont

FROM: Public Works & Services Committee

DATE: March 10, 2022

SUBJECT: 2022 mowing service

The Public Works Committee met on March 10, 2022 at 2:30 PM to discuss the mowing service for 2022. In attendance were the Committee Chairperson Kelly Rankin, Committee Member Randy York, Committee Member Rob Bartlett, Maintenance supervisor John Scherpenberg and Mayor Brown. Resident John Swisher was also in attendance.

Grass Cor has been the provider of lawn care service in 2020 and 2021. Due to rising costs, they are unable to provide the service at the pre stipulated rate increase of 2%.

Grass Cor has provided a revised quote (see attached) which is \$64,808 vs. the previous contract of \$47,859. The contract is quoted at 36 cuts annually, which is subject to adjustment based on actual fulfillment. The option of shortening the contractual period was discussed and determined it would have minimal impact on the cost.

The other option discussed was to perform the services in house, which would require the purchase of a 60" commercial mower. Mayor Brown stated that there were a few fire dept. personnel who expressed an interest in doing the mowing for the Village. Mr. Scherpenberg mentioned he had contacted Minute Men to inquire if they had a crew qualified to perform the work. The Committee expressed concerns about the reliability of Minute Men service.

The Committee recommends the following:

Mr. Scherpenberg to proceed with obtaining pricing on the mower. Mrs. Rankin to work with Mayor Brown and Mr. Scherpenberg regarding the logistics of fire dept. personnel performing the mowing responsibilities. The Committee will reconvene 3/15 to discuss the findings and finalize recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Rankin
Chairman

Randy York
Member

Rob Bartlett
Member