

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Patricia Abbott
Controller/Interim Town Manager

Date: March 3, 2025

Re: Letter of Engagement: Waterworks Bond

Council has expressed its desire to complete water infrastructure projects and adopted water rates to support these efforts. Public Works has identified an estimated \$14M in projects to be completed over the next five years. To accomplish this, we are looking at available financing options. Some projects might qualify for the State Revolving Fund and others for grants. Working with financial advisor Baker Tilly, Staff believes a revenue bond will be necessary.

Bake Tilly has presented an engagement letter to identify which funding sources are available to the Town and determining the best way to approach a revenue bond. The cost includes analysis of financial feasibility to determine most suitable financing, issuance of the bond to include method of sale, offering documents, preliminary and final official statements, communication with potential underwriters and/or investors, facilitating the sale of the bonds, and continuing disclosure services if necessary.

The cost of this work is \$80,000.00 and will be paid from the proceeds from the bond.

Recommendation:

By motion and voice vote, approve the letter of engagement with Baker Tilly for Water Revenue Bond services.