



Legislation Text

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Title

1928 Haddorff Concert Grand Piano Refurbishing

History

In the fall of 2015, Mayor McLaughlin identified a 1928 Haddorff nine foot concert grand piano that was donated to the Village of Orland Park by the Plumber's Union. At the September 21, 2015 Board meeting, the Board approved acceptance of the donated piano with the understanding that staff would return to seek Board approval to fund the refurbishing of the piano.

The concert grand piano is of significant historic value and is in need of refurbishing and repair. The refurbishing would include action work, pinblock, rebushing the keys, hammer work, refinishing the exterior, and replacement of keys.

Recreation Department staff reached out to eight companies that refurbish pianos. Out of the eight companies, two did not respond, one was not interested, and one gave a quote over the phone without viewing the piano. The final four provided quotes and expert advice on repair, rebuilding, and refinishing as follows:

1. Piano Technician Inc., Gurnee, IL \$21,550.00
2. Oak Park Piano, Oak Park, IL \$22,700.00
3. Piano4te, Ferryville, WI \$25,235.00
4. Farley's Piano, Madison, WI \$34,135.00

Quote 1: Piano Technician Inc. was very impressed with this historical piano. Mr. John Koelle had never seen a Haddorff nine foot concert grand, as there was a limited number made by Haddorff. John Koelle has restored many nine foot grands and "this piano has the potential to be the one of the finest pianos in Chicagoland." Recommended and included in the quote is the we addition of a custom stage dolly built for the piano to help support the weakened double legs to enable safe moving. He also recommended a padded cover to help protect the new finish from surface scratching. John stated, "Once completed, the piano would rival as a brand new Steinway." Rebuilt and repaired pianos can range from \$59,000.00 to \$89,000.00 in price. The repair, rebuilding, and refinishing of the piano by Piano Technician Inc. would cost \$21,550.00. The work will bring the piano back to its original condition, will take approximately three months to complete which is guaranteed for 15 years. Included would be complete action rebuilding, complete restringing and soundboard repair, new pinblock, refinishing the cabinet, a custom stage dolly, and cartage to and from the Cultural Center.

Quote 2: Oak Park Piano inspected the piano with an appraisal fee of \$130.00. The repair, rebuild, and refinish would cost \$22,700. It would take approximately six to eight months and includes a five year warranty on parts.

Quote 3: Piano4te viewed the piano in the fall of 2015, provided a refurbishing quote, at that time, of \$24,500.00. An email quote for 2017 had the total cost at no more than a 3% increase over the original quote not to exceed \$25,235.00. This price does not include a stage dolly or moving costs. It would take one year to complete and has an acoustic structural 10 year guarantee; finish work is guaranteed for five years.

Quote 4: Farley's Piano submitted a quote for \$34,135.00 after inspection of the piano for an appraisal fee of \$200.00. Mr. Farley commented, "It is a very rare piano and you are lucky to have it." They have restored many Haddorff pianos over the past 55 years, but have not seen a nine foot concert grand. Included in the quote are four options:

Option 1: \$19,215.00 includes action rebuild, new pinblock, repair soundboard and lyre, and refinish of case.

Option 2: \$23,640.00 includes \$19,215.00 plus \$4,425.00 for new legs and lyre.

Option 3: \$29,710.00 includes \$19,215.00 plus \$10,495.00 for a new soundboard.

Option 4: Is the total of all repairs for \$34,135.00, which would be the most complete work.

Staff is recommending accepting the quote from Piano Technician, Inc. as it includes the most complete work, best warranty and timeline for \$21,550.00.

On April 17, 2017, this item was reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee, recommended for approval and referred to the Village Board of Trustees for consideration.

Financial Impact

Funds are allocated in the 2017 budget in the amount of \$26,000 for the refurbishing of the nine foot Haddorff concert grand piano. (Expenditure Account #010-9450-442990).

Recommended Action/Motion

I move to approve accepting the quote from Piano Technician Inc. to repair, rebuild, and refinish the nine foot Haddorff concert grand piano for payment of \$21,550.00, which includes a custom made stage dolly.