

RECORD OF ORDINANCE

Date Presented 08/28/2026

Sponsor Mayor Sandine Ordinance No. 23-24 Date Passed AUG 25, 2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO TENTATIVELY AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER ADDITION PROJECT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY;

WHEREAS, the Village of Lithopolis desires to add a second iron filter, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lithopolis has construction documents prepared by Verdantas for the planned improvements titled as the WTP Filter Addition Project, and

WHEREAS, the Project has been publicly bid according to the ORC and that Verdantas has determined the lowest, responsive bidder for the project, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lithopolis will receive funding from the OEPA and/or the OWDA for the project and desires to proceed with the construction of the WTP Filter Addition Project, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO;

Section 1: That the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to tentatively award and execute a contract for the construction of the WTP Filter Addition Project as per plans prepared by Verdantas, to Mechanical Construction Company Inc.

Section 2: This ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare in that the village must meet strict timelines in order to be eligible for the next funding disbursement. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and signing by the Mayor.

Attest/Date: [Signature] Clerk Signed/Date: [Signature] Mayor

Approved as to form: [Signature] Jon M. Browning

First Reading 8/25/24 Second Reading Suspended

Revised Second Reading _____ Third Reading Suspended

VOTE FOR 5 AGAINST 0

August 24, 2026

The Honorable Eric Sandine
Mayor
Village of Lithopolis
11820 Lithopolis Road
Lithopolis, Ohio 43136

Re: Village of Lithopolis
Water Treatment Plant Filter Addition
Recommendation for Award

Dear Mayor Sandine:

As you are aware, on August 17, 2026, bids were received for the referenced project. In response to the published request for bids, four responses were received. These included proposals from Mechanical Construction Co., Inc., Doll Layman, Ltd., Elford, Inc., and Kirk Bros. Co., Inc. The original bid documentation has been forwarded separately.

The structure of the bid documentation requested that each bidder present a Bid Total based upon a summation of prices for the project components. As outlined in the Request for Bids, contract award on the project is to be based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

Of the four proposals received, upon initial review each presented a completed package for the project, and each acknowledged the single addendum released on the project, and all of the four fully completed, signed and notarized the bid form. The results for the bid responses have been compiled on the enclosed certified bid tabulation. There were no math errors noted within any of the bids. A summary of the bid results following tabulation is as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Mechanical Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 1,319,900.00
Doll Layman, Ltd.	\$ 1,414,000.00
Elford, Inc.	\$ 1,515,400.00
Kirk Bros. Co., Inc.	\$ 1,549,000.00

Of the four bids received, two were below the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost of \$1,450,000, and the remaining two were within 120% of that value. Following this determination, we then proceeded with a review of the documentation submitted as a part of the proposals, it appears that all the firms submitting bids, in general, provided the required forms and information. We have compiled the results of our assessment of the bid submittals and have included that information as an attachment for your reference.



Based on the results and the above noted review we further investigated the Bids submitted by each of the Bidders. The submittals for each of these firms included a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in the full amount of their bid and the surety companies named within their bond appear on the Ohio Department of Insurance list of those insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Ohio.

Continuing with our review of the apparent low bid submitted by Mechanical Construction Co., Inc., in accordance with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code §9.24, a search of the Ohio Auditor of State Findings for Recovery Database was conducted and did not identify any matches for either Mechanical Construction Co., Inc., or for Paul Dingus (Vice-President). A copy of the certified search conducted of the database has been attached for your files.

From this determination, we moved to further investigate the bid presented by Mechanical Construction Co., Inc. Within their bid response they provided documentation of comparable projects completed over the past several years. To assess the performance of Mechanical Construction Co., Inc. on prior projects, Verdantas made outreach to Patti Cavendar, Mayor, Village of Frankfort regarding a noted reference for a recent project for the village. In response to our inquiry, Mayor Cavendar stated Mechanical Construction performed to the satisfaction of the Village of Frankfort on the noted project. In addition, Mayor Cavendar indicated that Mechanical Construction had within the past several years also completed an extensive upgrade project at the village's WWTP and that that work was also performed to the satisfaction of the village.

As a part of our detailed review of the documentation submitted by Mechanical Construction Co., Inc. it was noted that, while the two forms required by OEPA to document proposed project participation by MBE and/or DBE contractors, specifically Forms 6100-3 and 6100-4, were included, the forms were incomplete and unsigned. The requirements of the bid documentation state that bid submittals not including fully executed copies of these two forms may be deemed non-responsive. The determination of whether to designate the bid submittal as non-responsive rests with the village. While these forms are required for submission of the proposed bid documentation to OEPA, the information presented is often not a critical factor applied when Owners consider acceptability of a bid for tentative award. To support the village in their review of the acceptability of the bid package, we made outreach to Mechanical Construction via email on their omission of these fully executed forms. In response we were informed that Mechanical Construction received no responses to their requests for proposals from MBE / DBE firms during the bidding process. They are at present reviewing if there are any further firms whom they might seek proposals from and, in addition, they are documenting steps they have taken to date to demonstrate their "Good Faith effort".

Based on the above noted findings and feedback, it appears that Mechanical Construction Co., Inc. has the necessary experience and qualifications to perform the scope of work outlined within the Water Treatment Plant Filter Addition Project.



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As such, pending review of the enclosed documentation by the Village of Lithopolis and by your counsel, including the Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond, we would recommend tentative award of the Village of Lithopolis Water Treatment Plant Filter Addition Project contract to Mechanical Construction Co., Inc. We would note that the "tentative" designation of the award we have recommended is related to the status of the available funds toward the project. As OEPA must coordinate funding through OWDA prior to the project proceeding, formal award of the project cannot proceed until OWDA has confirmed availability of funds. It can be anticipated that once OEPA has completed their review and forwarded the information regarding the project funding package to OWDA, that determination and the following confirmation of funding will be available on October 29, 2026.

As the above recommendation is considered, we stand ready to assist the village with any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 614-779-0024 if questions arise. We look forward to working with you and to a successful project for the Village of Lithopolis.

Sincerely,

Verdantas LLC



Barbara R. Anderson, PE
Senior Project Manager

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Auditor of State - Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search

(614) 466-4514
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I have searched The Auditor of State's unresolved findings for recovery database using the following criteria:

Contractor's Information:

Name: **dignus, paul**
Organization: **mechanical construction inc**
Date: **8/24/2026 4:09:08 PM**

This search produced the following list of **3** possible matches:

Name/Organization	Address
Ledford, Paul	
Lengbottom, Paul	7139 Paddison Road
Shambaugh, Paul	6127 Gay Road

The above list represents possible matches for the search criteria you entered. Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, only the person (which includes an organization) actually named in the finding for recovery is prohibited from being awarded a contract.

If the person you are searching for appears on this list, it means that the person has one or more findings for recovery and is prohibited from being awarded a contract described in ORC 9.24, unless one of the exceptions in that section apply.

If the person you are searching for does not appear on this list, an initialed copy of this page can serve as documentation of your compliance with ORC 9.24(E).

Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, it is the responsibility of the public office to verify that a person to whom it plans to award a contract does not appear in the Auditor of State's database. The Auditor of State's office is not responsible for inaccurate search results caused by user error or other circumstances beyond the Auditor of State's control.

BID SUBMITTAL DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

CLIENT: Village of Lithopolis
PROJECT: WTP Filter Addition
BID OPENING DATE: August 17, 2026

	BIDDER			
	Mechanical Construction Co., Inc	Doll Layman, Ltd.	Elford, Inc.	Kirk Bros. Co., Inc.
004100 BID FORM	X	X	X	X - See Note 2
- Addenda Acknowledged	X	X	X	X
- Correct Math	X	X	X	X
- Bid Signed & Notarized	X	X	X	X
004300 BID SECURITY	X	X	X	X
- Amount of the Bid	X	X	X	X
- Power of Attorney	X	X	X	X
- Ohio Dept. of Insurance Surety Cert. of Compliance	X	X	X	X
004450 OEPA BID CONDITIONS				
- Contractor EEO Certification	X	X	X	X
- Cert. Regarding Debarment, etc.	X	X	X	X
- DBE Data Sheet 6100-3	X - See Note 1	X - See Note 2	X	X
- DBE Data Sheet 6100-4	X - See Note 1	X - See Note 2	X	X
- American Iron & Steel Acknowledgement	X	X	X	X
004513 BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS	X	X	X	X
004519 NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT	X	X	X - See Note 3	X
004533 CERTIFICATION OF NON- SEGREGATED FACILITIES	X	X	X	X
0004547 PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT	X	X	X	X

- 1. Forms were submitted but Blank. Contacted Contractor 8/24/2026 via email for status.
- 2. Forms were submitted with indication that no responses were received in response to solicitations.
- 3. Document was provided but not signed. Name was typed and document notarized.

BID TABULATION

PROJECT NAME:		VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS WTP FILTER ADDITION PROJECT										CT / VERDANTAS PROJECT NO.:		232055	
BID OPQ DATE:		Monday, August 17, 2026										ENGINEER'S OPINION OF COST (BASE BID):		\$1,450,000	
BID ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNITS	Mechanical Construction Co., Inc.			Dell Layman, Ltd.			Elford, Inc.			Kirk Bros. Co., Inc.		
				LABOR	MATERIAL	LUMP SUM PRICE BID	LABOR	MATERIAL	LUMP SUM PRICE BID	LABOR	MATERIAL	LUMP SUM PRICE BID	LABOR	MATERIAL	LUMP SUM PRICE BID
BASE BID															
BASE BID - PART A - COMMON ITEMS															
1	Mobilization / Demobilization	1	LS	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 73,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 22,995.00	\$ 15,330.00	\$ 38,325.00	\$ 148,419.70	\$ 121,434.30	\$ 269,854.00
2	Furnish and install complete, new Filter No. 2 packaged unit	1	LS	188,500.00	800,000.00	988,500.00	100,000.00	900,000.00	1,000,000.00	213,774.00	855,095.00	1,068,869.00	516,189.85	422,337.15	938,527.00
3	Furnish and install replacement Filter Control Panel for Filters and Softeners	1	LS	37,000.00	120,000.00	157,000.00	18,000.00	130,000.00	148,000.00	34,974.00	139,896.00	174,870.00	82,275.05	87,315.95	169,591.00
4	Furnish and install complete heat trace system on the exterior piping for Filter No. 2	1	LS	21,000.00	10,000.00	31,000.00	23,000.00	22,000.00	45,000.00	37,435.00	24,957.00	62,392.00	23,741.30	19,424.70	43,166.00
5	Furnish and install Chemical Feed System Modifications, complete	1	LS	1,100.00	1,000.00	2,100.00	4,000.00	7,000.00	11,000.00	8,228.00	5,484.00	13,710.00	11,972.95	9,796.05	21,769.00
6	SCADA System Integration and Programming (ALLOWANCE)	1	LS	---	---	23,500.00	---	---	23,500.00	---	---	23,500.00	---	---	23,500.00
7	Furnish and install complete, Electrical Improvements, as per plan	1	LS	19,000.00	4,700.00	23,700.00	17,500.00	9,000.00	26,500.00	6,535.00	4,357.00	10,892.00	1,852.20	1,351.80	3,004.00
8	Complete Blast and Repaint of Exterior of Existing Filter No. 1 and related piping	1	LS	14,800.00	7,000.00	21,800.00	36,000.00	26,000.00	62,000.00	38,737.00	24,492.00	63,229.00	20,827.95	17,041.05	37,869.00
9	Furnish and install complete heat trace insulation & jacketing on the exterior piping for Filter No. 1 & air scour blower, as per plan	1	LS	10,000.00	8,800.00	18,800.00	16,000.00	11,000.00	27,000.00	37,568.00	24,045.00	61,613.00	33,946.00	27,774.00	61,720.00
TOTAL BASE BID AMOUNT - FILTER ADDITION, BID ITEMS 1 THRU 9, INCLUSIVE				\$ 1,319,800.00			\$ 1,414,000.00			\$ 1,516,400.00			\$ 1,500,000.00		

Barbara R. Anderson
 Barbara R. Anderson, P.E.
 Ohio Registration No. E-51761

8/24/2026
 Date

