

From: David B. Koch, P.E.

13 August, 2025

To: City of Bexley, Ohio, Board of Control

Subject: City of Bexley S Remington Road Waterline and Street Improvements

Members of the Board,

I have completed the analysis of the bids received for the City of Bexley S Remington Road Waterline and Street Resurfacing Improvements Project. The attached bid tabulation shows the lowest and best bid for the work is from Strawser Paving Company at a bid price of \$1,815,210.00 for the waterline improvements base bid and \$382,004.28 for the street resurfacing improvements. The bid by Strawser Paving Company is approximately two percent higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,772,290.00 for the waterline improvements and 0.35% lower than the Engineer's Estimate of \$383,330 for the street resurfacing improvements. Their bids appear to be fair and reasonable, similar to other projects recently completed within the City of Bexley.

Strawser Paving Company's bid was mostly complete, and all information requested was provided and properly filled in except for the alternate bid for street lighting. They indicated there was some confusion on their part if the street lighting alternate was required or optional. I recommend this minor error be waived as it is in the City's best interest to accept the lowest responsive bid for the waterline work and the alternate bid is not being recommended to be awarded at this time due to project budget constraints.

They also named an EDGE Subcontractor (MPC Trucking) and another EDGE Subcontractor (JRS Hauling) for 5.1% of the total contract value.

Strawser Paving Company. has previously worked for the City of Bexley and many surrounding cities in Central Ohio. Specifically, they have successfully completed the following projects for the City of Bexley: the recent 2025 Stanbery Avenue Resurfacing, 2020 Street Improvements, 2015 Street Improvements and 2016 Broad Street Improvements and as a sub-contractor for the 2014 NE Quadrant Water Main and Street Resurfacing Project. They appear to be qualified to perform this type and size of project and have displayed acceptable performance and conduct on these projects.

Contingent on the Board of Control's review and approval, I recommend the contract be awarded to Strawser Paving Company for the total amount of Two Million One Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fourteen Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$2,197,214.28) for the base bid water improvements and street resurfacing bids. The funding for this contract will be provided by the Ohio Public Works Commission N Columbia and S Remington grant and loan funding agreement.

Upon receiving your approval, a Notice of Award will be prepared for the signature of the Public Service Director. The contract documents will then be prepared and forwarded to Strawser Paving Company. After receiving their signatures, I will then forward the contract documents for your review and approval.

Please call me at (614) 949-8102 if you have any questions.

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City Engineer

Approved By: City of Bexley Board of Control

Benjamin Kessler
Chair