

Sharon-Herald - HERMITAGE - June 23, 2011 - Bids come in low for sewer line repair work

The lowest bids for a sanitary sewer line rehabilitation project on Rombold Road in Hermitage came in well below estimate. Utility Contracting, Warren, Ohio, submitted the apparent low bid, \$113,755. The engineer's estimate was \$150,000.

The other six bids ranged from \$129,177 to \$196,354. Officials hope the Hermitage Municipal Authority can award a contract at their July 6 meeting. City workers televised the line in reaction to sewer backups experienced during the Feb. 28-March 1 flooding and found that sections of the more than 50-year-old clay pipe had cracked, while others had collapsed.

The contractor will remove the subpar line sections over the 1,500-foot stretch from Mercer Avenue to Bobby Run, and replace them with plastic ones. City commissioners last month awarded a contract to pave Rombold and several other streets in the area, but officials said they want to have the sewer line work done before the paving.