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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio  
April 19, 2022  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Kevin Campbell, President  
Mr. Michael Sullivan, Vice-President  
Mr. Christopher Peterson, Board Member  
Mr. Darren Biggs, Supt. of Utilities  
Ms. Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk  
Mr. Christopher Kogelnik, Engineer  
ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Donald Reider, Utility Committee  
Mr. Tom Cowie, Imperial Communities

MR. CAMPBELL: Call this meeting to order. Please stand with me for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

MR. CAMPBELL: Cindy, roll call please.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Kevin Campbell.  
MR. CAMPBELL: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.  
MR. SULLIVAN: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Christopher Peterson.  
MR. PETERSON: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren Biggs.  
MR. BIGGS: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present. Chris Kogelnik.  
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.

APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you everybody. We have one set of minutes for approval from March 15 of 2022. I'll make a motion to approve those minutes unless there's any corrections or changes to them.

MR. PETERSON: I'll second that.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

CORRESPONDENCE:

MR. CAMPBELL: Very good. Any correspondence, Cindy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I did receive, just a few moments ago, an e-mail from Solicitor Dutton in regards to an agreement for Clean Energy Future Trumbull. It's lengthy, many pages. So what I've done is just prepared a copy for the Board members, and then you can review that at your convenience. Darren and Chris I'm giving a copy to as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: Any Public Comments at this point from the public that's here? Very good.

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NEW BUSINESS:

**1. Election of Officers**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right, New Business, Election of Officers. So we'll go ahead and take that off the agenda there.

MR. SULLIVAN: I nominate Kevin Campbell to be Chairman.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Then do I call for --

MR. PETERSON: Can I second that?

MR. CAMPBELL: Or do I have to accept it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah, go for it.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right, I'll accept the nomination. All right then, we'll put it up for a vote. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Then I'll make a nomination for Chris Peterson to be vice-president or vice-chair.

MR. PETERSON: I'll accept.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All right, there we go.

**2. A Resolution accepting the proposal of Utilis, Inc, dba Asterra, to participate in satellite leak detection cost-sharing program wherein Asterra recover will provide data-driven collection and analysis reports of potential leak areas within the Village's treated water distribution and transmission pipelines.**

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Number 2, we have a Resolution accepting the proposal of Utilis, Inc., dba Asterra, to participate in satellite leak detection cost-sharing program wherein Asterra recover will provide data-driven collection and analysis reports of potential leak areas within the Village's treated water distribution and transmission pipelines. I know I've talked with Darren about this a couple times and we've also shared some emails back and forth. I don't know, Mike, if you had a chance to read or catch up with some of those. I guess I'll let Darren explain just to bring you up to speed of how it came to be and where we're at with it.

MR. BIGGS: Youngstown got a hold of this company and was interested in leak detection by satellite imagery. So we had a meeting at MVSD where if we can get all the communities involved it will be cheaper for everybody to do. Everybody should have got the emails with the -- basically what our cost is gonna be, what everybody else is gonna be, the breakdown, their overview, their scope of what they are going to be doing. And for what they -- what they're offering it would normally -- if it was just us it was gonna cost us like \$36,000 for two flyovers to do the imaging and process it all and get back to us. With us joining everybody else and we're being smaller it's \$13,500. So, with all the other communities around they can do one-shot fly-over and everybody gets a little cheaper rate. So, I -- if somebody would pull out it may go up, but we don't know where we're at yet. I mean, this is just that price of -- I think our final is \$13,500, that's where we're at now. So if we were interested in it, I need to pass that information along so that they can get moving with it and make sure everybody is and --

MR. PETERSON: Have some the other communities passed it already?

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MR. BIGGS: I've seen a lot of them have read this stuff but not answered.

MR. PETERSON: Nobody has answered?

MR. BIGGS: The one I believe that I can remember pulled out right now is Trumbull County. I don't remember hearing nos, but I didn't hear a whole lot of yesses either. I know MVSD committed to it. I could be missing though, Chris, I don't know if I'm getting them all.

MR. PETERSON: I just didn't want it to be 25 or 30 thousand dollars.

MR. BIGGS: If we did decide to participate in this, if you say yes for \$13,500 and it changes, I would have to come back and let you guys know anyway.

MR. SULLIVAN: What the new price is.

MR. PETERSON: What the new price would be.

MR. BIGGS: Then it would be another decision for that.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm gonna be honest. If it jumps up or doubles, I'm real back to like -- you know. Part of it was the big picture in my mind of everybody being involved and checking the area and we can meet some checkmarks for our program for leak detection and things, we can show that we've made some attempts to do those things. I mean, it helps us along. But if it's gonna get 20 or 30 thousand dollars then you're like --

MR. SULLIVAN: You said Trumbull backed out?

MR. CAMPBELL: It might.

MR. SULLIVAN: Would that include like Warren and Bazetta and Champion.

MR. BIGGS: I don't know what their whole system is, right. All the other ones were still in. What they pulled out I'm not real sure, if they have certain areas in Champion.

MR. PETERSON: Up in Farmington, yeah.

MR. BIGGS: Where they begin and end, Mike, I really don't know.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think we just need to sit and wait.

MR. BIGGS: Well, we have to say something because that's what everybody else is doing. If we don't tell them yes, we'll be in the same situation, and it can go on and on.

MR. CAMPBELL: There's gotta be some commitment.

MR. BIGGS: It's not gonna be any cheaper. If it goes higher --

MR. CAMPBELL: We have to come back.

MR. PETERSON: Correct. They want a commitment we're interested.

MR. BIGGS: We would be committing to two flyovers for all of Lordstown for \$13,500 is where we're at.

MR. CAMPBELL: Chris, you had something.

MR. KOGELNIK: Is there any kind of understanding about return on investment? Like for example, do communities that have maybe, you know, a 10 to 15 percent loss of water as compared to a community that's, you know, realizing 20 to 25 percent, do they -- you know, is there some understanding as to how a community would say hey yeah, we should probably spend the money on leak detection? How much -- what's your water loss?

MR. BIGGS: Are you talking from Lordstown?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. Bulk versus, you know, sold.

MR. BIGGS: I don't think it's all that great. Cindy, what do we have?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We don't know yet.

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MR. PETERSON: You meter based on what you meter there.

MR. KOGELNIK: You don't know what you meter based on what you have sell?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, because from what we sell is two different entities, metered and read at different times from multiple meters and double metering.

MR. KOGELNIK: Do you understand why I'm asking that question?

MR. BIGGS: No.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well if you don't know, if you know how much you're losing, it's -- you know, and if it's great enough there might be a real valid reason to do this, spend that money and find out where the leaks are at. But if you don't have that much loss, then maybe you don't need to do that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Sounds like it's a very difficult thing to even get a figure for us.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. For you -- you're an anomaly here.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's not clean it out.

MR. KOGELNIK: If you're like the City of Hubbard that only gets water from one entity, it's probably easier for them to figure it out.

MR. BIGGS: My thought was hopefully there isn't any anything.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, right.

MR. BIGGS: If there is we found it, it paid for itself.

MR. KOGELNIK: It could.

MR. BIGGS: How will we know until we do something about it? That's where I'm at with this. Plus you got the local protection program, E.P.A., wanting this, would help satisfy. So it's -- so do I hope there's anything? No, I hope there isn't anything out there.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. BIGGS: But how do I know and will this opportunity ever come back around at that price.

MR. PETERSON: This is just for one year, correct.

MR. BIGGS: This is for two flyovers.

MR. PETERSON: So two fly-overs.

MR. BIGGS: Yes, their imagery and another one, put it together and we'll end up with a report. They offered boots on the ground to come help find it if they locate something. I opted out of that because I don't foresee anything big or something maybe we can't -

MR. CAMPBELL: Help get the cost down.

MR. BIGGS: This was an added extra. Some of the other communities said we need some help. And they may. They may know they have something already and, you know. But that was an option. Just wanted to make everybody aware that we did have that option also that not only will they try to help you with pinpointing it but whatever, you know, from actually coming here.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I'm okay with moving forward with it at that price. Then if it ends up coming together and working, I think we discussed and know where we're at with it. And if it comes back and it's gonna be more, like I said I'm not real in favor if it's over the \$20,000 mark of something for that for what we're getting. But that's my two cents.

MR. SULLIVAN: I agree.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Do you have it so we can sign?



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MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes, sir.

MR. CAMPBELL: I make a motion that we accept that resolution.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: We don't have any opposed. I'll sign it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So this will become Resolution 2022-3.

MR. CAMPBELL: At least at this point it gives them at least a yes, something to work with for some of them to get the ball rolling.

MR. PETERSON: It really could end up paying for itself.

MR. BIGGS: It could. Don't know.

MR. CAMPBELL: Or it can just be confidence that we're good.

MR. KOGELENIK: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: You get a checkmark for the E.P.A.

MR. BIGGS: In one of those emails due diligence, it's doing what the -- residents being comfortable we're doing what we need to do.

MR. KOGELENIK: Darren, on your E.P.A. metric sheet do you have those reporting where you have your calculated water loss.

MR. BIGGS: I don't know.

MR. KOGELENIK: That's the report that you and I discussed the beginning of the year that I did for Niles. Okay. Well, all right.

MR. BIGGS: I think there was something on one of those with that, yes. Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: So you're saying in our water rate study there was a figure?

MR. KOGELENIK: Not in your rate study, but they call it Ohio E.P.A. metric report. And it's becoming an annual thing for Ohio E.P.A., and they're just standard calculations that you have to run to determine --

MR. CAMPBELL: Where you're at.

MR. KOGELENIK: -- where you're at for potential water loss.

MR. CAMPBELL: Do you know like a rough --like -- because there's it's not a title, so I mean it --

MR. KOGELENIK: The industry standard -- correct me if I'm wrong -- you probably know that used to be like when you're approaching 18 percent water loss that's when you start -- you should start a program.

MR. PETERSON: Fifteen is -- yeah. Fifteen is --

MR. CAMPBELL: So ten to fifteen is probably not out of the normal across --

MR. PETERSON: No, no.

MR. KOGELENIK: I would suspect an older community like Warren to have, you know --

MR. PETERSON: Probably thirty.

MR. KOGELENIK: -- a higher water loss.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's why the grass is always greener on the other side.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. City of Warren - Bulk Water (Warren Water)**

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MR. CAMPBELL: Old Business. City of Warren Bulk Water Agreement. I guess we'll see how things develop with that as we -- Cindy brought to our attention with the TEC agreement and that kind of blends into that mix.

**2. Ultium Sewer Connection**

MR. CAMPBELL: Ultium Sewer Connection. We kept that on here because it wasn't finished up, there was some checks or something.

MR. SULLIVAN: I do not understand the TEC agreement.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, there isn't one. That's what's coming for us to review.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I understand that. But an agreement usually indicates two parties.

MR. CAMPBELL: Correct, yeah. Well they have to present something for us to look at and review, and that's where things are at. Gotta start somewhere if it's gonna get anywhere.

MR. KOGELNIK: So for the subject Ultium Sewer Connection -

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MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: -- was that just this past month things are going really fast where we went out to the site, they started up the meter inside the fenced area of Ultium right there, and we were able to see what they were doing with that particular meter. So that day I produced a summary shortly thereafter I think it was, and I e-mailed it to everybody about what had happened on the start-up for that meter. And then that day we had suggested to the meter equipment rep to also go over to the meter closest to the interceptor sewer and check it so that we can have the equipment verify if both meters are properly operating, you know, at one time. That's the perfect situation.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: And then we had suggested that going forward that, you know, the Village cooperate -- or not cooperate, but coordinate with that meter manufacturer and Ultium to do simultaneous testing on the meters going forward so that you can get the best accuracy out of them. So both meters are now operable at both locations.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: And that's where we're at right now.

MR. CAMPBELL: So is it something done that we can take off our agenda?

MR. KOGELNIK: You can take it off the agenda, but there are some punch list items. Like the hoists and the support for the hoists still need to be installed by Ultium, or Barton Malow for that matter. But if you want to look at it from the standpoint of substantial completion, the meters are operating as intended.

MR. CAMPBELL: And it's on your punch list to not list the items that are still not completed?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, yeah. Darren and I will keep an eye on those small miscellaneous items.

MR. BIGGS: The other thing is they were gonna put in a drive on their site.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's right.

MR. BIGGS: But just to -- that hasn't been done. They've started because they were still doing the concrete work over there. Those cranes are in. I have the certifications, two of them, they're in, everything is done with that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay, okay.

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MR. BIGGS: That happened late last week.

MR. KOGELENIK: And these cranes that we're talking about are just for lowering one individual down in there. And they're portable. So there's a socket there, you just stick the mast arm in there.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, if it's all right with you gentleman we can take it off the agenda.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, that's fine.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: While you're on the topic, I would like to add that Trumbull County billed us for the sanitary sewer off of their meter. And in this current billing that I just received they started a different set of readings that didn't previously coincide with the previous bills. So I sent over our meters that Darren and the guys go out every day, it takes a lot of work for them to get there and get that reading for us. But Trumbull County has a whole new set of readings that I don't know where they came from. Darren's run in sequence, theirs does not. And if it is, in fact, their error it's several thousand dollars difference. So I called, I e-mailed her what I had, and I have not heard back from Trumbull County yet. So it probably won't be now until Monday because I will be out of the office the rest of this week. But I wanted to let you know that. I know I ask for crazy things sometimes, but this is the reason why.

MR. CAMPBELL: Do you have a question on that, Chris?

MR. KOGELENIK: So was that error you and I talked about, Darren? Okay. So this is something else. All right. Well --

MR. CAMPBELL: This is on the billing side that it's functioning correctly from what you guys did.

MR. KOGELENIK: All right, all right. Well, I don't have anything for that then.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Thank you.

### 3. Imperial Sewer Agreement

MR. CAMPBELL: Imperial Sewer Agreement. I know Mr. Cowie's here, I appreciate that. And we had a meeting --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: He was asking the billing method for LEC or Ultium and to bill off a meter, but I really honestly have to go back to the contract and see what it says for the bill before --

MR. BIGGS: We haven't been able to bill off the Ultium side yet, it just got completed. I just asked her do we need permission or what date should we start the billing from the Ultium side.

MR. CAMPBELL: I understand what you just stated. That makes sense.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But I have to see what the contract -- I don't believe it dictates bill off a sewer meter at all. I think that's the conflict that I already have with billing. So we'll wait to address it complete after I review that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Let's see how muddled up it gets. Imperial sewer agreement as I mentioned. We had a meeting scheduled, and I think -- I don't remember why we ended up cancelling it or rescheduling it, it couldn't come to be. I know Mike's been working through things on his end, and we're trying to have a full Board that we can meet with them. So I don't know how your schedule is. Maybe we'll send some emails and see if we can get another meeting scheduled.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. I'm down to like one doctor a week, you know. Originally it was like five a week.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. Understand, understand. Okay. Is

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that all right?

MR. COWIE: Yeah, that's fine. As long as --

MR. CAMPBELL: Before we leave it on the agenda.

MR. COWIE: If it doesn't get away from us. We have issues with you folks, we're here.

MR. CAMPBELL: Gotcha. I'll make a note to find out so we get another one scheduled.

**4. Rate Study - Water**

MR. CAMPBELL: Water Rate Study. I think we left it on here as kind of a touch base because there's things that as we well know, our environment's changing a lot around here, so. Is there anything along those lines that we need to bring up or discuss or poke at or look at it or --

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't know how up-to-speed you you've been able to get.

MR. PETERSON: I've skimmed it, but I haven't had a chance to really get into it yet.

MR. SULLIVAN: I thought that at least myself, if I was just given that and told to go through it I would need some Chris help.

MR. PETERSON: I'm sure I'll have to call him. But I mean, I've gone through them before so I'll understand some of it.

MR. SULLIVAN: I just wondered if we should have a meeting to do that or if you just want to one-on-one with Chris or --

MR. PETERSON: Well I mean, we can.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, we'd have to have a work session if we want to do something along those lines.

MR. PETERSON: I'm perfectly fine with that.

MR. KOGLNIK: Yeah, I will provide --

MR. CAMPBELL: We're just kind of discussing maybe to get up-to-speed --

MR. KOGLNIK: -- assistance with the --

MR. CAMPBELL: -- with just the water rate study so Chris can understand --

MR. KOGLNIK: So the water rate study, we did that in conjunction with understanding that TEC would be a customer if that was what you were wondering.

MR. CAMPBELL: No, he was just wondering --

MR. PETERSON: Thank you, because that was a question.

MR. CAMPBELL: They actually did due diligence and had a study with and without because of the way our environment is around here and things change. I guess it wouldn't be a bad idea to maybe have a sit-down work session just to revisit it and see what's changed.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, I think it would.

MR. KOGLNIK: It would be good. There has been, as Kevin said, a lot of things that have changed. And we're not done --

MR. CAMPBELL: With changes.

MR. KOGLNIK: -- unraveling that spaghetti just yet. So we should have a work session. And I would like to involve Bob -- my associate Bob McNutt in that since he was the author of the rate study.

MR. CAMPBELL: If we can get time with him that would be nice.

MR. KOGLNIK: It had a price on it of around \$25,000 and ended 27, 28. That was because of the delicate stuff of TEC basically. So if we -- you know, if we had the -- if we didn't have the TEC change we probably would have arrived there on budget with that. But the rate study as we know it is pretty much done.

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MR. CAMPBELL: And we have a solid model to work from, which has been beneficial to see as other industries come and look at places and --

MR. KOGELENIK: And the time of the rate study was good too because we were able to rely on what we were doing with the master water plan. And so Bob as the author of the rate study knew that okay, I'm gonna have these expenditures for capital investment on a water system, and I've gonna have to somehow figure out a way to pay for that, et cetera, et cetera. So it's all in there, and we would be happy to go through that with you all. I think I need it right now.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I think one of the things -- Darren can probably pop in another couple ideas, you know -- we since that looked at new meters. I mean, there's other things now.

MR. KOGELENIK: That's true. That is true. So new projects, new needs. We should probably revisit it, it's a healthy thing.

MR. BIGGS: And as we've been coming up with other things that might not have been added on that. I know I have called Bob to make him aware of that, things that were left off or new things or whatever else. But I don't know --

MR. CAMPBELL: Where they're at with it, yeah.

MR. BIGGS: Or if I got everything or whatever. I've been trying to keep him up-to-date.

MR. KOGELENIK: We have that model now that you could use if you've got more expenditures, less expenditures, more O&M, less O&M, that you could populate the model with and correct your rate if that's what you're wondering as well.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. KOGELENIK: That was the purpose of going through that exercise. It's similar to a water model.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, okay. I'll mark that down and we'll send out some emails. I guess -- I know Bob's time is very limited and difficult to get with too.

MR. KOGELENIK: But he knows how important --

MR. CAMPBELL: Maybe we start with him and see what his availability is.

MR. KOGELENIK: I will ask.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll send out another e-mail to include everybody and we can work through it.

## 5. Ultium

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 5, Ultium. Updates, changes, where are we at.

MR. KOGELENIK: They are obviously building the tower right now, the elevated tower, and they've got a couple feet, vertical feet, of concrete installed. The water booster station is there installed, they're working on it and the site improvements. They are working on the site improvements around the water booster station as well. So it's moving. Hopefully with construction prices they don't get changes or dinged for, you know, a lot of construction prices. We're seeing construction prices escalate real quick. A couple of our projects went over budget. When I say over the budget, I mean over the published engineer's estimate; and we will have to rebid them. So in fact, one of my friends, the Mahoning County Engineer, was on the news this morning saying just that.

MR. CAMPBELL: So for the water tower --

MR. KOGELENIK: You're already bid. My information is that



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there might be some escalation in steel price that, you know, might come in. And that's what I'm, you know, hoping to just flow right through, so. Those contractors are really taking a risk these days in signing a contract that lasts a couple years long when they buy steel and product. So put yourself in their shoes, you know.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: On the tower, wasn't a lot of the materials already purchased?

MR. KOGELENIK: I believe that's true.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm not exactly sure what materials, but I do remember a large chunk of the payments we paid to CBNI were for material.

MR. KOGELENIK: Hopefully we stay according to the schedule for cost and time. Thus far it's been pretty much on schedule, yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Good.

MR. KOGELENIK: Tomorrow we have an important phone call regarding the \$1.5 million principal forgiveness thing so -- but in general I think that the project is on schedule.

MR. SULLIVAN: What is the schedule?

MR. KOGELENIK: Well we're -- the schedule is that we're gonna have water to Ultium by way of the water tower the beginning of next year. So 2023, spring of 2023.

MR. SULLIVAN: So that's when they -- when do they plan on going into production.

MR. KOGELENIK: I don't know when Ultium's planning to go into production, but we're gonna be providing water to them via the booster station as soon as it starts up, which is very soon.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Any other questions on Ultium? All right.

## 6. Utility Department Building

MR. CAMPBELL: Our next one, Utility Department Building. We also keep that on our radar for options, opportunity and development. Is there anything new on that front of it?

MR. KOGELENIK: Well --

MR. CAMPBELL: I know we had that big budget -- not budget, funding meeting where we kind of sat and threw out, and this was on the radar at that point.

MR. KOGELENIK: I have more that I can share with you in that regard. However, before we go there, we see from the Trumbull County Auditor's mapping of that campus area, the administration building and around the back of the library, that the Village basically owns that entire southeast corner of State Route 45 and Salt Springs Road. Almost the entire thing. And so you have the land where you could put a building.

MR. CAMPBELL: On our own property.

MR. KOGELENIK: Like we're talking about. And the building that Bob had consented for the State Route 45 site was sort of a split level which it -- you know, that had a price to accommodating that terrain; whereas over here it's level. And so we're thinking that the price may come down with regards to the building.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well the stuff that was gonna be at the level, would it kind of come up then and be all at one level, is that what you're thinking? Because there was a garage and stuff.

MR. KOGELENIK: That was down low, was like a mezzanine that looked over. I remember.

MR. CAMPBELL: It was a neat design.

MR. KOGELENIK: It was a neat design, yeah. But what I'm



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saying is everything being on one level might be a little bit lower. You have the immediate access here for, you know, your staff, administration offices and that sort of thing. So that might be an option. And then in regards to funding for that, I was gonna touch on that in my report.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Very good.

7. I&I

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 7, I&I. I know it's been touched upon a couple times and you tried to get some work done on it.

MR. KOGELENIK: I talked with my associate Mark Delisio regarding the I&I. I'm happy to report that we can add another meter to the scope. So here's what we would like to do. We've got a plan to put the meters in strategic locations. There's only a few locations that we're talking about for the Pump Station 2 tributary area. Basically Pump Station No. 1 pumps to a gravity sewer on Highland Avenue which then drains to the intersection of Highland and Salt Springs Road and then takes a right-hand turn and goes down to Pump Station 2. So we would put a meter at that junction. We would also put a meter at that same junction for the flow coming from Salt Springs Road heading east. And you've got the flow coming from the grinder pumps on -- we'll call it North Highland and then they would be, you know, draining south to the intersection of Highland and Salt Springs Road. So we have those flows that we need to monitor, so we can meter all of that. And we, CT, has a fleet of flow meters that we can offer at a reduced price, a rental price, than if we had to go out and purchase those rentals -- not purchase but get the rentals. So we had a budget for that entire project of \$25,000 if you remember. I've spent only like a couple thousand dollars of it. But we have a revised price of all of that to include up to three months of rental for like \$29,000. So it is a little bit higher, but you're gonna get, you know, more metering and true metering out of it if you want to go that route. If you want to go that route, I'll put that in a proposal that you can read through and be confident about that.

MR. CAMPBELL: And that would cover just our -- the Village's part of those, right? I mean, that's what was being studied.

MR. KOGELENIK: That's another thing. What we're talking about, and we're following the same approach to attack the Village's system first; and then we would have a better understanding for what's coming from the private residences, okay. So we're gonna be dependent on the Village providing us flow rates from the pump stations, which is understood we were gonna get that anyway. We're not gonna get flow rates from the grinder pump stations because we have no way of knowing that so we're gonna meter that. Okay. So then we'll have cue-in equals cue-out and we'll be able to understand based on water consumption where we're at with flow. Then we'll have a better understanding of what we might be coming up with on I&I based on that. That's not gonna be the chief telltale sign. We're gonna try and hone in on the areas.

MR. CAMPBELL: So we're getting a good share of it from this area, then you can work back.

MR. KOGELENIK: The reason why I selected Pump Station 2 as a tributary area to study is because it had a gravity sewer, a set of grinder pumps, a force main with a pump station. It had all four components in it. That way if you wanted to do that on 1, 4 or 3 --

MR. CAMPBELL: It's set up.

MR. KOGELENIK: -- you would understand how to do that. And

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Pump Station 2 is a very simple system. It's across the road. So if we can't figure out what's going on, you know, with just a public system we're in trouble. Now we are probably gonna be dependent on your flow data that you previously recorded for those two little streets that coming in on Salt Springs Road. What is it, I'm sorry.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Brook Hollow and Hood.

MR. KOSELNIK: Yeah. I think you guys have a set of flow data from that. We're also going to provide to you to bench test your existing flow meter, the one that you have, so that we can possibly use it.

MR. SULLIVAN: So then if, for example, you found it high in the grinder pumps, then you would go back to those homes and do the smoke testing or --

MR. KOSELNIK: We may recommend smoke and dye testing. Normally that is the process. You find an area and then you hone in more by smoke testing and dye testing those areas.

MR. CAMPBELL: But that's not included in what he's proposing, that's an additional project.

MR. KOSELNIK: Right. The metering alone on this project is the meat and potatoes of it, okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: I thought when we talked that you said that that would be part of -- the \$25,000 would cover that.

MR. KOSELNIK: I'll have to go back and look through the proposal.

MR. PETERSON: So you're saying just putting the meters in is \$29,000 and the study?

MR. KOSELNIK: Doing the meters and also the analysis and whatnot. So I'm gonna send Chris the proposal so that he understands what was all included in it. But I do remember our discussion, Mike, in which you said you wanted -- you preferred to spend more money metering than doing the administrative type efforts on it; but smoke testing is not an administrative procedure.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris -- I think you have the proposal attached to your agenda.

MR. KOSELNIK: Okay. So we're -- we can get this rolling as soon as you give that more thought.

MR. CAMPBELL: Are you talking about the rate study?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Oh, gees.

MR. KOSELNIK: Chris, I can send it to you. I obviously need to go through it and answer Mike's question anyhow.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. I was under the impression that it was gonna --

MR. KOSELNIK: Include the smoke and dye.

MR. SULLIVAN: When you were done with \$25,000 we would know what we would have to do.

MR. KOSELNIK: Let me look at it, Mike.

MR. SULLIVAN: What do you remember?

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't recall. I honestly don't.

MR. KOSELNIK: It's been a while.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's been a while. There's been so much in and out of what we're doing with it, not doing with it. Any other questions at this point?

MR. PETERSON: The one question I did have is, I saw a bill up there for some I&I work. Do you know what that was for?

MR. KOSELNIK: Yeah. So I was getting ready, setting up, getting prices for the meters, finding out what data the Village had, reviewed that data for those two streets, and that's it. Like I said,

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I've only spent about \$2,000 of it.

MR. SULLIVAN: There was just --

MR. PETERSON: It just said labor, so --

MR. SULLIVAN: It didn't have a price.

**8. Sanitary Sewer Rate Review**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Number 8, Sanitary Sewer Rate Review. This is what Cindy alluded to that Chris put together and it's attached in our agenda.

MR. KOGELENIK: I did get your questions, Kevin.

MR. CAMPBELL: Sorry, I didn't have a chance to check my emails.

MR. KOGELENIK: I did not reply because I was doing --

MR. CAMPBELL: Many other things. So my questions to Chris were, just from my understanding -- and it wasn't a please, it wasn't a way to insult, because I asked well we spent roughly this much on the water study; and since our sewer system is considerably smaller, I was just wondering how they compare when you're studying. I know they're different beasts and there's different things involved and that aspect of that. So I guess if you can provide some of that detail for us to understand. And just like with the water study, is there a way a chunk of it is kind of Council's side and our chunk kind of aligns more with us.

MR. KOGELENIK: That's the easy part. Yes, we can divide that up. I think we did that with the prior study.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, because there's stuff that falls under kind of growth and part kind of falls under maintenance.

MR. KOGELENIK: And in terms of the price, we still have to set the study up and, you know, do all of that with the spreadsheets and whatnot; so the labor is still there.

MR. CAMPBELL: So if it's this big (indicating) or this big (indicating), it takes the same amount of work.

MR. KOGELENIK: Really it is. If -- I guess the complexity becomes is when you have the various agreement that the Village has. Like for example with water, and then you have various agreements for treatment and whatnot, that's where it gets kind of complicated. Then it gets more complicated with regards to the amount of projects and capital that you have, the expenditures. On the water side we -- you know, we knew that we were gonna have a certain project. On the waste water side I don't think we have identified really what we're gonna be doing with waste water. I'm gonna be talking about one of them here pretty soon. So we still have to set up the same parameters, same spreadsheets, same outline that we --

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, it gives us -- just like we're using our water aspect of it now, give us avenues to evaluate and give us better pictures of. All right. Somebody is looking at this area, what can we support or what can we make it work with.

MR. KOGELENIK: And I think the rate study for the water was initiated in 2019.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, that's about right.

MR. KOGELENIK: And CT has done the right thing hopefully in paying us, you know, raises each year, and so it's a little bit more.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm just doing my due diligence in asking.

MR. KOGELENIK: I appreciate that. And I did tell the -- you know, our staff the expectation on size.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: And we're glad you got a raise.

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MR. KOGELNIK: I am too, so. I'll let you know if it's a problem.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. So back on to that topic, it's attached here, and take a chance to read through it. It has what, seven steps?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, seven tasks. Now if you would like us to split it, you know, the cost of the proposed amount in a way that is --

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I know Council. If you just took it and said here's yours and they'll go how does it align for, you know. So maybe like this task is more Council, this task is more BPA. So I think that would help from that side of it.

MR. KOGELNIK: So can you -- is there a -- can you help me figure that percentage out?

MR. CAMPBELL: What do you mean by that? I thought you would go through the tasks and go this one, this one, this one. You're saying the weight of what those tasks are.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, I want to know what is more relevant to the Council versus what is more relevant to the BPA. For example, in terms of -- in terms of like maintenance and -- ownership and maintenance, I understand that would be yours. And then in terms of other aspects of the rate study, then I'd have to assume that's Council. So you have to understand that I'm gonna be kicking at numbers that could be questioned.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, and also that our expenses are set by decisions that were made by Council with the grinder pump replacements. That's something that we weren't traditionally -- you don't cover and we're obligated because of Council to maintain those grinder pumps. And they're \$500, \$700 a pop.

MR. KOGELNIK: So let me start off with the easy thing. Would it be acceptable 50/50?

MR. BIGGS: 2,000.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: 2,000 I'm sorry.

MR. CAMPBELL: I would be amenable to that.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: I mean from the BPA side. I don't know, I can't speak for Council.

MR. PETERSON: I don't know how Council would feel.

MR. KOGELNIK: Can you get back to me, Don and Kevin, and just like I said an e-mail there and say this is what, you know, the two parties have agreed to; and then I'll edit the proposal accordingly.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. REIDER: Sure. I'll just contact each individual and find out what they think.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, and I'll take his e-mail and include you in on it and say the BPA met and --

MR. REIDER: Cindy, would you put a copy in my box please?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Absolutely, yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Very good.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MR. CAMPBELL: Second set of Public Comments. Any public comments at this point?

**REPORTS:**

**1. Solicitor's Report**

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MR. CAMPBELL: Reports. Anything from our Solicitor?  
Nothing at this point.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Just the correspondence we had earlier.

**2. Engineer's Report**

MR. CAMPBELL: Engineer's Report. Chris.

MR. KOGELENIK: Okay. So we talked about the sewer rates and the I&I. Li-Cycle waste water. So the Li-Cycle plant has started in plan review. I believe they authorized our review services. Darren and I met on site with these people from Barton Malow and Gresham-Smith; and we have told them that, you know, they're gonna have to connect to the Village's water system and to the Village's east side sanitary sewer system. We told them where, and we've even gone so far as to tell them somewhat how to connect. The water system's obviously pretty easy, it's right across the street from them. The sanitary sewer system is a force main, as you might recall, right in front of their facility; and you're probably asking can they connect to a force main. Yes, they can by way of a grinder pump system. It would have to be valved properly. We can do that. And that might add some head onto that force main which would require upsizing those pumps back at Pump Station 4 just a touch. There's not much operating pressure on that line to begin with because it's fairly flat. But we would make that facility pay for the upgrade for those pumps in Lift Station 4. So it would be a really quick connection if that were the case. It wouldn't be anything where they would be installing like miles of new gravity line and connecting onto the county system. If they do that, I will separate on their map, their plans, but we're not approving that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Are you aware of who that company is?

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's a battery cycle plant that's gonna --

MR. SULLIVAN: That's going on the back of the --

MR. CAMPBELL: Just wanted to make sure you were aware what we were talking about.

MR. KOGELENIK: The flow that's coming from that is not gonna be all that much and it's domestic. There's no processing involved. How many people do they say that they were gonna have, Darren? I want to say --

MR. BIGGS: 65 in three shifts.

MR. KOGELENIK: Yeah, it was not much. So a little grinder pump connected to your existing PVC force main. It's actually gonna help your force main out a little bit, you need a little bit more flow.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's the line that comes from Imperial. You're taking that --

MR. KOGELENIK: Yeah. And those pumps right now could be upsized. It would very much help that force main to upsize those pumps a bit. Right now that pump system, correct me if I'm wrong Darren, is operating right around 180 gallons a minute.

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

MR. KOGELENIK: And that's at the low end of a 6-inch force main, so it's just barely meeting two feet per second. And if we give those pumps a bump in horsepower, we'll be able to get better cleansing through. Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Understood, okay. Any other questions on that? What else do you have on there?

MR. KOGELENIK: Hallock Young Road water line, we have a proposal. Did Bob submit that to you yet? Okay. So this is a water line that connects the -- let me go up to the map. This is a water



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line that would connect from this end of the 14-inch over here on 45 and come along here and connect to the end where Li-Cycle would connect onto, thereby eliminating that gap. So you might remember in the last meeting I recommended that this would be one of the first water lines that should be implemented, and that's actually per our master water plan. So it's all costed out and we've already talked about it, so that's checkboxes number one and two, right. And the other things I wanted to talk with you about is ARC funding, Appalachian Regional Chamber. This project is totally applicable for that. All right. And you have the ability to request up to \$500,000 in grant on that one. So that's really good.

MR. SULLIVAN: What would it cost?

MR. KOGELENIK: That would probably be around 1.5 to 2 million dollars for that water line.

MR. PETERSON: Any other funding sources?

MR. KOGELENIK: There could be, yeah. You got OWDA, you know. You got them all day long. But that's usually a loan.

MR. PETERSON: That's usually a loan, yeah.

MR. KOGELENIK: Now you have the fiscal year requests, those are out right now. And so what the Mayor needs to be doing -- remember our phone call -- is finding out when those fiscal year requests are eligible in this region. You might have heard me say on Easter Sunday that's what I was doing. That's because our people down there in Mahoning County had their requests out, and so their due date was midnight on Easter. So find out when that is. And then also find out when the capital budget is due, okay. And that's through Senator O'Brien. So those two could be applicable here. And we just attended a workshop for ARC today on that -- actually it was yesterday. So we're ready to make an application for ARC on this project, and the pre-app would be due I think May 16. So what you should be doing is reaching out to your commissioners and getting their support for the project and whatever other support you might need. I would get support from Li-Cycle. I would get support from Eastgate who's promoting this unnamed project over here. I wish I could say we would get support from Lordstown Motors or Foxconn.

MR. SULLIVAN: Where does that rubber plant -- do they go into county sewer?

MR. KOGELENIK: What rubber plant? The recycle plant?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's plastic pails, M&M.

MR. KOGELENIK: M&M, they go into the county sewer. So we're gonna be giving you some to-do things if we're gonna be marching through the application here, okay, for that.

MR. PETERSON: Does applying for the ARC funding commence -

MR. KOGELENIK: Yes, good question. Now OPWC -- do you know anything about OPWC?

MR. PETERSON: Enough.

MR. KOGELENIK: OPWC is usually for existing infrastructure. But they do allocate 20 percent of the districts funding for new infrastructure. You could possibly submit an OPWC application at the end of August that would couple with the ARC so you could get some grant from OPWC. We've done that before in the Village and they pulled back. That was the Highland Road.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's right.

MR. KOGELENIK: So I wanted to talk to you about that. And I have another project that we talked about, Darren and I have been going over it, and that's this one down here on State Route 45 where



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we're planning to relocate that water booster station down to here, okay (indicating). This one also has the possibility of fulfilling the needs of economic development, ie: ARC funding, okay. ARC funding is all about economic development, so there's no better community in our region that should get ARC funding other than Lordstown. So what I encourage the Village to do is there evidently is an easement here, but we don't know where the paperwork is at for that. We need to find that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: For a water easement?

MR. KOGELNIK: You have a 16-inch water line through here. There should be a right-of-way or easement through there because we're gonna put part of the water booster station on that easement or water line.

MR. PETERSON: That's that field across from --

MR. BIGGS: Yes, yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: It kind of does one of these things (indicating). You can see it from the turnpike actually.

MR. BIGGS: That one goes straight back and cuts across the turnpike and comes back out.

MR. KOGELNIK: So conceptually the water booster station would sit about 100 feet off the road. It's in a wet area, so it needs to be propped up. We have to do the wetlands due diligence on it. And that project has an estimated value of around \$850,000 I think it was. And Bob is putting together a cost estimate for it right now. And so similar, if this is going to be an ARC-funded project, you would need to get Commissioner support on it as well. And if there's -- if there is an industry that's coming in, you'd want to get their support. It's my understanding that this area, this juncture, has very low pressure, and so adding that booster station is directly in line with the needs of the customer there.

MR. CAMPBELL: Is that the line that -- so to have replaced like the pump station it's by me pumping up to the tower. So this would be gone and this would be further back pushing that all up?

MR. BIGGS: Yes, yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Good.

MR. KOGELNIK: And in the future -- this is a tran-site line AC. There's plenty of capacity in that line. The Village could decide to line that -- internally line that water line which is gonna give you a lot more useful life on that old AC line. So you might want to consider that in the future. But right now the booster station needs to add pressure right there. And hopefully that doesn't have a problem.

MR. CAMPBELL: Then all of a sudden we're fixing the line.

MR. KOGELNIK: So that's what I have on my list, Kevin. And if you -- if the Village or the BPA wants to move forward with this, then we need to be sharing information a lot in the next week in order to make an application. I did mention some of these to Eastgate, and they are very excited about them because they want to help with job creation more than anybody.

MR. SULLIVAN: Who's doing the grant writing for us.

MR. CAMPBELL: I was gonna say it's Chris, isn't it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It would still be the Planning and Zoning office, Kellie.

MR. KOGELNIK: She does a good amount. I asked her today. She evidently does a lot of Travis' -- grant writing for Travis.

MR. PETERSON: She does a lot for Fire.

MR. KOGELNIK: I thought that was impressive. But utilize

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us. And that's the one thing that the retainer could do, it basically reinforces that. And so I am like, you know, what I do in other communities; and I would like to do the same thing here. And so I'm advocating that we do that here ahead of a retainer. I just think that there's no better opportunity to get to capture some of that funding than in Lordstown.

MR. SULLIVAN: Should we then or myself or Kevin, whoever, call O'Brien and try to get her to a meeting to understand?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, getting the ear of Senator O'Brien would be helpful. What you definitely need is a letter from her saying hey, I'm in support of this project.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, we got this project but we also talked about the --

MR. KOGELNIK: The building.

MR. SULLIVAN: -- the building that she could --

MR. KOGELNIK: Mike, give her your capital improvement plan. Tell her you want to meet with her and talk to her about it. You have just completed a master water plan that has a capital improvement plan in it, you want to talk with her about all the projects that are priority.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: I think that would be great.

MR. KOGELNIK: So there's that. We -- let's see here. The only thing we haven't talked about was MVSD ambitions to build a water line coming into Lordstown. So we know that that's public, and CT has responded to it today. So we hope to be selected. I will be asking the BPA, Council and the Solicitor that in the event that MVSD asks if there would be a conflict, if you could give your answer to the MVSD. Like I always do. When I worked on the Ohio Commerce Center water line, I asked the same questions to the same three people.

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't see an issue with it.

MR. KOGELNIK: So you can answer that when the time comes to MVSD. But they have qualifications out for design for a water line that would extend somewhere from their facility exactly to the water booster station on State Route 45 is what it says. They wanted to evaluate the routes, alternative routes and whatnot. So we've been talking about Salt Springs Road. Hopefully that's what happens. That seems like the most logical route for me. But their ambition is to consider other options too. But they obviously have an interest to sell water to -- more water to Lordstown. And that's -- you know, there's no hiding it, that's what our master water plan suggested. That's all I have. Oh, waste water treatment plant, somebody's gotta move that along. This is the study for evaluating a new waste water treatment plant for the Village because of the email from --

MR. CAMPBELL: I think that would --

MR. KOGELNIK: That's right, that's a Council thing all along. So if I would ask one thing of the BPA is to tell the Council how important moving that project along is so that the Village can make some informed decisions about a waste water treatment plant or waste water treatment needs in the future.

MR. CAMPBELL: We touched upon that.

MR. SULLIVAN: Building our own?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. We touched about that when we were on the call with him. Remember, it was a topic of discussion and the needs of -- because we went through a huge list of water and sewer hopes and prayers and considering what we see for current needs for the Village, but --

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MR. KOGELNIK: That is my final item.

MR. BIGGS: Chris, I had one thing when you were talking about moving that booster but you were just talking about that. In the meantime, that JEDD thing came up. Would that affect it in any way, that JEDD, because I haven't heard much about it?

MR. KOGELNIK: I think that's a lot of speculative conversation that -- I'll just real quickly say yes, it could.

MR. BIGGS: Okay. In a good way?

MR. KOGELNIK: Probably.

MR. BIGGS: Well, that's my thoughts. I didn't know if you knew anything more about what's going on. I hate to hear about things afterwards when we're planning ahead and then --

MR. KOGELNIK: I cannot stand up in front of here in front of you guys and reiterate stuff that is speculative.

MR. BIGGS: No, I didn't expect you to. But I was just wondering, no one seems to know.

MR. KOGELNIK: There's a lot of dynamics and a lot of moving parts in this region. When you have an entity right next-door that is selling their water system, that's significant. And then you have MVSD. If MVSD does that, that will be historical, right, because they have never extended their district.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well there's some legal things we have to put in place for that to happen.

MR. KOGELNIK: I imagine there would, but we're not attorneys. So we're assuming that they have all of that taken care of or figured out one way or another.

MR. SULLIVAN: Sure sounded like it when we went to that meeting.

MR. KOGELNIK: Maybe. But the JEDD could be significant, you're right.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Anything else at this point? Wait, Cindy has something.

MR. KOGELNIK: So, yes. Just a reminder, I sent an e-mail reminder about the LEC agreement in which it states that the seven valves on the existing 24-inch water line were to be replaced at the fifth year of the agreement, and we're just beyond the fifth year of the LEC agreement. And we had to estimate how much, you know, the replacement of those valves might cost; and at that time back in 2016 we said \$315,000 total for those seven valves. That might be very light right now.

MR. SULLIVAN: Probably double that now.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. So --

MR. CAMPBELL: So where does that put us? So at this point do we have to make the decision to move forward with that to replace what we can, or do we -- I mean --

MR. PETERSON: There's a dollar figure in, that's all they'll give us.

MR. KOGELNIK: That is most likely all that they'll give you.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But it's not in the contract. That \$315,000 wasn't in the contract.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's correct. It was estimated. It was an estimate in the contract, but -- it was tucked in agreement number seven as an estimate, but it was not written in words. She's right.

MR. CAMPBELL: So there's no figure tied to it then?

MR. KOGELNIK: Not in the paragraph that's right in front of her. But in the -- if you look in agreement number seven, it shows

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how I've calculated the replacement of those seven valves. There's a spreadsheet at the end. Seven times I think it was \$45,000 equals \$315,000.

MR. CAMPBELL: So at this point is that something that we need to decide on replace what they can, and/or is that --

MR. KOBELNIK: You need to make a decision as to how you want to handle that. Maybe you want to table that and just say LEC, if we have a commitment and agreement with you to replace these valves we want to move forward with replacing the valves, you're continuing to use -- consider this, Kevin. The reason why we put that in there was because they're gonna, you know, endure more stress on your 24. And so that's why we wrote that into that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Does that mean -- let's say he comes through with the second 24 and we gotta redo and make fault connections, we're replacing that stuff, give us the amount you can, and we roll it into the project?

MR. BIGGS: That would be the perfect time, right.

MR. CAMPBELL: It makes sense to me.

MR. BIGGS: It's reimbursable through LEC. I don't know if we need to come up with it first, but that would be the best time I would think to do that.

MR. KOGELNIK: I would at least get a letter out to LEC saying this is in our agreement.

MR. PETERSON: A reminder.

MR. KOGELNIK: A friendly reminder, we're considering doing this now or in the future -- in the near soon future -- so get the checkbook out.

MR. CAMPBELL: Warm up your pen. Good thing to put on our radar, I'm glad that was brought up. I do remember that in the agreement, but I didn't realize it had been --

MR. PETERSON: Didn't realize it had been that long.

MR. CAMPBELL: Was there anything else for Chris, Engineer's Report? Any questions? All right, very good.

### 3. Utility Committee Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Utility Committee Report. Don, what do you have for us.

MR. REIDER: Other than just I appreciate if, Cindy, you'll put that information -- and she will, I know. Then I can bring it up to Council and talk to them about it, about the utility building that you folks want to talk about. But the site, just so I can fill them in a little bit, is everybody thinking right in the same area of where that building -- right in the same area like between the salt dome and your present building back in there somewhere?

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, there was even some talk that the one grant you gotta go off an existing building. There was talk about going off the back of this building.

MR. REIDER: And it could go south actually.

MR. BIGGS: It was a 300 by 500 actually coming off this property and where the cemetery goes back. Lordstown owns all that, right?

MR. PETERSON: Lordstown owns everything past the --

MR. BIGGS: Correct, yeah. Like 300 feet off of what you see, somewhere around there. It's a 300 by 500, I believe that's close.

MR. REIDER: That's what I wanted to -- 300 by 500?

MR. BIGGS: Just over four acres right there that -- that

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Lordstown already owns.

MR. SULLIVAN: But you're talking about going off the garage or you're talking about going off this building?

MR. BIGGS: We have -- on one of the grants it had to be attached or something. I didn't see anything like that what you were talking about. I wasn't talking about going off of anything, just going off of Lordstown's property instead of --

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, that was kind of a given to do that. The one grant in the main budget it had to be attached to an existing building.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think that's the capital budget you're talking about, right?

MR. SULLIVAN: Right.

MR. BIGGS: Well I mean, if that happened we could figure something like that out. But maybe that doesn't even exist anymore.

MR. REIDER: If it's gonna fly, we'll make it fly and attach it or something.

MR. SULLIVAN: Like every two years they do that capital budget.

MR. BIGGS: Well, I'm saying they may have changed the wording in there, it doesn't need to be attached, it has to be close. Who knows.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, that's another question for O'Brien.

MR. KOGELENIK: I don't remember that clause being in there. It's only two papers for the capital --

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, Sean's the one who told me that.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Was there anything else for Don, Utility Committee? You guys are good?

#### 4. Clerk's Report

MR. CAMPBELL: All right, Cindy, Clerk's Report.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We have an account from Imperial that had -- let me read the letter from Becky. This is dated March 29, 2022. "To the Board of Public Affairs. Imperial Mobile Homes is requesting the account that is associated with a vacant lot listed at 3323 Mae Drive be re-activated within the next couple of weeks. There is an outstanding balance owing as of June 2014 when the account status was changed to bad debt, which was prior to the inactivated accounts with Imperial of October of 2015." So that is before you created the policy and actually has water expenses on there. There's stuff on the bottom, certain things --

MR. CAMPBELL: In bad shape before we came through with our process.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And your process pretty much permits the fees associated with that was what you always considered as what, you know, charging fees. But the last bill prior to any penalty and the fee accumulation only up until 06 of 2014, the bill ended at \$508.69. Water usage or usage on the account at that point, with removing the fees, the last water bill was \$382.72.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's with fees removed?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That is before the penalty.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's just basically water at this point.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This is the bill, and then it grew. But that stopped in '15 because of the bad debt statutes that's in the software. In the beginning, you know, when we were trying to figure out how to change the account and they were trying to do that with us; and that that's when they said no more. So we never re-activated the



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account, we just left it in that temporary status. But now the pad is desired to be used. It has been -- Imperial has been provided a meter for that. But I need the Board's -- previously you had -- I believe you ended up ultimately with a 50-50 split with Imperial on the last account like that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Oh yeah, yeah, with the other account.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: With the water usage.

MR. SULLIVAN: The one that he we went to Florida or something and --

MR. CAMPBELL: Yep, yep. So what falls in line with what we've been -- when we've been adjusting these and trying to clean them up?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, your policy that started in '15 or what you started was to -- once we did -- the pad was capped and secured and protected that you would take it and consider, you know, the write-off of the fees.

MR. CAMPBELL: From that point on minimum --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Minimum fees, yes. The fee's from '15, they did not accrue from 2014 forward, this is prior to that; and actual -- the \$382.72 was an actual bill for water use.

MR. PETERSON: So that's what water they did use?

MR. SULLIVAN: The 382?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: So if we went to our last policy, we would go half of that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, that's what you -- the last account that we had to clear up with Imperial I believe was a 50-50. I was not able to go back and pull that information, but I think it was a 50-50 split with Imperial.

MR. SULLIVAN: It was, I remember.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: On usage, not on --

MR. CAMPBELL: Yep, yep.

MR. SULLIVAN: So why don't we do the same thing with this?

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Make a motion -- oh wait, wait.

MR. COWIE: I mean, this one's always in bad taste because contractually it says, going back to that contract, that we're not responsible for that. And was any -- was there any effort made to collect that debt from the person who actually incurred it, which wasn't us?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes. This is the one we sent to Newton Falls Municipal Court. And when they sent the letters out to the last known address there was no response.

MR. COWIE: I just don't understand how that makes it our debt then when the contract says that we're not responsible for that when it's not one of our rental units or units we own. I know we've done these things to get water for people. But again, when this comes up every time it's just a tough one to swallow because it's not debt that we actually incurred, it was somebody else.

MR. CAMPBELL: I do understand that concept with it, and that's one of the reasons we ended up developing what we have to this point. I mean, how many more do we have like that?

MR. COWIE: We don't know until they come up like this.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, the vacant pads. We have a point in time where the vacant pads were at least put through that lock-down.

MR. COWIE: Right. We have a list.

MR. CAMPBELL: As one gets activated it surfaces, that's what always seems to come up. Well, what do you gentlemen feel?



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MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion that we take half of the \$382.72.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I'll second that motion to move it along. I know it's not favorable from what Imperial sees from their side. But I think we're making attempts to move forward and clean it up with what we've got. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: That motion carries for that. I'll put that in. And would you update that and send that --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Like I said, they were provided the meter so they can get that set up. The next thing I have is RCAP, Rural Community Assistance Partnership, who does trainings for employees, Board members, and they work along with the Ohio E.P.A. Tomorrow, they have one, bring your Board together, April 20; but Chris is kind of an employee now, a Board member. It may be too late for him to attend this one. But there's also other workshops. Before I had all the Board's members go to that training, that's why I looked for it.

MR. CAMPBELL: He -- it's definitely worth attending. He's in a different boat, but --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's a benefit. It helps you understand sometimes where we come from.

MR. CAMPBELL: The big picture.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But there's also some here for the bulk water rate and sewer rate, setting sewer rates. Again, they work with Ohio E.P.A. They are the ones that actually help you do your Asset Management Plan, all these things that we're now required to do and have in place -- they're different dates -- to create a fund for storm sewer utility, which I know it might be premature. But with all the business coming into Lordstown, trees going down and black tops being put down, maybe storm sewer is something to take into consideration before we're flooding like Boardman. Again, this is just the information for those classes or workshops, like two hours, that -- I would think they're excellent classes. But if you guys are interested, there's the information, I could sign you up.

MR. CAMPBELL: Did they turn them all into virtual workshops now?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It did say they are going back. The one tomorrow is virtual, so if you did want to attend it --

MR. PETERSON: It's virtual? It says right at the top there -- I see it now, sorry.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But they are going back to some in-person classes. So it says classroom trainings are back, at the bottom of the second page. I don't know which ones are classroom at this point. But it's comprehensive, they work together, they'll tell you what OWDA does that -- but they want a rate study, they want to know -- and you're not gonna get any loans or grants, blah-blah-blah, based on that. But that's just a hand-out for the Board. And then this other one is something I thought might be a tool for us is the American Water Works Association has an actual manual that they produce for water rates, fees and charges. I would say how do we align. We did our water rate study, and I felt that we understood the purpose or the reason behind our rates and our charges; but maybe there's a better or a different approach to understand what should we be capturing in those fees when sometimes we're asked to define those fees. So there's a book out there. And because I was an AAWA member, the price would be \$112 for

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that resource manual. But it would be good for all of us to take a look at it.

MR. CAMPBELL: We could share it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So this is just the prefix to that. If you're interested we can purchase it, no big deal. But again, this is -- it tells you there's hundreds of pages. It just gives you the opening there. I encourage you just to read through that and see what you think of it. And if you want to pursue it. But again, if we can get on the same page and understand the importance and when we're asked why, here's why; you know, we have the answer.

MR. CAMPBELL: Very good.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But that's -- and now, you know, it tells about bulk water or high-volume customers, everyone paying their part towards the system. So that is really all I have. Darren has some things that if he misses we'll come back to. But other than that, that's all I have.

MR. CAMPBELL: Before we move on to Darren's report, I did want to touch base on the school Tampeel property.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That was one of those things.

MR. CAMPBELL: Is it on yours, Darren, that we're gonna talk about? Then we'll cover it right now. So I guess let Darren explain where we're at with that property. The -- I don't know if -- if that Tampeel nature site, they had a tap-off of -- Darren said they found it off of Palmyra Road. I guess the school at this point is just done with paying the \$9 a quarter just to keep the tap. And the only way that we have in our bylaws to remove that charge is we remove the tap, and whoever wants water on that property would have to pay -- would have to re-tap. So I guess they're not too concerned about the next person or the value of the property without having a tap on it; but anyway, that's their decision. And I guess they've made that decision, and the school called me wanting to know where we were at with it and why they're still being billed the \$9 when they issued their request to, you know, pull the tap, we're done with it. So Darren says they're working towards it, with the bad weather and finding it and all those others issues. But at this point it's not been removed, correct?

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

MR. CAMPBELL: So at this point the school is requesting the Board to waive that fee because they've requested it and it's on our plate to get it removed. Why are they still being charged was their question to the Board.

MR. PETERSON: When did they request it?

MR. CAMPBELL: Last week they called me, but when did they request --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: January 18.

MR. CAMPBELL: January 18. Perfect time of year to remove a tap for nine bucks.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And that's the thing. With the compliance rules the tap has to be removed, then I can suspend the account and the charges.

MR. CAMPBELL: Until then she can't do that. I tried to explain that to them, until it's removed we're kind of stuck on that aspect of it. I wanted to bring it to the Board and see what your thoughts are. Do we waive the \$9, do we waive the \$9 from the time that they requested it, or do we stand by the charge until it's actually physically removed?

MR. PETERSON: I would say stand by until it's actually

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physically removed, because what's gonna stop the next person from saying the same thing.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, they requested it.

MR. PETERSON: They request you to remove a tap, and you can't get into it until --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And in fairness to our department, they had tried. Locating that tap was a problem.

MR. BIGGS: On the other hand, Chris, just because I can't get to it doesn't mean they should be charged. What if I drag my feet, can't get to it and then you'll keep charging somebody. Obviously in the winter it wasn't a priority.

MR. PETERSON: If it takes you off the clock in case you have something more pressing --

MR. BIGGS: I'm just giving you my side of it. You're putting me under a time thing where it's disconnected.

MR. SULLIVAN: It's such a minute --

MR. BIGGS: It's not quite on the priority list. And even at the \$9, we'll donate so we don't have to go out there in winter if that's what it takes, you know what I mean. I'm just telling you my side of it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But there is the concern of we have another tap out there in the same boat right now which has not been removed and previously requested too.

MR. SULLIVAN: From who, the school?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'd rather not say.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's a tap that needs to be removed.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: There's an additional tap that needs to be removed for a business.

MR. PETERSON: So the way it reads is that he has to physically take the tap out before --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Once the tap is removed we can suspend the charges.

MR. PETERSON: It's not from the time they request it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

MR. SULLIVAN: So if it reads that it's when the tap is removed, I think that that should be the story.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. I mean --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And think --

MR. PETERSON: Unless everybody is interested in changing that to --

MR. SULLIVAN: Right, exactly.

MR. CAMPBELL: But I mean, I see it from two sides of it because they've requested it and I --

MR. PETERSON: I understand their side. I'm saying just because they requested doesn't mean Darren's crew is gonna run right out there the next day and dig a big hole and take it off.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, that's their question to the Board, so we owe them some response.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think that we eat the \$9 until we're able to get there and get the tap out.

MR. CAMPBELL: So you're saying at this point we would stop billing them because they've requested it and it's on us to clean it up? You were thinking just the opposite.

MR. PETERSON: Yes, I was.

MR. CAMPBELL: So there you go. There I am.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think when I received the call from the

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school it was the concern that we weren't able to locate the tap, and they didn't want to keep continuing to pay for that going forward. I'm not saying they're questioning it from January 18. You had a separate phone call with them. I don't know what --

MR. CAMPBELL: I can't honestly say it was that detailed. More along the line why am I still getting a bill for this.

MR. PETERSON: Were they just inquiring or --

MR. CAMPBELL: She was pretty why am I getting billed for something that I requested to be removed. And then I said well that's a valid question, let me do some digging.

MR. PETERSON: Has this ever come up before in the past?

MR. CAMPBELL: We have had very few tap removals.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We hit a couple a year. I only have 1,600 accounts, but we do several tap removals a year.

MR. SULLIVAN: They wouldn't have such a difficult time finding the tap --

MR. BIGGS: Part of it too, plus the end of December.

MR. PETERSON: Right, yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: In my mind.

MR. SULLIVAN: Was it was snowing today?

MR. CAMPBELL: In any mind, since it's the school, I would like to help out in this situation and say that we're not billing them and it's on us to get it cleaned up. That's where my mind is.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But are you stopping -- just a question. A bill has already been prepared and presented. So are you stopping it from the end of the billing period, or are you going back --

MR. CAMPBELL: To the time that they requested it. I'm saying in my mind, from the time that they requested it. And that bill that we've last sent, we should waive that and not bill from this point on. That's how I see it.

MR. SULLIVAN: I agree.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: So I'll do the call back to inform them where we're at with it and --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Some of the bill that is being waived was even before --

MR. CAMPBELL: Now that's a different story. You didn't say that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, no. We bill in the rear Mr. Campbell. January 18. And that's why I asked please be clear on the date. It \$9. I mean, just --

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Waive the bill?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: The bill is \$9.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The current bill is \$9. We'll go in and credit that off the account and stop the billing to present the next bill.

MR. CAMPBELL: And Darren, have fun digging.

MR. BIGGS: We will.

MR. CAMPBELL: Is it just past the Lutheran Church?

MR. BIGGS: It's on Bell's property. Their current box is in the pasture.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You made the motion and you second it?

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MR. SULLIVAN: Right.

**5. Superintendent's Report**

MR. CAMPBELL: Sorry to hold up your report, Mr. Darren. So Superintendent's Report.

MR. BIGGS: A couple quick things on the new booster that Chris had touched on. Pressure test was a problem getting that done on the suction side and the discharge side, but I haven't got the full report. But it seems like everything is good now with the pressure test that was on there. It was an issue. No pumps up there yet, we're still waiting on those. So just an update on it. It's there but not ready to be functional, let's put it that way. I had Warren come out and flush out the Hallock Young gravity line basically off of 45 up to where LEC ties in. It's just it's a bad area and had to have them come out. I'm probably gonna have to have them come out again here in couple months. It was that bad that they had trouble getting it fully cleaned out. So I may have to have them come back.

MR. CAMPBELL: Doesn't flow well until it gets built up.

MR. BIGGS: Last year with Covid they weren't working, we couldn't do it ourselves, they didn't even come out last year. So have them come out early, and from looking at it and probably have them do it again so we don't get that build-up or breakdown of the manholes. So --

MR. CAMPBELL: Yep, yep.

MR. BIGGS: -- be ready for that. I know last month I asked to hire Seth Mansell as summer help, right. I need to ask again just because when I asked and explained, you know, Kevin, I believe you don't have any problem with that and you're like no. And that's how it ended up, I have no problem with that and you're telling me no. I just need clarification. I know what you meant, but just so there isn't a problem.

MR. CAMPBELL: Do you need me to make a motion; is that what you're saying?

MR. BIGGS: I would like to hire Seth; is that okay?

**MR. CAMPBELL: I make a motion to hire Seth Mansell for summer help for the Utility Department.**

**MR. PETERSON: I'll second that.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor.**

**(All respond aye.)**

MR. BIGGS: It just read weird. I wanted to make sure we didn't have a problem going on.

MR. CAMPBELL: It was only the two of us.

MR. PETERSON: It was only the two, yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Thanks for the due diligence.

MR. BIGGS: Those AMI meters, speaking with Chris, he can't find any money available to replace those. Is that something that we want to pursue and try to figure out a way or --

MR. CAMPBELL: You mean as far as project money for that type of --

MR. BIGGS: Grants, any kind of -- that's what Chris was looking into last time.

MR. KOGELNIK: At one time there was.

MR. PETERSON: There was nothing that I ever found.

MR. CAMPBELL: Sorry, I think I missed part of that.

MR. BIGGS: The readers that are all cell-based so you can see what's going on in your home, those. CT was looking into the different funding available to see if we could get that paid for where



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all of the residents could have those meters.

MR. CAMPBELL: The complicated part of it is switching over and working with our current billing system. We can't, it's very difficult.

MR. SULLIVAN: Do them both.

MR. CAMPBELL: You're gonna have that weird thing. And you'll do it for like the next two years that they are all swapped out and you have time to work with them and swap them out, even if you can get it done in two years. They talked about options of either getting project money or paying -- I think the manufacturer had options to go with them for a loan to basically even to the level where they would come and, you know, not just the meter but install the meters and get it all in and done. We had some rough figures on what it would take, what additional income we would get because these meters read more accurately and, you know, they're real minute low flow -- they pick up what we're missing on the other meters. I think Chris you said you've already switched, you have some experience, not with these exact meters --

MR. PETERSON: Not with cell-based. These are system-based, tower-based. It helps the consumers a lot.

MR. CAMPBELL: So there's the aspect. You and I both have them in our homes, and it's nice to see the aspect of that. That's why Darren's bringing us up. What are we gonna do? If we're gonna go that route they all need replaced. It's not where we've been -- we buy a newer meter and it blends into our system. We need system changes to support that direction.

MR. SULLIVAN: They would even have to change like ours?

MR. CAMPBELL: No, ours would be okay. But moving forward they have to just kind of babysit these because they are just a handful. But you can't make it 200 or 300 and it's \$1,000, and it's just crazy to try to pursue that in that area. So the only thing that really works well for us --

MR. PETERSON: What was that number, Darren?

MR. BIGGS: What number are you looking for?

MR. PETERSON: To replace all the meters. Do you remember it off the top of your head?

MR. BIGGS: I don't think he actually gave us --

MR. PETERSON: Because you don't know the install price or anything.

MR. BIGGS: Those are just the prices he gave on the 10-year contract, what the meters would cost, the discounts, what he could do for us. As far as finding a company or crew to come change them all, I don't remember him actually sending anything like that.

MR. CAMPBELL: He did not. He did not, yeah. He -- well, and you're in a lot of residential homes and the time of getting scheduled with people and getting in to do those things.

MR. PETERSON: And do they do it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And Covid.

MR. CAMPBELL: And Covid issues. Hopefully we're starting to leave it behind us. I mean, it's a difficult thing to evaluate and put your head around doing that aspect of it.

MR. SULLIVAN: Is there money out there for that, Chris?

MR. CAMPBELL: No.

MR. KOGLNIK: Like I was telling Chris -- at one point in time I was even telling Darren - but at one point Ohio E.P.A. had a program out for meter replacement, and now it's instead line replacements. I don't think that there also is any funding through



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OPWC if they are a traditional funding organization because there's really not an assigned useful life for a private meter, and everything regarding OPWC revolves around useful life. So --

MR. CAMPBELL: No.

MR. KOGELENIK: You might want to talk with your senator. If you look at -- you know, I just sent you all the criteria for capital budget. If you look at the capital budget, it does not want to fund anything with a useful life. So do you get what I'm saying? So I would try and find projects that aren't very good for OPWC and ask Senator O'Brien for those. But you have to start the dialogue and tell them how much this means to you, and you have to have some skin in the game too. You know, don't just ask for a million if it's a million dollar project. So --

MR. CAMPBELL: How did you guys get yours replaced, out of curiosity?

MR. PETERSON: OWDA loan. We took a loan out.

MR. CAMPBELL: Then you hired a contractor to go --

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, actually we bid out the project. It was through Trumbull Industries, and they set everything up, they had the installer. Yep, they scheduled everything. I wouldn't necessarily recommend using their installer.

MR. CAMPBELL: How long did that take, how many meters and -- I'm just trying --

MR. PETERSON: 1,463, and we just completed it probably three weeks ago. We had to wait some because of chip shortage. But I think we started in April, so it was about ten months from start to finish.

MR. CAMPBELL: And that's what, about how many meters do we have residential like that, 3,000? No?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No. We only have 1,602 customers.

MR. CAMPBELL: So it's not a huge difference.

MR. PETERSON: It's not a huge difference. You're probably looking at a year -- I mean, year-and-a-half from starting the project to --

MR. CAMPBELL: Depending on supply and demand and our environment.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. And they might have somebody that they -- they probably have an installing company they use.

MR. CAMPBELL: I think, yeah, he just talked general around it saying we would have to find somebody in our area to kind of --

MR. PETERSON: There's installers in the northeast area.

MR. CAMPBELL: So what do you gentlemen think about it? I know you have experience with it and probably support it.

MR. PETERSON: Absolutely. I mean, it's -- since we put ours in the payment has paid for itself or pretty darn close.

MR. CAMPBELL: So you got the loan payment and then what, you're increased in sales --

MR. PETERSON: What we increased in revenue it's pretty close. Not necessarily meaning it's gonna happen the same year. We had 30, 40 year old meters. I don't know what your oldest meter out there is. You have fairly new, probably 10, 15 years old.

MR. BIGGS: A lot of them. There's a couple that are out there. Probably not as many.

MR. PETERSON: We had a lot of older meters.

MR. SULLIVAN: What do we have, about half the Village with ones like I have.

MR. CAMPBELL: No, only ten.

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MR. BIGGS: No, there's 20.

MR. SULLIVAN: That's right, it was a trial program.

MR. BIGGS: It was just a trial, yeah. I haven't bought any of those. He gave it to us the same price as the ones we were purchasing before as a trial and set us all up so we can get a feel do we like it, does it help, don't we like it. So 20.

MR. PETERSON: I guess the next step would be to get a cost proposal, what it would cost to do it, so we know how much money we're looking at. That would be my thoughts.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I guess we know --

MR. BIGGS: I should have sent that to everybody. That's what he sent me prior to. The only thing we don't have --

MR. PETERSON: Is the install.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's a big part of it.

MR. PETERSON: That's a pretty big chunk of it.

MR. BIGGS: If anybody doesn't have that, I still have his e-mail. I can send that back out but it doesn't have the install part.

MR. PETERSON: I remember seeing the e-mail.

MR. BIGGS: The 10-year contract, this is how much the meters would be, shipping. I think he has everything on there, on the manufacturers end, yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: So the thing we do know about it, one, we know we're not gonna be able to handle the project in-house. Second thing is we pretty much know our funding for it is gonna be pretty limited. Nor will it be anything if a corporation is coming in looking for an additional water line, we have maybe some project money to help develop it. So it's not something that's maybe gonna come around with some other project, you know what I mean. It's all -- if we're gonna do this, we're pretty much gonna be on our own to get a loan and pay it.

MR. KOGELENIK: Yeah, I don't see any financial assistance coming your way soon.

MR. SULLIVAN: Not even a loan?

MR. CAMPBELL: Well the loan we have options.

MR. KOGELENIK: Well like Chris says, you can get an OWDA loan anytime.

MR. SULLIVAN: Like a 2 percent or 1 percent.

MR. PETERSON: It's half percent I think. It was pretty minute.

MR. KOGELENIK: I can check your rate. I'll send you an e-mail with your rate for OWDA.

MR. CAMPBELL: Any loans I know that we get have to go through Council. I mean, they have to be approved, so we gotta make sure we get Council on Board for what we're gonna do. We can't just go on our own.

MR. BIGGS: Can that cover everything, that loan?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, yeah. Ours was. And you're probably looking, if it's the same, ours was \$550,000. So you're probably gonna be \$700,000 I imagine because your meters are a little bit more expensive. \$700,000, \$750,000 depending on the install.

MR. BIGGS: That's the e-mail from the gentleman that I spoke about, gave us some prices and whatever. So when you get a chance look at that. If you have any questions I can help out with it, or at least find answers for you.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I'm comfortable at this point at least reaching back out and seeing what options they may have for the install part of it. I mean, he's just like you're kind of on your own, you

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have to figure it out. Just so we know where we're at. If that's the case, what do we have to do to pursue. I'm sure --

MR. PETERSON: Every company is different. Neptune has their installers because they bid on the project too, so every company is different.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, is that gonna reach into just when you guys bid it out so it was meters, install, it was Neptune, it was them.

MR. PETERSON: Every company that had to bid it, had to bid it with install pricing. You can separate it.

MR. BIGGS: That's what they did. We don't have to --

MR. PETERSON: You can separate it. You can bid meter project and --

MR. CAMPBELL: But my point being would we have to look at other meters?

MR. BIGGS: Yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Because part of our process is --

MR. BIGGS: There could be a bid on the meter part of it, bid on the installation part of it is what I was saying. But correct, uh-huh.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. If you send it out you will hear from meter companies you've never heard of before. My phone rang for two weeks.

MR. KOGELNIK: So when you did that, did you set up the spec for the proposal?

MR. PETERSON: We did not go with who we thought we were gonna go with.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's probably gonna be important in terms of understanding what you're gonna get. So his experience is gonna be invaluable with that.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, yeah. We actually ended up going with a different company than I thought we were.

MR. BIGGS: I heard.

MR. PETERSON: I'm sure you heard. They were mad.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, that's all part of how it works.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, I have a question. If these meters are based on the current cell base technology, in ten years from now -- if we go back ten years, we didn't have 5G, we had --

MR. PETERSON: You're asking the right question, keep going.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So ten years from now these meters, technology is going to be --

MR. SULLIVAN: There will be no more 5G, it will be 10G.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So my concern is we're talking \$500,000 install plus the cost of the meters every ten years?

MR. BIGGS: He explained in his presentation in here that yes, they could be upgraded year after year after year. After they're done, none of the other Gs, if you will, were able to be upgraded. That's why I gotta change some of them like General Motors' old ones, those have to be done. These will be able to be upgraded over and over, they come up with a 6, 7, 8.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, up to a certain point. Nothing lasts for --

MR. BIGGS: Nobody can guess that. But he's saying that's exactly how it will happen. Write those questions down, I can get back with him. He gave a whole presentation.

MR. PETERSON: That's why we went in a different direction than we -- we went with a closed system with antennas, we didn't go

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cell-based. The difference with cell-based was you had a fixed fee, we had a per-read fee. When I sat down and did the -- based on the -- the meter span was over 20 years. Over 20 years it was more than the whole meter project. That's why we went in the direction we went in.

MR. CAMPBELL: Very interesting. There you go.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So do you want to final your account, we're gonna give you extra.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Any other questions at this point on that? All right. What else do you have, Mr. Darren?

MR. BIGGS: Where am I at with telling them that we're still interested and maybe give them questions? We're still looking into it? I mean what kind of answer --

MR. SULLIVAN: What are you talking about?

MR. CAMPBELL: For the meters.

MR. BIGGS: For those meters.

MR. PETERSON: I guess ask them if they have an install company in mind and get a price.

MR. CAMPBELL: See what our options are or if we're just on our own, if they just do meters and we're on our own, so at least we know where we're at with it.

MR. PETERSON: I think you're probably correct.

MR. BIGGS: The other thing I had was I was gonna ask if anybody had heard anything about, you know, TEC. But I know Cindy just gave us this updated -- looks like basically what it's gonna be is the contract between them. But I'm looking at this, and it says that Mr. Siderewicz would like to close on May 1, we gotta get back with Dutton before April 25 which is Monday.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, that ain't gonna happen.

MR. BIGGS: Should we talk about it while everybody is here?

MR. CAMPBELL: Nope.

MR. BIGGS: You don't want to?

MR. CAMPBELL: Nope. Chris is the same way.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm not doing another thing on that until --

MR. BIGGS: I --

MR. CAMPBELL: It's not on the agenda.

MR. SULLIVAN: And it's not really a contract, it's a proposal I assume.

MR. BIGGS: I haven't heard anything in months. I'm just trying to figure what's going on with it.

MR. SULLIVAN: I didn't see any Lordstown signatures there.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. What else did you have? Is that it? Any questions for Darren? All right.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

MR. CAMPBELL: What else do we have on this agenda? We're down to Member Comments, and I don't have anything that I had, notes we already covered. Did you guys have anything.

MR. SULLIVAN: I got one question. When we're talking about this and trying to get funding for it, can we put people with that?

MR. KOGELNIK: Can you hook-up more people?

MR. SULLIVAN: No. You know, it's so much easier to get grants if you can say because of this we'll be able to employ other people.

MR. KOGELNIK: Oh, yeah. The water line is necessary for -  
- I think it could help Li-Cycle and it could definitely help that, and

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it's definitely gonna help the Village with it's dead-end problems.

MR. SULLIVAN: And that one is what, TEC?

MR. KOGELENIK: Foxconn. There's no better time to -- I'm not gonna say anything more. You don't have -- there's no -- yeah. I don't have to say anything.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, all I'm saying is when I talk to O'Brien I want to be able to say this is why.

MR. KOGELENIK: Okay, I get you there.

MR. CAMPBELL: More like an employee number?

MR. SULLIVAN: Gonna allow us to employ --

MR. KOGELENIK: You've got that Li-Cycle facility that --

MR. SULLIVAN: Say 70.

MR. KOGELENIK: And it's a very important facility for LG Chem Ultium. And we've got undeveloped land that is west of Ellsworth Bailey right now that is being targeted by Eastgate and the Regional Chamber. And in order to make that, you know, everybody have water at that juncture and to resolve the Village's dead-end problems we're proposing this water line connector that was identified in our master water plan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

MR. KOGELENIK: And this is gonna give the Village the reliability and redundancy to get the water to those customers. Keep in mind that, you know, when the new water tank is put here at a higher elevation, we're gonna be able to push water in that manner down to that point, and we'll be able to back that up this way if we have that connector. So there's a lot of intangibles rather than just connecting up more customers. If you ask me right now, this right now is the biggest waste of space that we have in the Village. If we had more industry in here, you would be making a lot more money off of the sale of water and sewer. Right now they're not utilizing a whole lot of water, right? What's their water usage?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well it is increasing, but it's still a little over a million gallons I think last month.

MR. SULLIVAN: You're say they, who are you talking about?

MR. KOGELENIK: Foxconn. A million a month?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Uh-huh.

MR. KOGELENIK: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have to go back and look because they have up and down months. If I go back to January and February, I'm gonna say that they were close to a million gallons.

MR. KOGELENIK: Okay. Well, I mean --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have those figures, but I don't know them off the top of my head.

MR. KOGELENIK: Foxconn told the Village they would have the same water demand as General Motors did. And this was 2018 when that was talked about. Right now --

MR. SULLIVAN: So is Foxconn the G.M. plant?

MR. KOGELENIK: Yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: They bought out Lordstown Motors.

MR. KOGELENIK: So I mean, I can't make -- I can't direct that, that's just the Village's decision.

MR. CAMPBELL: But there are people working there.

MR. SULLIVAN: There's quite a few. You go back --

MR. KOGELENIK: How many employees?

MR. PETERSON: I don't know, but there's people there.

MR. SULLIVAN: You go past the fab plant --

MR. CAMPBELL: There's a lot of contractors there, so



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people come and go. They are not employees.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's a good sign.

MR. CAMPBELL: But it's been that sign for a long time.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well see, this is off subject, but that is what I have been suggesting, that somebody from the Village Council should be some sort of a link with these key businesses to find out what they need to sustain themselves and what issues they have coming up so that before they decide to leave we can maybe help them. Right now I have no idea what happens inside that big box.

MR. CAMPBELL: Or what their future is gonna be.

MR. KOGELNIK: Somebody from the Village should report on that occasionally and say hey, I talked to Foxconn, here's what they are looking at doing, here's what they are using for water right now and here's what their needs are in the next five years. If we knew that, we would be in a better position to possibly help these industries. It's disappointing, isn't it, when we lost a General Motors.

MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: Maybe there's something we can do to help. I mean, General Motors, that was a decision external to water and sewer. So anyway --

MR. CAMPBELL: So did you get enough of an answer?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes, I did.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Was there anything else under Member Comments? All right.

**QUARTERLY APPROVAL OF BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:**

MR. CAMPBELL: We have the quarterly adjustments for January and April up there. I did look through them. Did you gentlemen get a chance to?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make a motion to approve the quarterly billing adjustment for January and April of 2022.

MR. PETERSON: I'll second that.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MR. CAMPBELL: Only thing left is motion for adjournment.

MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I had six months worth of billing adjustments. You didn't do it in January so you had October, November and December bills and January, February and March.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, you said January --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So you said in your motion for both periods?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I missed that, sorry. So January and April. Thank you.

MR. SULLIVAN: And Chris is gonna send out an email on what are good dates for a workshop?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: For the water. Yep. All right. Back to he made that motion, I'll second. All in favor?

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(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: Meeting adjourned.

(The meeting adjourns at 6:00 p.m.)

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TRUMBULL COUNTY ) SS.

I, Deborah I. Lavelle, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing meeting before the Board of Public Affairs was written by me in the presence of the Members and transcribed by me using computer-aided transcription according to the stenotype notes taken at the time the said meeting took place.

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Niles, Ohio on this 3rd day of May, 2022.

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DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public  
My Commission expires 4/15/2027

Submitted:

Approved By:

Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk

Kevin Campbell, President