



**Rochelle Municipal Utilities  
Administration**

## Memo

**To: Meggon McKinley, Interim City Manager**  
**From: Edward G. Carr, General Manager**  
**Date: April 5, 2011**  
**Re: Kelley Drive Water Main Replacement**

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The FY11/12 RMU Water Capital Budget includes \$265,000 to replace 1700 feet of water main on Kelley Drive between Seventh Avenue and Caron Road. The main is in poor condition and there have been eleven water main breaks in that section of main since 2006. Kelley Drive is scheduled for sidewalk replacement in the FY11/12 budget and working in conjunction with Public Works the engineer's estimate for the project is \$222,524.

Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on March 31, 2011. Eleven bids were received. Matt Hansen, Willett Hofmann & Associates reviewed the bids and a summary of their findings is attached. The low bidder, Hart & Sons, of Rochelle for \$148,118.69 was \$74,405.31 and 33.4% under the engineer's estimate of \$222,524.00.

Due to the limited amount of experience with utility water main construction as well as incomplete bid documents, it is our recommendation that that the City not award the bid to the apparent low bidder, Hart & Sons. It is our recommendation that the bid be awarded to GO Excavating of Freeport, the second lowest apparent bidder in the amount of \$164,235. GO Excavating recently completed the Southeast Quadrant sewer rehabilitation work and the project was completed successfully in a timely manner.

Please place this item on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 City Council Agenda.