## TOWN OF LOMIRA DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

## A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING AND AWARDING BUTTERNUT ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT TO NORTHEAST ASPHALT, INC.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lomira advertised bids for the Butternut Road improvement project ("Improvement Project");

WHEREAS, the Town received three bids;

WHEREAS, the Town has worked with Kartechner Brothers, LLC on past roadwork projects, most recently on this Butternut Road project;

WHERAS, As it relates to the Kartechner Brothers, LLC performance on the Butternut Road project, in the Town's judgment, its was not completed competently or responsibly;

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2025, the Town's engineer confirmed in a report that the work performed by Kartechner Brothers, LLC resulted in deficiencies, including low spots in a roadway. The report is attached as <u>Exhibit A</u>;

WHEREAS, due to those deficiencies, the Town was forced to spend additional funds from its own budget to re-grade the roadway with recycled concrete to fill in low spots and prepare the road for paving, work that should have been completed properly by Kartechner Brothers, LLC;

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems past performance by Kartechner Brothers, LLC as unsatisfactory work and failure to perform responsibly to the extent that the Town incurred costs to correct their mistakes;

WHEREAS, Kartechner Brothers, LLC's bid also failed to list unit pricing;

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that Northeast Asphalt, Inc. is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder;

WHEREAS, the Town previously awarded the bid to Northeast Asphalt, Inc. at a meeting on September 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town reconsidered its award to Northeast Asphalt, Inc. at a meeting on September 16, 2025;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Lomira that:

- 1. The Town has determined that Kartechner Brothers, LLC is not the lowest responsive and responsible bidder under Wis. Stat. § 60.47(1)(b);
- 2. The contract is reaffirmed and awarded to Northeast Asphalt, Inc. for the work specified to improve Butternut Road.

This Resolution will be effective immediately.

Adopted by the Town of Lomira Town Board on this 18th day of September, 2025.

Ody Buerger, Chairperson

Attest:

Sharon Belling, Clerk



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Ms. Sharon Belling, Clerk Town of Lomira N10479 County Rd AY Lomira, Wisconsin 53048

Re: Town of Lomira – Butternut Road Reconstruction Payment Request #1

Dear Ms. Belling:

Please find accompanying this transmittal Request for Payment #1, as received from Kartechner Brothers LLC for work efforts associated with the above referenced project. We have reviewed this Payment Request, amended the same, and hereby recommend payment be made to Kartechner Brothers LLC in the amount of \$281,562.64. Please note this is not a final payment request as there is remaining work to be completed, quantities to be requested, and there is also retainage being withheld on the project.

As an update to both you and the Town Board, as of this date all excavating work has been completed, including the installation of the french drains and the culverts. The 3" sub-base course and the 1-1/4" base aggregate were also installed. The installation of the 1-1/4" base aggregate was completed earlier today on the south end of the project. Kartechner Brothers will be back next week with a grader to fine grade the roadway and add any additional gravel as needed. Based on this, the project should be completed well in advance of the October 10, 2025 final completion date listed in the contract documents.

In addition, it should be noted that our firm was on-site during both the roadway excavating and the new sub-base and base aggregate installation. Following the milling of the asphalt pavement, we shot elevations of the existing gravel grade on the centerline of the roadway and laid out locations of the proposed french drains. During the process of excavating, we confirmed the sub-grade elevation in both the 3' and 2' cut areas to ensure this elevation worked with the amount of road base to be installed (also inspected french drain and culvert installations). We also confirmed the installation of the geotextile fabric (in bottom of the 3' cut areas), confirmed the finish elevation of the 3" breaker, ensured that geogrid was installed on top of the 3" breaker, and that the 1-1/4" aggregate was installed to the proper finish elevation as well.

Today some additional loads of 1-1/4" aggregate was brought it to bring up some areas that were a little low on the north end of the project. It appears that there might be a few areas in the middle to south end of the project that may require some additional stone as well. This will be looked at next week while Kartechner Brothers are fine grading the roadway and if additional stone needs to be brought in, they will do that.

**EXHIBIT** 

Sharon, should you have any questions or comments relative to either the project or the accompanying Payment Request, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

**KUNKEL ENGINEERING GROUP** 

Don Neitzel

Vice President/General Manager

enclosure

cc w/encl:

Jeffrey Faber, Chairperson

Robbie Pribnow, Supervisor #1 Kurtis Haefs, Supervisor #2

Randy Dittberner, Highway Superintendent