



June 30, 2026

Ms. Stephanie Kellum  
Deputy City Manager  
City of Trotwood  
3035 Olive Road  
Trotwood, OH 45426

Re: Eppington and MacMillan Water Main Replacement – Phase 3  
Bid Opening Results

Dear Ms. Kellum:

Bids were received for the above referenced project at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Three bids were received at this time – Integrity Contractors, LLC, L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. & Double Jay Construction, Inc.

Bids have been reviewed for accuracy, and any mathematical discrepancies have been highlighted on the attached bid tab. During the evaluation process, it was observed that the apparent low bidder did not provide a breakdown of labor and material costs, which is considered a bid irregularity. Additionally, the bidder did not submit references or documentation demonstrating experience with projects of similar scope to the proposed water main work. While references were provided, attempts to contact one of the listed references were unsuccessful, as no return communication was received.

Based on this review, CMT recommends L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. as the lowest and best bidder for the project. Their grand total base bid is Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and 47/100 dollars (\$687,780.47).

Awarding the grand total base bid amount is under the city's budget and below the engineer's estimate. Recommendation is to award the grand total base bid in the amount of \$687,780.47. L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. is a reputable contractor with the ability to complete the project in a timely manner.

Please contact me at (937) 701-6577 or via email at [sringle@cmtengr.com](mailto:sringle@cmtengr.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelby R. Ingle".

Shelby R. Ingle, P.E.  
Project Manager

cc: File