

HERMITAGE

Panel issues notice, awards pact for projects

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Hermitage Municipal Authority awarded a contract Wednesday for a sanitary sewer rehabilitation project on Rombold Road, and a notice to proceed for a line replacement and rehab project in the Pine Hollow Boulevard area.

Utility Contracting, Warren, Ohio, submitted the lowest bid for the Rombold Road work, \$113,755. The contractor will remove sections of subpar clay line over a 1,500-foot stretch from Mercer Avenue to Bobby Run and replace them with plastic pipe. City workers televised the line and found sections of the line had cracked or collapsed.

For the Pine Hollow project, the authority said in May that it favored Kirila Contractors Inc., Brookfield, getting the job, but officials had to wait for a review from the state Department of Environmental Protection because the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is providing a \$375,000 grant for the project.

Consulting Engineer Joseph P. Pacchioni said Wednesday DEP, which is administering the grant for EPA, has accepted Kirila's bid and recommended that a contract be awarded. Kirila's bid, \$671,299, was the second-lowest of six. The low bidder, Utility Contracting, was disqualified for failing to enclose a document detailing how it would try to hire disadvantaged businesses as subcontractors, a requirement under the federal grant.

The project calls for replacing some lines and rehabbing others by grouting joints or curing lines in place, a process where a fabric is pulled through a pipe, inflated and then cured to adhere to the line, Pacchioni said. Work will be done on properties on and around George Street Extension, Cranbrook Drive, Shady and Elmo avenues and Dalton Street, and then head north for work in woods on the south side of Pine Hollow Boulevard, and punch under the Shenango Valley Freeway to reach Fairlawn Drive.