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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
WORK SESSION OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
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7:10 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.
For Council Approval 2/2/26

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Jaclyn Woodward, Mayor
Mr. William Blank, Clerk
Mr. George Ebling, Treasurer
Ms. Jessica Blank, Councilwoman
Mr. Robert Bond, Councilman
Mr. Lamar Liming, Councilman
Mr. Mark McGrail, Councilman
Mr. Jamie Moseley, Councilman
Mr. Ron Radtka, Councilman

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 20th of January, 2026.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I'm gonna call this to order. So, does anybody need scrap paper? All right. We're here tonight to discuss the public hearing that will be held on February 4 here in the Community Room with the Ohio E.P.A. This is a work session so --

MR. RADTKA: What time is that February 4?

CLERK BLANK: 6:00, I believe.

ATTY. RIES: They want us to arrive by 5:00 though.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, they want us there at 5:00. So 5:00 -- I'm making myself some notes too. All right. So, we are here tonight to determine what we want to say, what -- who's going to say it, and does anybody have any ideas or thoughts or suggestions or questions.

MR. BOND: Well, I think we definitely want to emphasize that one that expired had a different flow rate than what they're asking for now, increased quite a bit. So, it's not just a rehash of the one, you've got a lot more water going down there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

MR. BOND: Even their figures showed that.

CLERK BLANK: But you're still against it even if they change the flow rate, aren't you?

MR. BOND: Oh, yeah.

CLERK BLANK: So, you don't want to use that and they say we'll lower it.

MR. BOND: It's a reason for the State not to re-issue a permit at a greater amount.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Chris?

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MR. PETERSON: Yeah. I would suggest probably you want the engineer to speak. Chris, do you need like talking points, or what exactly on your end are you looking for?

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, I mentioned one of the objections or comments that I could have would be based off of the PTI application information we received from the Ohio E.P.A. in November. And Matt received it and then shared it with us. Has anybody reviewed that other than me?

MS. BORDNER: I made the attempt.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay, good. So, in the PTI application there was, I think, something like 30-some PDF documents.

MS. BORDNER: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: Some of which were just a one- page letter, some of which were 575 page reports.

MR. MOSELEY: Gees.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, I reviewed it. The most meaningful thing was at the beginning we stated to the developer in 2017 that he had to submit PTI application documents for our review at the very beginning of the project. We're getting them in November of 2025. Furthermore, one NPDES permit term had expired. Furthermore, the rate at which the pond discharged to the stream was dialed in at .62 MGD; and then I informed everybody I think in November when we got those documents it looked like there was some other peaking rate of 1.1 or 1.2, I can't remember the exact figure. And so, you know, anything more than a gallon was a concern to the Village being discharged into the Mud Creek. But the most important thing that we wanted to learn from the PTI application was the operation and maintenance of the pond and the discharge. And if you read through the SWIP document -- the SWIP document is the Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan, and that's an Ohio E.P.A. document -- and inside the SWIP in the 575-page report was a Chapter K. Chapter K deals with operation and maintenance. There's not one document in Chapter K. So, the operation and maintenance requirements were just so that the Village can understand there is a report that outlines the operation and maintenance requirements of the pond and the discharge system so that the Village can have the confidence that somebody has a plan to responsibly operate and maintain that discharge. As much as a joke as that might seem to the Ohio E.P.A., it's the only thing the Village has. And you know, I think it's -- it's a travesty for the Ohio E.P.A. to not, A) make sure that that is provided by way of the Ohio E.P.A. required SWIP, and B) it could -- it's the only thing the Village has asked for in this whole darn PTI application, and why can't they humor us for at least having that. We already know that the Ohio E.P.A. permit to install suggests

that one of the TEC operators will oversee the operation of the discharge. I mean, that's the fox guarding the henhouse. And so, you know, there's really nothing here that the Village has other than the PTI application to review and comment on. And I stated at the very beginning that, you know, if they have a solid plan put together, I can't refute that. It's a plan. It's more than -- you know, than we have. But right now, we still don't have an operation and maintenance plan. That should have been provided, it was not. That's the only thing I can comment on other than the increase from .62 to 1.1, which we don't know when that's gonna happen, we don't know how that's gonna be controlled. And that pond is to accept flow from storm water from the site and also from the blow-down. Who's gonna attenuate that flow?

MR. MOSELEY:

Do they have that pond built now?

MR. KOGELNIK:

Pardon me?

MR. MOSELEY:

Do they even have a pond built over there now, do you know?

MR. KOGELNIK:

They are supposed to have that pond up and it's constructed right now, and it does look like it's constructed. I haven't been invited back there to see it.

MR. LIMING:

Is it behind?

MR. KOGELNIK:

Yes, it is.

MR. MOSELEY:

What are they doing with their discharge now?

MR. KOGELNIK:

I don't know.

MR. LIMING:

You know what they're doing.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

Well, that's the part I was gonna bring up. So, Scott McCloud, Assistant Chief McCloud, has been going over doing his fire inspections. And their plant manager, Moses, told Scotty multiple times that they are not intending on putting anything into the creek, they're going for sewer. They have been running since November. They're only getting about 30 percent capacity out at the plant right now because they cannot get water from the Warren City line, plus the construction water that they've been trying to supplement with is only giving them about 30 percent capacity. And I will say it out loud today and I'll probably get hung for it later, but these loud explosions, noises we are hearing, those are safety valves. If the turbine over-pressurizes because it's not cooling properly it will release the pressure. If they're not pulling enough natural gas and the gas builds up in the chamber it will release the natural gas. These are normal -- these are normal operation pop-offs. The first power plant does it, but it's not as loud because they are not holding as much pressure because they're cooling properly. Any time they over-pressurize they have safeties. According to Moses they are not planning on putting it anywhere into a creek or stream. They are planning on using sewer. And Scotty said they even walked out there and looked at the holding

pond and it's completely frozen over. So how is it running, where is it going. And he assured multiple times that they have no intentions of putting anything into a stream. Because Scotty asked him over and over, and he says that is not their intent. This might be their back-up attempt if for some reason they can't use sewer. But I asked Scotty, I says where is the discharge going. He says there ain't a wet spot over there so it's going somewhere. If they are running, they are moving --

MR. KOGELNIK: Can I ask something, Travis?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Yes.
MR. KOGELNIK: If they are not intending for that going into the pond then into the stream, storm water would obviously go to that pond. It's intended -- it's designed to according to that permit. And then are they for their blow-down, for their cooling, is that something that's like for example, hard-piped, it goes into the public sewer and by-passes the pond?
CHIEF EASTHAM: I have no --
MR. KOGELNIK: So, I think that --
CHIEF EASTHAM: Here's what it is. I have no idea, because as far as I know we are not metering anything leaving the facility for sewer-wise besides domestic.
MR. MOSELEY: What is that line running out front? There is an orange or red line out front by 45, by the south gate.
CHIEF EASTHAM: That's going into a manhole cover.
MR. MOSELEY: Is that their discharge? And if they are that low on water, since they run these closed-loop systems, how come they are not recycling that water?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Well, you can only -- what I learned off of power plant #1, you can only recirculate that water so many times before it loses its cooling properties, and then it has to be dumped. Once the minerals are gone, they are basically turning it -- making it into distilled water. Distilled water doesn't have the cooling properties that water with minerals has in it, and once they pull all the minerals out the water is no good, that's why it leaves and they have to replenish with new. That's the explanation I got from when we built the first one. My question is where is it going to now. If they're running 30 percent capacity there's still gotta be 500,000 to a million gallons a day of waste going out of it, I'm guessing. Where does it go?
MR. MOSELEY: That's only like a 3-inch line looks like going out to that.
CHIEF EASTHAM: I mean, I'm just --
MR. BOND: Are you talking about that one that is into the manhole up there?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CHIEF EASTHAM: I'm just telling you what I know. I know that they told Scotty they're in a serious bind right now because they can't get enough water out of the Warren City line, they're supplementing with their construction water into those holding tanks. That's what all them holdings tanks are out there, they

keep filling those to try and -- they are pulling that water into the plant to try and run the plant, and with those tanks, the construction water and the Warren City line they can't run. They haven't been able to get over 30 percent. And that's when you're getting those pop-offs, those blow-offs, and those are all safeties. Those are all the things I know. There was a concern about a contingency plan which they are working on one there, but these are just normal things that are going on in that facility that we don't hear it as much out of #1 because we don't have the wild, you know, pop-offs. We have small pop-offs because they're getting the proper amount of water into the plant to cool it. They're not getting the proper -- so we have gas building up in chambers and you have water or steam building up that they can't get it cooled down so they have to release it. And those pop-offs are what you're hearing. Power plant #1 does it but they're smaller, not as loud, because they're properly cooled. That's when you see that like plume of steam all at once come up there and then it just kind of goes into a normal just steady and then you'll see a plume -- like I'm talking off the first one you'll see like a big cloud and then it goes back down.

That was a release. But it's not as loud because they're able to cool it. These are popping off because they -- they're trying to run the plant without proper water is what I'm getting at.

MR. SULLIVAN:

Do we know what sewer it's running into?

MR. KOGELNIK:

That would be the County's.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

I couldn't tell you anything.

MS. SLUSARCZYK:

On Tod Avenue right there it's only the County's.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

So, I don't know the answers. I'm just telling you what I learned off of -- and you know what the thing of it is and like I've had this conversation with Cindy, and I had that conversation with Bill, a couple over the last couple weeks. I don't want to see the Village get hurt, but that plant has been more -- they have been easier to work with, and they've did anything we've ever asked safety-wise and they worked with us through this whole process. And I -- when I said I'll probably get strung up for it, I will probably lose that tie by -- Well, that plant's up for sale I heard. So, who's to say that whoever buys it is gonna follow through with what they're --

MR. MOSELEY:

Well, they sell them about every two years.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

I know.

MR. MOSELEY:

We're on our third or fourth owner of the first one.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

The person that buys this, they're not gonna follow what these guys are saying they are going to do.

MR. MOSELEY:

They keep the same operators. The operators that run it are the operators. It's a company they hire to operate it. Like power plant #1 is ran by Wurley -- no, and the company is Wurley that runs it. Right now the company that's running it is Siemens.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

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Siemens runs this plant. If they sell it, if they keep Siemens on, it will be the same operator under a different owner, you know what I mean. And Wurley -- like Drew Snyder's been the plant manager since it opened up until he retired, he works for Wurley. And it's changed hands three or four times since it's been operating, but the operators haven't changed, you know what I mean. And that's who we deal with. Like I don't deal with owners, investors, I deal with the operators that are running the plant, you know what I mean, which this group of operators have been very good to deal with.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But you also made a statement after that Scotty shared with you about --

MAYOR WOODWARD: We can't have too many conversations going on in the room, I can't hear.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: -- about Moses stating they messed up their permit and that's why they were discharging into Trumbull County sewer.

CHIEF EASTHAM: Yeah. Their permit expired and they messed it up, and they said -- according to him he says they have no intent of putting anything into a creek.

MR. BOND: Then why do they need a permit?

CLERK BLANK: Why are we having that meeting?

CHIEF EASTHAM: I'm gonna guess this is their back-up in case if either Lordstown or the County, they can't come to an agreement to let them put it into their system or sewer system, this is probably -- this is here in case all that falls through. But he said he has no intentions --

MS. BORDNER: But it doesn't really matter because even if what you say is true, and I'm not saying it isn't, the bottom line is we still have a hearing that we have to attend, they still have a permit pending, and we still have to go through the process and make the arguments.

CHIEF EASTHAM: I'm just making you guys aware of what I know from what I'm being told.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Perhaps that's why they are not discharging into Mud Creek.

MS. BORDNER: I mean, I agree with you. I'm just saying we still have to follow through with the process, and we can't get tangled up in that thought process because --

CHIEF EASTHAM: When they were doing their walk-through, the pond's froze over. It's not even -- like there's no fresh water going into it.

MR. SULLIVAN: But I think Matt should make an argument that it should go into Lordstown sewer rather than Trumbull County, which you've already done.

MS. BORDNER: I think we said that from the beginning, didn't we, Chris?

MR. KOGELNIK: That's what the Village wanted but --

MR. SULLIVAN: But I think that argument should be made at that hearing.

ATTY. RIES: Okay.

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MR. RADTKA: When did we have that other -- the previous hearing?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: For LEC?

MR. RADTKA: For LEC.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: January of '22.

MR. PETERSON: '22.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I actually pulled our statements from that. January 19, 2022.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, what we need to determine tonight is who from the -- who's going to represent the Village in speaking. Matt, are you planning to make comments that night?

ATTY. RIES: I am as of now. No, that's fine. I mean, that's a legal argument, we discussed that at length. I can state that we have the east side sanitary sewer system, and they should be required to discharge to us.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. And then Chris, you were going to make comment to speak about --

MR. KOGELNIK: If the Village wanted, I was going to make a comment based on what I just stated.

MAYOR WOODWARD: About the PTI.

MS. BORDNER: The technical aspects.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, we have two people right now.

MS. BORDNER: And Matt, shouldn't you maybe -- I'm just throwing this out -- there was a Resolution 1-2025 that the Village passed stating that, you know, all of Council did not want it discharged into Mud Creek. Yeah, Resolution 1-2025.

ATTY. RIES: I can bring that up. That was in our letter, I believe. Sure.

MS. BORDNER: Yes. And we sent down a letter on February 24, 2025, to the P.U.C.O.

ATTY. RIES: Yeah, I can bring that up. Yeah.

MR. BOND: Chris, I believe you attended a meeting in Kellie's office where we were discussing some of this with them a while back, and it was mentioned about that water going into the storm sewer or whatever it is down there. At that point they seemed to indicate the County had gave them permission to do that?

MS. BORDNER: That was the construction water discharge.

MR. BOND: Yeah. Do you recall that?

MR. KOGELNIK: Approximately how long ago?

MS. BORDNER: Darren would have more information on that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Because I'm wondering if that was last year when we discovered --

MR. BOND: You were quite upset by it at the time.

MR. KOGELNIK: Pardon me?

MR. BOND: You were very surprised to hear about that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Then that was the sanitary sewer where they didn't tell anybody.

MR. BOND: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: We went out there, I think Darren or somebody snapped a picture of the manhole, it had --

MR. BOND: I took a picture of it, gave it to Darren.

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MR. KOGELNIK: So yeah, that was the County's sanitary sewer, and they were somehow discharging to it without us even knowing about it.

MR. BOND: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: And we thought that was a problem, we reported it; and in the end the County ended up, I think, knowing about it.

MR. BOND: Oh, did they?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, the County definitely knew about it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Wait, wait you guys can't talk over each other.

MR. BOND: Go ahead, Cindy.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Their attorney actually came here and wanted to see the area map of the east side sanitary sewer district, which I conferenced Matt in on our conversations. And the purpose of his visit is because he can no longer keep delaying giving them a permit. And I said their facility is within the east side sanitary sewer district, and that became a dialogue then of ownership of, you know, where they would connect to. We never heard another thing from Trumbull County -- or my office never heard anything more from Trumbull County, but he very clearly made the statement that they can't keep denying them a permit to discharge. I would also like to say that just because where we lay in TEC is in proximity to the Meander Reservoir. Years ago, we had to develop a source water protection plan of Mahoning Valley Sanitary District. So, when these overflows, if they are permitted to discharge into Mud Creek, when they did the study for .62 million gallons a day, they said oh, it will raise the river one inch five miles away or something. But -- well, between the plant and the creek -- or Mud Creek, whatever you want to call it, is where we -- all of our residents are. And if they are doubling that amount of discharge into there and we have a heavy storm event, I cannot foresee -- water has crossed the road at my house, it's flooded out, on extreme events it flooded the road. So, if we are adding an additional half million gallons of water every day to Mud Creek and we get a heavy rain event, that water is going to make it to our source water protection plan. Then the E.P.A. is gonna go to Meander and say this is in your water, now we gotta start treating the water; and that expense is gonna be one day passed back onto the resident to get that out of our drinking water source. And I think MVSD should be asked to comment or participate in this on the February 4th as well if they have not already been asked. But I do know Tom before has wanted to, they were watching it. I don't know what they're doing or not doing, but I think there needs to be an extension to them.

MS. BORDNER: A representative from MVSD speaking? I think that's a good idea.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. So, we have Matt, Chris, okay, possibly somebody from MVSD. Is there anybody here with really strong convictions that --

MS. BLANK: Jamie's pretty upset.

MR. MOSELEY: It's near my property. Do you want me to bring my dogs and the grandkids? I will.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can we plan on you speaking --

MR. MOSELEY: If I got to, I will.

MAYOR WOODWARD: -- as a property owner in close proximity?

MR. MOSELEY: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's what it really gets down to --

MR. MOSELEY: Mine's the first property that it comes across.

MR. KOGELNIK: And you know, I think that they understand it. Your property is right there, you're on Council, and you're very sensitive to this. So, I -- from the standpoint of what this meeting is about, you know, those kinds of residents really do need to show up.

MR. MOSELEY: Well, it's just gonna --

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't want to condone it, but it's just something that it's what this meeting is about.

MR. MOSELEY: I have a lot of animals back there.

MS. BLANK: Is that still --

MR. MOSELEY: Yeah.

ATTY. RIES: I mean, people who can mention specific instances, like Cindy brought up about when there's a heavy downpour and the road is flooding, those are important instances they need to know about.

MR. MOSELEY: It starts to get backed up to my house right there. So, all that water that's funneling in there, by the time it gets to all their places down on Salt Springs Road it's a mess.

MS. BLANK: Now --
(Court reporter stops multiple conversations from happening at the same time.)

MR. BORDNER: Yes, it does flood down by Vigoritos. We have pictures that the Water Department -- Darren and the Water Department people have taken; we have pictures of that. Those were all sent when we made objections to LEC attempting to discharge -- or wanting to discharge into Mud Creek. So, there was all of that like Cindy said. So, you know, honestly -- and she's not wrong, it floods on Highland. I mean, it absolutely floods my property, it floods her property, it floods the road. So, it's not getting any better on down towards Salt Springs.

MR. SULLIVAN: On Brook Hollow gets it --

MS. BORDNER: Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: -- real bad.

MS. BORDNER: Yes, you're right, Mike. So, shouldn't somebody from the Water Department, Chris Peterson, Cindy, Darren, somebody should speak? These are things that they can speak about too.

MR. PETERSON: My biggest thing is what Chris mentioned, the fox guarding the henhouse. There's certain limits they have to reach before -- it says nowhere in there -- I did try to read it too, but I didn't get all the way

through it like you did. But there's no certified operator testing that I saw anywhere in there.

MR. KOGELNIK: Correct.

MR. PETERSON: So, who knows where they are getting those samples from. At least the E.P.A., if there's a certified operator they could hold their feet to the fire. And the E.P.A. is actually pushing -- there's access to two different sewers systems right at the plant. Why are we discharging into a creek when there's sewer on site. They can get to either our sewer or the County's. And I know we want it to be ours, of course, which, Matt, I think that's why they're trying to hold your feet to the fire on that provision in there, you know what I mean, because they know they're gonna have to discharge into sewer. But there's access to sewer, so there's no reason this water couldn't be going into sewer. Remember, Warren City could come and speak against it because they don't want the water, so just be ready for that argument or have an answer for that argument.

MR. KOGELNIK: That opens up the complaint area though. One thing is if they're discharging now somehow to the County sewer as -- is that what you alluded to, Travis?

CHIEF EASTHAM: It's going into somewhere.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

CHIEF EASTHAM: It's not going into --

MR. KOGELNIK: Let's assume it is going into the County sewer. If it is going into the County sewer, do they have a letter from Warren that says that they'll accept it? We don't know that, right? We -- that's a great comment about public sewers in the area. The other thing is -- we stated this a number of times -- that parcel is industrial zoned, most of it, and it's -- it's really one of the biggest chunks of area where the Village could have realized real sewer revenue from. We won't get that because of their ability to potentially discharge into the stream. And how do communities, you know, sustain their sewer revenue and then, you know, make improvements on their existing sewer system? It's from industrial customers like this. They can't do that without that customer.

MR. PETERSON: We still have five areas that don't have sewer.

MR. KOGELNIK: So, you know, that's a real aspect here that, of course, Ohio E.P.A. can turn a deaf ear on. But for this particular session it needs to be stated because the Ohio E.P.A. needs to know you're trying to be responsible about your sewer infrastructure, and one thing about being responsible is having an appropriate sewer rate. Because if the industries cannot pay for that, who else pays for it? It's the residents. So that's -- that is one thing that we have to, I think, mention. And I don't know who mentions that, but could you do that?

MR. PETERSON: I can do it.

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- MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, when we prepared for LEC's we actually -- Chris and I think Paul, right -- prepared our information in a written statement and we just read the statement. We didn't get up and rely on our memory to cover all ten aspects. I do have our -- Ron and I's statements from that time. But all the things that were in LEC don't apply to TEC, they were all different circumstances. When they were discharging, we improved our system for that, but it's totally different in this scenario. But those statements we just literally read them. They were prepared written statements that we submitted and then read aloud that night.
- MR. RADTKA: If I remember right, Cindy, you probably remembered it was the Mayor -- the Mayor spoke, I spoke being Council president then, I believe you did too Chris, I think Paul had a statement back then, there was a lot of photos that Kellie provided. I can't remember who else.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Did the Mayor speak for or against? Which side was the Mayor on?
- MS. SLUSARCZYK: The statements are out there somewhere. I don't know if I have it. I think I actually printed yours, that's how I ended up with it. I might have them all.
- MR. KOGELNIK: Here's another point of information. The County right now is in the process of replacing the bridge in front of the old Salt Springs water booster station, and they're gonna have to design for, you know, the capacity -- the through-point capacity on the bridge. Ohio E.P.A.'s opinion is that Mud Creek is a low running stream. Yeah, on a dry arid day it is.
- MR. MOSELEY: Every creek is.
- MR. KOGELNIK: But the point is, during the wet season that thing's got a good amount of flow going through it, and one more gallon is not a good thing. And so, you know, the County may have some information on what capacity they're designing for on that bridge to say hey, here's some credible information to the Ohio E.P.A., the County is designing for this through-put capacity of the bridge, oh and here's a photograph that shows the water breaching the roadway, do you get it. You know, we can ask them that. So --
- MS. SLUSARCZYK: Where my house sits, if you look across the street where it flooded is, you know, Phyllis Chaney's home. Her roof is probably at my front doorstep. So, when I flood, I mean, of course it takes a lot of water to get up to there. But when you're already soaking at a half million gallons a day and you have a rain event, it ran like a river. And I think I do have actual photos and maybe even a video of it. But when we built that house that ground was so dry and hard I couldn't get grass to grow for two years because it was constant irrigation. It's not that way anymore, it is wet.
- MR. MOSELEY: Yeah. But what about all the chemicals that are in that stuff too.

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- MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's what I'm saying. If you have that rain event and those -- whatever is in that water, those by-products are in that water and it makes it to our watershed and then our watershed has to clean and treat our water for us to drink, the E.P.A. is gonna go ahead and say you gotta put in a system to clean that water and they are gonna get that money to clean that water by raising their rates, which means we raise our rates and it's back on John Q Public again. That's what I object to. Big business needs to pay their fair share of big business.
- MR. PETERSON: Chris mentioned that bridge is being replaced. That's probably the first place that's -- there's livestock drinking out of that water. That's a pasture.
- MS. SLUSARCZYK: There's 80 black angus cows behind my house.
- MR. PETERSON: I mean, there's livestock drinking all along the creek.
- MS. BORDNER: The Planning and Zoning office has received calls from some farmers in the area. I will reach out to them and ask that they come and speak. And that was one of the issues was that their livestock drinks from that creek. And also, that they had noticed that there previously had been snails and other fresh water mollusks that had been in the creek. But now since even just -- I'm just gonna call them incidents -- from perhaps Ultium or other industries that we have here that have, you know, I'm going to assume by accident leached into the -- into Mud Creek there is no longer any snails, there's no longer any fresh water mollusks, the cows and other livestock get ill. And so, I will reach out and ask.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: I think that's a good idea too.
- MS. BORDNER: I'm sure you might know who I'm talking about. I'm not going to say it on the record because I'm not sure they would want me to do that. But I promise I will make the call tomorrow.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: That's good. That's fine. I'm just writing it down like what everybody is gonna do here.
- CHIEF EASTHAM: Can I make another suggestion? Would it hurt to send a letter out to anyone it affects in that watershed area, a letter being sent out to them advising them of this meeting and if they have any concerns about flooding or flooding issues, we send them a letter and just advising them of the meeting? That's something other than us advertising it on our website because a lot of residents don't look at it.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Well yeah, a lot of -- we've put it on social media, I know that.
- MS. BLANK: Is it on our website?
- MAYOR WOODWARD: And I believe Dustin has it on Lordstown.com. But yeah, if you're not on a computer then you wouldn't know. We've got two other options which is a hand -- or a letter mailed out or a Code Red call, I don't know at this point --
- MS. BORDNER: Or both.

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CHIEF EASTHAM: Yeah, because we don't even know who's registered on Code Red. Like, you know, ever since Code Red started, I get the e-mails, but I've never gotten a phone call from it. It's been missed up since the day --

MAYOR WOODWARD: We have community -- not the alert side, not the emergency side, but the community notice.

CHIEF EASTHAM: I only get text messages.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, to get a general notification you had to have signed up for general notifications.

MR. SULLIVAN: I get them all the time.

CHIEF EASTHAM: But you know, what I'm saying is if it's mailed to the residents and they can pull it open and say oh, there's a hearing on this and the stream runs through my property or next to my house or wherever within that watershed, you know, we look at where they're gonna discharge to where it leaves Lordstown and say hey -- and in my opinion even if it leaves Lordstown I think they should kind of be notified because they're all downstream maybe.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Do we have time? Do we have time --

CLERK BLANK: Where are you getting the names and addresses at?

MR. SULLIVAN: All of the left side of Brook Hollow, the first three houses when you go down where Jackie used to live.

CHIEF EASTHAM: You don't need the names; you just need the address to send it to.

MR. SULLIVAN: Arno I bet still has video of the ocean going down the driveway there.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. Even with the new owners in that home, it's flooded for them. I took pictures where their cars sitting in their driveway by their shed were under water.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So I guess the question is then like who's getting notified, what are we writing in that letter, do we have enough time to get it to them and allow them to prepare? Because you've got what, 14 days.

MR. SULLIVAN: Then it goes down to the trailer park.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Westwood Lake trailer park is in a low-lying area.

MAYOR WOODWARD: That's not in Lordstown though.

MR. PETERSON: I can reach out to Westwood, and I think they have a way to notify all their residents.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is it something we write a letter and go tape it to everybody's front door, and how do we get them too to it soon enough?

MS. BORDNER: If you get it out by the end of the week. No? Regular mail end of the week? What are we looking at?

MR. RADTKA: You've got two weeks, so it would have to be this week.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I think we could just take the notice that the E.P.A. had sent me in my e-mail. I have taken it and put it on social media, it was like the who, what, when,

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where, and why. And we could literally just take the E.P.A.'s notice and mail it from us, from the Village.

MS. BORDNER: I just think that's a lot of verbiage that a lot of people might not understand. So, saying something as simple as, you know, if you have flooding, you know, from Mud Creek and you have a concern with Trumbull Energy Center dumping water into -- you know, waste water into Mud Creek, please come to this meeting and let your voice be heard.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MS. BORDNER: What else do you need to say?

MR. RADTKA: Could you include like a little diagram map and circle the area? Because you don't want to put out anybody concerned with flooding because you are going to get people from -- you know.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And some people don't know what Mud Creek is.

MR. RADTKA: Exactly. So, if you could maybe --

MS. BORDNER: I don't know. I'm trying to keep it simple. But you know, if we are gonna have to look for maps and circle areas and you've got Highland, you've got Brook Hollow, Salt Springs, if you're doing all that I think you're running into a time crunch.

MR. RADTKA: Sure.

MS. BORDNER: I was just trying to keep it simple.

CLERK BLANK: Travis, have you got any suggestions? You brought up the letter which is a good idea.

CHIEF EASTHAM: I mean, someone will just have to take the time and find the addresses. We have the addresses, they get a water bill, they get a sewer bill, they have a tax department that has addresses. We just --

CLERK BLANK: We just need to know who they are.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's address range. I think that's the smallest problem we have is we can fill that by address range and --

CHIEF EASTHAM: And you don't --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: -- mail merge it.

CHIEF EASTHAM: You don't have to put names on them, just send them to that address.

(Court reporter requests that multiple conversations happening at the same time cease so a good record can be made.)

MR. NELDER: Question. Jamie, over by your house there's an access road. Does that go -- I think it's the power plants? Ever since they redid that road, I've noticed your house floods a lot more. Well, when Ron was our supervisor, we walked over there; and I think at some point they changed them pipes that are in the creek, and I don't think those pipes are big enough.

MR. MOSELEY: I don't think they ever did anything to them pipes.

MR. NELDER: We went back there and it was holding a lot of water on your side.

MR. MOSELEY: It always does.

MR. NELDER: We thought they changed the pipes at some point.

MR. MOSELEY: I don't think they ever changed them.

MR. NELDER: Okay.

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MS. BORDNER: They would not have been able to change the pipes without obtaining a flood hazard development permit, and that would come from my office.

MR. MOSELEY: Because when they were first clearing that back there, we had a big storm that came over there and washed the whole road out. It was all the way up to where that barn was. And that guy's like oh my god, what is gonna happen here. He was standing there watching it and it just kept coming up and coming up.

MR. NELDER: We just thought maybe when they redid that access road, they put smaller pipes in.

MR. MOSELEY: They didn't do any of that. Then in the back over there behind Gillette's where that pond is, all that water runs into there and runs into that pond. And then there used to be a drain on there that ran across the back and came out and ran over to Mud Creek the long way across the airport, where that used to be.

MR. NELDER: Okay. Because they have flooded real bad. Me and Darren walked back there.

MR. MOSELEY: It comes across my backyard. I clogged it up. That wasn't how that was designed. I'm not draining all that property for them and it turning into my problem.

MR. NELDER: We were trying to see where it was going that one day we walked back there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Well --

MS. BLANK: What are we doing with the letters?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yeah. Do we have a volunteer?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No volunteers. But with the letters to go out, if someone composes the letter it can be mail merged and sent out. The hardest thing is gonna be stuffing envelopes.

CLERK BLANK: Well, how many is going out?

MR. MOSELEY: There ain't gonna be that many. One hundred?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, the east side sewer system has 600-some residents on it. So cut it in half for Salt Springs and over, about 300 letters.

CLERK BLANK: I suggest you get on it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CLERK BLANK: Travis brought it up. I think it's a good idea.

MS. BLANK: If you have pulled them, I have 5-year-olds that can stuff letters for you guys.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Well, at least we have a plan for February 4th right now. We've got Matt, Chris K, we are gonna ask MVSD to participate, Jamie is going to speak about being a homeowner in close proximity, Chris Peterson I have you talking about like the heavy industrial area that could have been -- let's see here -- that could have realized sewer use and revenue differently. And I guess if anybody else wants to speak that night it would be a bonus.

MS. ROBBIE: I have one idea. We can get the churches in the area could make flyers and leave them on the tables for people. That could be another idea for this

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Sunday, like somebody at their church or whatever, has a denomination, they could make some flyers and leave them.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We can print extras and leave them around for like maybe --

MS. ROBBIE: It's just a thought.

MR. MOSELEY: There's only -- that are affected by it there's me, power plant, I own the other lot, and Emchs.

MS. BLANK: Mark Gabriel.

MR. MOSELEY: They live down the road. And from there it goes to the Clarks, they will see their lake, and then it goes around to back of Cindy's property.

MS. BORDNER: It flows over the railroad tracks and comes down to Cindy's property and my property.

MR. MOSELEY: This is Cedar Lake right there, and it goes over by Dan Wilson's and Cindy's. That's right along here. And then it goes back on all these houses on Highland, up to Brook Hollow and across Salt Springs Road.

MS. BORDNER: And there's flooding on Hallock Young where you're pointing to, Jamie, as well.

MR. MOSELEY: Because it overtakes it here, floods down because this is lower --

MAYOR WOODWARD: So -- okay. So, we'll -- I'll start a letter. I'll volunteer, I suppose.

MS. BLANK: If you do the letter, I'll help stuff envelopes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I was going to say Jessica can help me edit the letter.

MR. MOSELEY: Then it's people making decisions that don't live here.

MS. BLANK: If I have to go knock on some doors to get people to come, I will. Phil Vigorito.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We as the Village though and the people that are gonna represent the Village in talking, we've got that covered I think pretty well, and I think a lot of different topics so that we don't have two people talking about the same thing. That's important. Does anybody have anything else right at the moment? I'm sure poor Deb wants to go home. Make sure you get that.

ATTY. RIES: Who's gonna reach out to MVSD? I could, but I have to go through their attorney if I do.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is that Tom?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, Scott. Scott Verner. I can mention it to Scott. I worked with Scott on a number of things.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can you let us know what he says?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: And can I mention that it's understood that Tom Holloway, the former chief engineer, might have been interested to say something.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes, he absolutely did. We spoke about it.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll say that then.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Sure. Whatever they have to add.

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't think I was present when that was mentioned by Tom.

MS. BLANK: Is someone reaching out to Tom?

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MR. KOGELNIK: Not Tom. Tom has retired. It will be Scott. It will be me.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Well yeah, just let us know if he's going to participate just so we know what to expect. All right. That's sounds like a good plan. And motion for adjournment?

MR. BOND: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

(Meeting ends at 7:55 p.m.)

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk

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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 Lordstown Village Council 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.

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 DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public
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