

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
October 20, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Michael Sullivan, Vice-President
Mr. Thomas Dietz, Board Member
Mr. Darren Biggs, Supt. of Utilities
Ms. Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk
ALSO PRESENT: MR. Howard Sheely, Utility Committee

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 20th of October, 2020.

MR. SULLIVAN: Do you want to stand for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

MR. SULLIVAN: Roll call.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Kevin Campbell. Thomas Dietz.
MR. DIETZ: Here.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.
MR. SULLIVAN: Here.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren Biggs.
MR. BIGGS: Here.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present. Chris Kogelnik.

MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion for the two people absent, make a motion to --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Excuse them.
MR. SULLIVAN: Excuse them.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Excuse Campbell and Kogelnik.
MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.
MR. DIETZ: I'll second it.
MR. SULLIVAN: All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?
(No response.)
MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it.

APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

MR. SULLIVAN: Is there -- oh, the minutes of September 15 and October 14.

MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion to accept the September 15 minutes.

MR. SULLIVAN: I second. All those in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?
(No response.)

MR. SULLIVAN: The ayes have it. I'll make a motion for October 14.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second it.
MR. SULLIVAN: All those in favor?
(All respond aye.)

CORRESPONDENCE:

MR. SULLIVAN: Any correspondence?
MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. SULLIVAN: Any Public Comments? Are you on Zoom or
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MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.
MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. Hey public, you got a comment?
MR. SHEELY: No.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. SULLIVAN: New Business, none.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: No new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Utility Billing Rate Review

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. Old Business, Utility Billing Rate Review. We have to wait for Chris or --
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah, we've been kind of holding off on that until our Asset Management Plan is complete. And they have some figures for us, but it's not -- nothing is finalized by no means.

2. Lordstown Motors Draft Agreement with the City of Warren

MR. SULLIVAN: Lordstown Motors Draft Agreement with the City of Warren.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have not received anything from the City of Warren, not even a phone call.

3. ODFL Draft Agreement with the City of Warren

MR. SULLIVAN: Old Dominion Draft Agreement with the City of Warren. The same?
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Same.
MR. SULLIVAN: So they've never come back with anything on the bulk water rate or --
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Definitely not on the bulk water rate. On these two issues it was actually just seeking individual agreements because they had expired and Old Dominion didn't have one. But we have not received anything. Franco had delivered a letter saying they would operate under the same provisions as the General Motors agreement for a period of one year. So it's been several months since we received that letter.
MR. SULLIVAN: Well, what about the other?
MS. SLUSARCZYK: This is just water supply.
MR. SULLIVAN: Oh. It's not sewer?
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. This is just City of Warren water to Lordstown Motors and Old Dominion. They haven't even entertained a bulk water agreement. I think we've met with Franco -- in March

was our last meeting, and there was no -- nothing since then.

4. Gresham Smith - Battery Plant

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. Gresham Smith Battery Plant.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: All we have at the battery plant is we're kind of waiting to see what happens with the sewer, the sanitary sewer issues. The County has agreed or offered to the battery plant to accept them as their customer in our sewer district without us. So I don't know where that stands. I know there's a problem there.

MR. SULLIVAN: And that's the County?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Trumbull County. Trumbull County sent a letter telling them that they'd accept them at the full rate of \$6.66 and they could connect directly to Trumbull County without the Village of Lordstown.

MR. SULLIVAN: So who would that be, Smith?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I believe Gresham Smith was the engineer.

MR. SULLIVAN: No, I'm talking about to meet with the County would be the County Engineer.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well in the newspaper article, I know Randy Smith closed it with the fact that I believe that Lordstown could seek legal action. So I don't know how you would proceed. It's within the Village of Lordstown, we have the right to the sewer district, our jurisdiction. I don't know what the battery plant -- if they quote, "have a decision", if they made that decision. That might be something that has to be asked of the battery plant where they stand with it. I don't know. But have you received any of the letters, the communications in regards to Trumbull County and the sewer, what --

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Okay.

MR. DIETZ: You're talking on the computer?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Via e-mail. If I get something I send it to you, but I don't know if there's other things they might go directly to you. That I don't know. But there was another article in today's paper, I believe, about Trumbull County and Lordstown for the sewer for the Ultium plant.

MR. SULLIVAN: But we haven't talked to the County.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We as the Village or as the Board of Public Affairs?

MR. SULLIVAN: Public Affairs.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No. You might need to contact Paul and ask him how -- I believe he sent an e-mail saying an agreement needs to be --

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, that's all I'm thinking is we ought to send an e-mail to them or call them and tell them we'd like them to come to a meeting to --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Paul to come to a meeting or the battery plant?

MR. SULLIVAN: No, no. Trumbull County.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I would suggest maybe reaching out to Paul tomorrow and asking him what's the next step.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. I'll do that. The last that I knew that Paul was gonna go to the County and tell them that we were wanted, or was that with the battery plant.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, this is what we're talking about. It is the battery plant.

MR. SULLIVAN: The sixty --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The 60 cents - And that was done. The battery plant -- it was put out there a meeting was held with the County and the battery plant, and I don't remember who all was here on behalf of the Village. The meeting was had, they were told. But the County presented an option to Ultium saying giving Ultium the choice to -- you can connect to us for \$6.66 and no additional fee or you can go through Lordstown and pay \$6.66 plus their 60 cent adder as it was their choice.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I don't see -- that's not a choice though.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's not a choice. Even the resolution that you passed clearly stated that you'll allow the effluent to flow via the Trumbull County interceptor for design instead of the east side, you know, running a further extension. But to me, the County posed the choice to Ultium to make a decision.

MR. SULLIVAN: I would think whoever we had there would say that's not an option.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This happened after that meeting. That's what come up after that meeting.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll call Paul.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And he would be most up-to-date on it.

5. Master Water Model Plan Update

6. Utility Department Building

MR. SULLIVAN: And we got nothing on the building, correct?

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

7. I&I

MR. SULLIVAN: And nothing on I&I.

8. Sanitary Sewer Rate Review

MR. SULLIVAN: Sanitary Sewer Rate Review.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's just been on our agenda. I don't know. We did the water model and asset management planning, but I don't know where we're at. I do know we're going to have to take a look at TJX, there's some questions of whose responsibility this is. But I do think Warren did increase the sanitary sewer rates to \$3.49. It was a significant jump. And therefore, you're only charging \$5.00 so, you know, that increase has an impact on our finances there. If you want to take the lead on the rate, but you can't just pick a rate out of the air, you have to have some facts and figures to do that. So that would involve some expenses if you did a sanitary sewer rate study.

MR. DIETZ: What did you say Warren increased it to?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: \$3.49.

MR. DIETZ: And ours is \$5.00?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Correct.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, there's -- their sewer is \$6.66, right?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Trumbull County charges west side residents \$6.66.

MR. SULLIVAN: Right. And we charge \$5.00.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: On the east side. Yeah. The County put the Village of Lordstown in the Metropolitan Sewer District and, you know, raised the fees throughout that district.

MR. SULLIVAN: But that -- the \$6.66 was the raise, correct, to --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Years ago Trumbull County -- the west side residents had been paying that rate to Trumbull County for several years. I'm gonna say probably at least five.

MR. SULLIVAN: But was there a recent increase?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, not to my knowledge I should say.

MR. DIETZ: Is that \$6.66 per thousand?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. DIETZ: Right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That is correct.

MR. DIETZ: Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: And the east side is \$5.00 per thousand.

9. Warren Water

MR. SULLIVAN: And Warren Water, I would assume, is the same.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Warren water, that has been on the agenda for purposes of leaving that topic open, I guess if the TEC project needed to be discussed at any point. I don't know. If you would like to remove that from the agenda or keep it on there, especially now that TEC has approached the Board --

MR. SULLIVAN: Better leave it on.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We can do that.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. I'll make a motion to go into executive session for personnel.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Do you want to do that now or put it to the end of the meeting?

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, we can -- yeah, we can do -- all we've got left is your report and Darren's report.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Do you want to do the reports first or executive session?

MR. BIGGS: We have Public Comments to --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah.

MR. BIGGS: If Howard had anything.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

REPORTS:

1. Solicitor's Report

MR. SULLIVAN: No Solicitor.

2. Engineer's Report

MR. SULLIVAN: No Engineer.

3. Utility Committee Report

MR. SULLIVAN: Utility Committee report.

MR. SHEELY: Yes. We had our Council meeting last night, and I believe unanimously voted to support the purchase of your Silverado pick-up. Is that correct?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think it passed, but I think it was 4-2.

MR. SHEELY: Something like that, 4-1, 5-2 but it passed.

MR. SULLIVAN: But it did pass.

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: That's it?

MR. SHEELY: That's it.

4. Clerk's Report

MR. SULLIVAN: Clerk's report.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have a few little things. First is a reminder or acknowledgement that the Council meeting has been set for Monday October 26 at 6:00 p.m. for CT to do the water model presentation per the Board's request. That has been set. Second is we also set a meeting with Meander water, the City of Niles, Lordstown Council and Board of Public Affairs for Wednesday October 28 at 1:00 p.m. to review and check the water capabilities for the new water model. But that has been set for again 1:00 on Wednesday the 28th. Did either one of you -- were you gonna go to the Council meeting for the water model presentation Monday night or you've already seen it? But I didn't know if you were gonna go back in case there was questions that Council might have for the Board.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll try to make it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Okay. Next I have two -- I have to leave the names off of these, but I had two extended payment agreements that they extended. And they did not complete the agreement according to the deadline, and they have outstanding balances. They're going to try to make the payment tomorrow or the day after but wanted to know if they could extend it beyond their extension. And I told them there's nothing I can do without coming to the Board. These are their dates that they picked and set, and they are now asking for an additional extension beyond.

MR. SULLIVAN: How much are we talking?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We'll go with A has a balance still of \$246.27, and B has a -- I believe his -- this says \$360, but that was before the penalty applied. So I think the balance on his account was \$381 or \$391 as in \$391. The A has made a payment in between the extension and this point in time. B has not made any payment since the payment extension. I don't know -- like I said, I don't -- they asked, but they still said they're gonna try to get the money.

MR. SULLIVAN: One or both?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They both asked for what else --

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, I know. But you said the one said that they --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They both said they'll try to get it together.

MR. SULLIVAN: This week?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Uh-huh.

MR. SULLIVAN: What had we extended it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The first one was extended until October 21. And she called because that's tomorrow, and it's payment before October 21. And the other one did an extension until October 15. And I did a follow-up phone call, and I couldn't speak with the account holder. And he called back and left a message saying that we can't shut them off. I called back, left another message. He called back, no reply. We actually tagged the door for shut-off, and that's when I got a phone call. When I called they would not answer the phone.

MR. SULLIVAN: That's B?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's B.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I don't think we should extend B. It sounds like A is trying to do the right thing.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: A payment -- they made the first payment and then the second payment was made. It's just the remaining balance and timing issues, you know.

MR. SULLIVAN: So if we did an extension on that what would we do, 30 days or --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I believe A asked for the 3rd of November.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll make a motion to extend that to the 3rd of November.

MR. DIETZ: On which one? On A?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's A.

MR. DIETZ: Okay. I'll second it.

MR. SULLIVAN: And what do you think on B?

MR. DIETZ: It sounds like they don't want to cooperate with -- I mean, if they won't even answer the phone.

MR. SULLIVAN: And they're saying we can't shut them off.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I did let them know that at one point it was suspended, and we got a formal notification that we could resume I believe it was in July, June or July we were allowed to resume shut-offs. So -- and I didn't resume automatically, I brought it back to the Board before we started that process again.

MR. SULLIVAN: What, there was a state mandate or something?

MR. DIETZ: Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes, uh-huh. Correct.

MR. DIETZ: I think we've been quite cooperative with B. I mean, if he doesn't even have the gumption to answer the phone. You did say they did answer the phone when you called?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I had left two -- I attempted to call twice, and I couldn't leave a message. They tagged the door indicating call the office, and it was a shut-off tag. That did generate a phone call back to me, and that's when he said we can't shut them off until December 1 the state says. And I explained to him the state repealed that and will allow us to resume in July. So then he again called and asked for, you know, what can they do. I

told them I'm bound to this, this is what I was allowed to do, and the date is the date that they picked. So it was a promise date at that time. But he did state that there's several people living in the home and a bunch just rent there.

MR. SULLIVAN: Is this trailer park?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: (Nodding head.)

MR. SULLIVAN: The gentleman that called me?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That was the previous issue that you had earlier that called you. That bill was paid.

MR. SULLIVAN: So when you finally talked to B and they realized that they could be shut off, what kind of extension did he ask for?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Beginning of the month also.

MR. DIETZ: Beginning of next month?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: November.

MR. DIETZ: November, okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: That's what, only a week or something?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well today is the 20th, so maybe two weeks we'll say. Or if you wanted to go as far as to give a date, you know, this has a promissory date, we could extend the promissory date if you chose. Today is the 20th, so two weeks from today would be Election Day, November 3.

MR. DIETZ: I hate to turn people off, but we can't have them telling us we can't do it neither because we turn him off then you're gonna he's gonna have a turn-on fee, right?

MR. SULLIVAN: What is the turn-on fee?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Thirty more dollars. I do have to say that both of these accounts were abnormally high bills. It wasn't a traditional, you know, \$100, \$200 bill. A was over \$600 and B was almost \$500.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, why don't we do the same for the two of them.

MR. DIETZ: All right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Same. You'll make the motion?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second it.

MR. SULLIVAN: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Ayes have it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Thank you. I will contact them both tomorrow. Next, the Clerk's office has asked what the Board would like to do with the truck. Darren, did you want me to cover it or do you want to cover that?

MR. BIGGS: No, go ahead.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The truck that has been replaced and needs work, whether you want to scrap it or sell it. What do you want? They want something done, they don't want to leave it sit here for three months.

MR. SULLIVAN: Scrap it.

MR. BIGGS: I don't know what you're gonna get more out of, but I would suggest scrap it. It's unsafe now, it's gonna cost quite a bit to get it safely --

MR. SULLIVAN: Up to where you could sell it.

MR. BIGGS: Even safely. That's why I couldn't even get a trade-in. It's unsafe. I can't flatbed it somewhere and say hey, what will you give me for it, it just doesn't work. So --

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll make a motion we scrap it.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second. Most of the guys that scrap them they come and get them.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So are we taking it to a scrap yard or are you advertising it for scrap I guess is the next question.

MR. SULLIVAN: Is it driveable?

MR. BIGGS: No. I wouldn't drive it.

MR. DIETZ: There's people that advertise in the paper that they'll come and get them. Isn't there still people --

MR. BIGGS: I believe you're right, Tom. Yes.

MR. DIETZ: I would just call one of them and tell them to come and get it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, I don't know that you could do that. I mean --

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, I don't know if that will work out. I think the Solicitor would have a fit over that one.

MR. DIETZ: Well, then we'll have to put it on a flat bed and take it.

MR. BIGGS: I think you're correct.

MR. DIETZ: Could we use the Village flat bed to do it?

MR. SHEELY: Do we have one?

MR. BIGGS: We don't have one.

MR. DIETZ: So we don't have a flat bed.

MR. BIGGS: We used Underwood's to get it to the shop.

MR. SULLIVAN: I would say just call Underwoods.

MR. DIETZ: All right. You'll make that as a motion?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second it.

MR. SULLIVAN: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The next thing I had was -- Darren, I think you already did this at a special meeting -- Lift Station 4 clean-out with State Pipe. Is that done?

MR. BIGGS: That's done.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: All right. And then I have a question or I would like to ask the Board to think about this. But recently we had members of the community that were deployed for a long period of time. I think it was maybe nine months or a year, not really sure. But it was for quite a while and --

MR. SULLIVAN: Afghanistan or --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't know. I know one of them did tell me, but I don't recall. And sometimes they don't even know where they're going. But regardless, in the computer I have the ability to like code an account like no shut-off so it doesn't run through

the shut-off process and then allow an account to get shut off because it wasn't paid. The accounts were managed, you know, right up until the day an account holder was returning home; but in the planning and such getting that person home, the responsible party did not get that payment in and that person was charged, the water was shut off and then charged a \$30 shut-off fee. What would the Board think of as coding an account when we knew that the person was deployed so it would stop that from being charged or being marked for shut-off?

MR. DIETZ: If one of our residents are in the military and they're on deployment, you don't think we should shut their water off at all? I think the bill should be forgiven if it happens to not get paid.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, and that's what I'm saying. It's not that we would write off the bill. It's just that we would -- the account would not be eligible for shut-off. There's a block, of course, in the computer where you can tell it that this account -- you know, say it was a hospital does not get shut off -- literally would go alternate routes through collection or court to get paid but you wouldn't shut the water off. We can create a code, you know, military deployed or active deployment or something like that. And then when they return, change the code on the account; but it would stop the shut-off process. I mean, it would then not be charged, nor would it be shut off as well. If somebody's living in the home, like if it's a family member and they are taking care of the bills because they are living there, the water's gonna be in use. To me it's a different story. But my understanding is this was a simple person, nobody was living there, a minimum bill didn't get paid, a \$30 fee got charged, and while they were out serving their country.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. I don't want to charge them.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I could go back and credit the fee that was charged to the account. But also I guess it's a two-part question. I mean, how do you feel about allowing that exception to stop that from happening? I mean, do you want to know about it first, do they have to -- I mean, if they come to us and ask.

MR. SULLIVAN: I would be comfortable just to have the asterisk in the computer so, you know, if somebody's deployed we don't charge them a late fee or the shut-off.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second that if it's clear what he said.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: What he said is you don't want the account shut off.

MR. DIETZ: And no charge.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The fees for actively deployed military members.

MR. DIETZ: Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: All those in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Opposed?

(No response.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I will work on a code for the computer and develop that. And to be clear, are you also saying refund the \$30? I'd like a separate motion to authorize that.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. I'll a motion to refund the \$30.

MR. DIETZ: Can I ask a question? Can that be credited to the account?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It would be, yeah. I couldn't give cash back, it would just be a credit on the account. And I would send a letter explaining why there's a credit on the account.

MR. DIETZ: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You second the motion?

MR. DIETZ: Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: All those in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. SULLIVAN: Ayes have it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren, the repair cost for the Tod Avenue repair, are you gonna cover that under your report? On the resident.

MR. BIGGS: No, I wasn't.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't have figures. But there was a residential home that had a leak on their side of the curb box but literally at the curb box. So when they dug it up it was -- our guys just made the repair to stop the leak because it's unmetered water. And we needed to know how you wanted us to just -- to bill for the parts or the labor. It was kind of there and easier to --

MR. BIGGS: Which one was that?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The house that they -- it goes back probably about three or four weeks ago. I have the name if you want to see it, if it would help.

MR. DIETZ: Was that the one on Lyntz Road?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Here's the -- your pictures and stuff.

MR. BIGGS: I didn't write anything up on that one.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No. It was -- I have the work order and the pictures.

MR. SULLIVAN: So what is the question? Are we paying the bill or are they paying the bill, is that the question?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, there was -- I'll let Darren -- he has his figures and stuff there.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, I did have a figure. That's what I was asking.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Oh.

MR. BIGGS: How they wanted to charge.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I thought you commented. Did you bring it up to the Board before?

MR. BIGGS: These ain't the only one we fixed. I wanted to make sure we were talking about the same one. I was trying to picture what it was.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: There's a picture.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, I remember. The only thing with this one is we only fix on our end. Anything from the curb box up is the homeowner's responsibility. The leak was right there at the curb box. We have to dig it up to see whose responsibility it is. They called me and says it's right after the box, which makes it theirs, okay. So now do we cover it all back in and say it's your problem or do we

fix it. So I made a choice to fix it.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, I was gonna say once you dug it up

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MR. BIGGS: We were already there, we already got a hole. So we would have had to do that part, so I didn't count any of that in our time, that's just what we do. What I put down on there is the parts that were needed and how many people per hour after that, not prior to the digging up part getting everything out there and all that. I didn't include any of that. So didn't know how you wanted to bill on that, so I do have the prices for after everything, after we found where the problem is. And the resident was informed that they would be --

MR. SULLIVAN: They would be getting a bill.

MR. BIGGS: Exactly. That we would take care of the issue, we would fix it so that they didn't have a leak. But yeah, that they would be getting a bill depending on, you know, what you guys had to say about it.

MR. DIETZ: Well, we generally -- if it's theirs, we generally would send them a bill then, right?

MR. BIGGS: We normally don't run into that, Tom. If it's up close enough in their home, in their yard, we won't mess with it at all. It's their responsibility. I give them a reasonable time to get it fixed because it's normally not going through a meter. And if not, we turn it off because it's just running into their yard. This one was so close to the curb box --

MR. SULLIVAN: You didn't know.

MR. BIGGS: I couldn't tell them it's theirs without knowing. We dug it up, it was right after we did all the work. We were already there and we already had all the stuff, so we fixed it for them and informed them they may get a bill from the time after we found it to the finish. So that's what we're asking. So normally don't run into this.

MR. DIETZ: Now would you send them a bill for labor in the time after.

MR. BIGGS: Just after.

MR. DIETZ: And the parts?

MR. BIGGS: Correct. From the time we -- after we found where the break was and the repair parts, that was it. Nothing prior to.

MR. SULLIVAN: So how much is the bill?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: He has a repair part -- one was \$26.91, the copper pipe was \$23.20, and he has labor rate at \$68.41. But that's also questioned. I think he used actual hourly wage to do that, and we have an hourly rate on our rate sheet that we charge. We don't base it on our actual pay rate.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well I think that's what we should do then, charge them for the parts and whatever the pay rate is on it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: For one hour.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second that.

MR. SULLIVAN: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I believe that completes everything I have for you. If you have any questions for me I'll try to answer them, but --

MR. SULLIVAN: No. Do you, Tom?

MR. DIETZ: No.

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MR. SULLIVAN: Darren, it's your ball game.

MR. BIGGS: Just a couple quick things. Howard already told you permission for the truck. I was gonna mention that, and thanks for that. We should be good waiting on the check and then we should be okay with that. The other thing was still no port, no router that I've been bringing up every month for over there. Just telling you, I have no word yet on that. And the other is I'll explain in executive if -- when we go into that on the personnel. Most of it will be in there.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. So are you ready for that then?

MR. BIGGS: I am.

MR. DIETZ: What would it cost us to find out why that port is not working?

MR. BIGGS: Well Tom, I didn't look into any of that because I don't know. And we already paid someone to do that, so I don't understand why we would even consider that an option. I mean, whatever you guys want to do. But I mean, we have we paid Century Link, we paid Spectrum and we pay our IT guy. We want to bring in a fourth?

MR. DIETZ: No.

MR. BIGGS: Right. I don't understand it, but --

MR. SULLIVAN: What's the IT guy say? Who's that, Joel?

MR. BIGGS: They blame each other is what's going on. It's Century Link, no it's Spectrum, no it's your network. I haven't heard anything in a while. Even the router that we had was going bad and it needed to be updated for security, and he was aware of it. He would get me one, and then I heard he got me one. This is months ago, and I haven't even got that part.

MR. SULLIVAN: Who's he, Joel?

MR. BIGGS: Yep.

MR. DIETZ: I know nothing about that computer crap. I'll leave that up to Kevin and somebody that knows it.

MR. SULLIVAN: Can Kevin handle it?

MR. BIGGS: Again, that's up to you guys. I don't know why we need a fourth.

MR. SULLIVAN: So, I agree.

MR. BIGGS: Because then that's what you're gonna get. You're gonna get a fourth person to blame when something goes wrong. That's how it's going. I don't know what the -- I don't think that would be the right solution. It could be one.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I think the first step is calling Joel and saying you said this was gonna be here updated.

MR. BIGGS: Correct. I have called him many times. Not recently, but many times before. No response with that. That's part of buildings. Dale was made aware of it and Marvin was made aware

of it. The Mayor said he was gonna try to figure out where the hold-up was. We haven't heard anything. You know, the office upstairs is aware of it, you know, you guys are aware of it. I don't know where else to go now.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

MR. DIETZ: Can our Utility chairman do anything for us on it?

MR. SHEELY: For what? I mean, your router --

MR. BIGGS: It's a router. And when I used to monitor our SCADA, which controls everything, we can do it wirelessly where we don't have to be in the office to operate it, but we lost that a while ago. The company that takes care of our SCADA fixed us up with a temporary solution until our stuff gets fixed. And that's just where we're at. That just hasn't been fixed. So that means there's a little more to it.

MR. SHEELY: So everybody under the sun around here knows about it and --

MR. BIGGS: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: March.

MR. SHEELY: Since March.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, what --

MR. DIETZ: And the problem is we're paying for we can monitor stuff and we can't get it fixed.

MR. SULLIVAN: Have you talked to Joel lately or --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Joel was here yesterday I think it was.

MR. BIGGS: Yesterday.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: He didn't say anything to me about it. I know Bill did follow-up with him about it and ask him about it, and I believe -- not quoting that, but I believe the reply was he tried to coordinate a meeting with Century Link and it just doesn't happen.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, what if we could coordinate the meeting.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I doubt it.

MR. BIGGS: Mike, I asked if I could do anything just because nothing else was happening. I don't have permission to deal with our account. I don't have any account information or anything. So I -- I couldn't do anything. I was wondering how I could help or try to move this along, and there's nothing that I can do. Very few people have our account information, and that's where it needs to start.

MR. SULLIVAN: So you're saying to get a meeting coordinated it would probably have to go either through Bill or Cindy?

MR. BIGGS: Cindy doesn't even have that information.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't have that authority either. Remember, I make less than the housekeeper.

MR. SHEELY: You would probably have to go through Bill.

MR. BIGGS: Bill doesn't want anything to do with it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I believe Joel and Debbie and Dale and maybe a police department member has authority on that account. Those are the ones that are authorized with Spectrum and I believe Century Link.

MR. SULLIVAN: I mean, if it would do any good we'll talk to Debbie and see if she can get a meeting coordinated if she's got the information.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. Just to not get her in a tub of hot water, I would make sure that you told Bill that you were going to ask her to do that so he doesn't -- he knows exactly --

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll start with Bill and give him a call.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That would be good.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. Is that it?

MR. BIGGS: That's it, Mike.

MR. SULLIVAN: All right. I'll make a motion that we go into executive session for personnel. I guess all we need is the Board and you.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second that.

MR. SULLIVAN: And Darren.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Okay. All right. And you made the motion. Tom, did you second?

MR. DIETZ: Yes, ma'am.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Campbell. Not here. Dietz.

MR. DIETZ: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

(Board enters executive session at 4:53 p.m.)

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I do further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of any Member, or otherwise interested in the event of this action.

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