

Highland Park Community Services Association, Inc.
1520 64th Avenue N
Fargo, ND 58102

DATE: October 30, 2015
TO: Residents of Highland Park
FROM: Board of Directors
RE: 2015-2016 Street Light Improvement Project and Notice of Assessment

The street light improvement project has been discussed at our annual meeting for the past three years. The lighting in our neighborhood is very poor and different alternatives have been discussed. The sample light fixture was installed by the picnic shelter last summer and received great reviews from the neighborhood. The Board was urged to proceed with the project.

Currently, Cass County Electric owns the existing street light system and recently increased our annual street light energy cost to \$8,400 per year. We anticipate that a new system will reduce the energy cost approximately \$7,000 per year to an annual operating cost of \$1,400 per year. In addition to the annual cost savings, new street lights will be appropriately placed and result in enhanced neighborhood lighting and safety.

On October 23, 2015, the board of directors solicited street light replacement bids from five electrical contractors. The project must be complete by July 31, 2016. The bids were received as follows:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Bid</u> | <u>Deduct for No Bond</u> | <u>Start Date</u> |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Scott's Electric | \$188,024 | (\$1,700) | 11/2/15 |
| FritzElectric. | \$210,981 | (\$1,582) | Spring 16 |
| JDP Electric. | \$221,130. | (\$1,400) | Spring 16 |
| Fargo Elecrtic. | \$261,450. | (\$800) | Spring 16 |
| Moorhead Elect | \$276,800. | (\$1,750) | No date |

The board of directors unanimously voted to award the 2015-2016 Street Light Project to Scott's Electric on October 26, 2015. The board will require a payment and performance bond. The board of directors specifically found that the project will result in increased neighborhood safety and energy savings.

The 2015-2016 Street Light Project will be funded by an increase in our general assessment. Our current general assessment is \$360 per year. The revised general assessment for 2016 will be increased \$1,500. The 2016 general assessment will be \$1860 (payable in full in January OR \$465 quarterly). We anticipate the general assessment will be reduced in 2017, but that will be up to the new board.

We look forward to completion of the project. It will be a great security, safety and aesthetic enhancement to our neighborhood. Please contact one or more of us if you have any questions. Thanks.

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