

Village of Lordstown Board of Trustees Public Affairs

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio  
June 3, 2025  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Christopher Peterson, President  
Mr. Michael Sullivan, Vice-President  
Mr. Stanley Czeck, Board Member  
Mr. Darren Biggs, Supt. of Utilities  
Ms. Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk  
Mr. Christopher Kogelnik, Engineer  
Atty. Matthew Ries, Solicitor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Jackie Woodward, Mayor  
Mr. Ernie Bowen, Village Council  
Mr. Tom Cowie, Imperial Communities  
Ms. Nancy Goddard

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 3rd of June, 2025.

MR. PETERSON: Welcome everyone. Please stand for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

MR. PETERSON: Roll call please.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Christopher Peterson.  
MR. PETERSON: Present.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.  
MR. SULLIVAN: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Stanley Czeck.  
MR. CZECK: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren Biggs.  
(No response.)  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present. Chris Kogelnik.  
(No response.)  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: and Matt Ries.  
ATTY. RIES: Here.

**APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

**May 14, 2025**

MR. PETERSON: I'm sure they'll be down any minute, so we'll move on. Approval and corrections to the minutes of May 14. Did everybody get a chance to read over them?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. I make a motion to approve.  
MR. PETERSON: Motion.  
MR. CZECK: Second.  
MR. PETERSON: All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)  
MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MR. PETERSON: Any correspondence?  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.  
MR. PETERSON: Seeing none --

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MR. PETERSON: Public Comments. Any public comments? Yes, Mayor.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: I have one question, and that is where are we at with requesting credit card or online payments?

MR. PETERSON: Cindy, do you know anything more about the credit cards or online?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Huh-uh. You were going to --

MR. PETERSON: I sent some information. It was a while ago.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: To me?

MR. PETERSON: To you and Bill both. I can resend.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You can search for it, but I don't think I ever received anything.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So it's still a work in progress?

MR. PETERSON: Still a work in progress. We have not forgotten. Any other public comments? Seeing none --

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PPE Submission from Foxconn, 2300 Hallock Young**

MR. PETERSON: New Business. Item number 1, the PPE submission for Foxconn, 2300 Hallock Young Road. Did everybody see this? I just saw it in my box.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. I just want to make sure that all the members of the Board got the PPE. It has the water flows on it. There are some area maps, but they're the site plan, overall site plan. The estimated flow is 400,000 gallons per day.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: For the whole complex?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't believe it's for the whole complex. I would have to say it's for this application.

MR. SULLIVAN: Because weren't they about 900,000 when G.M. was --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Three shifts. When they were running three shifts 24 hours a day they were on the upward side of that. But that's been a very long, long time.

MR. SULLIVAN: Where were they at the end?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: At the end it was nothing.

MR. SULLIVAN: When they were running.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: See, I don't know when they stopped producing. But when they closed out their account when you say end, so it kept tapering down.

MR. PETERSON: Because they were going down from three shifts to two shifts to one shift.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It tapered down for over two years or more. I could -- I can get you the consumptions, historical consumptions for that; but I don't know them off the top of my head anymore.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

MR. PETERSON: I want to say it was 600,000. Does that sound --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Normal.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, that's -- I don't know where I would have heard that number other than somebody here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah.

MR. CZECK: Looks like they want 400,000 gallons a day, up to.

MR. PETERSON: And they always overestimate it usually.

MR. CZECK: 3.4 million gallons a month.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: With this request being submitted, the reason I made sure you got it here today is time. The Foxconn water line extension to that is -- technically we're held go off on that and we prioritized the booster pump station and 24-inch redundant line over this project. With this PPE submission, I don't know if maybe you want to re-align your projects and maybe the 24 might be further down the road. That's your consideration again. If you look at the dates in this thing, it says like May, Foxconn submits initial documentation to the Village; June, Village issues civil permit; June, Foxconn submits building permitting to Trumbull County, July, Trumbull issues building permitting. So I don't think those months are going to follow that schedule, but they could.

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MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CZECK: Well I think we have the capacity right now for that much depending on what the power plant's --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We don't. We're a million gallons short with Lordstown Energy Center now.

MR. CZECK: Yeah. But they --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We're contracted with LEC and they want -- Darren has them capped out.

MR. CZECK: But they have an alternative. I mean, if they have to have water they can provide that. It's not like we'd shut them down.

MR. PETERSON: Correct.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I agree with what you're saying. But their transition was a dollar and cents factor.

MR. CZECK: Well, we have to look at the whole picture.

MR. PETERSON: I'm okay with moving forward on this project if everybody else is if it's going to mean revenue to us and it can support what we're doing, you know what I mean. If it's going to make its own payment --

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. CZECK: Yeah. Because the extension of the other water line to create the loop, what was it, two million for that.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, it was right around two million.

MR. CZECK: But I don't know if that much will enhance our future flow capacity; do you know what I mean.

MR. PETERSON: Oh, you mean like -- it would help the other side if something industrial went there. But again, we don't have a water supply.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Perhaps we would need to review the design for the extension of that line to make sure it's adequate to cover that flow.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: On the other hand, what do we get out of LEC, 13 cents.

MR. CZECK: On the money, the revenue.

MR. PETERSON: Revenue we're much better.

MR. CZECK: It would be better than the give-away.

MR. PETERSON: Well, I would say think it over and the next meeting

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MR. CZECK: Will be in two weeks. I believe so.

MR. PETERSON: -- we can prioritize that. In the meantime, I'll get Chris to -- I don't think he ever sent us payment information on that. It was just the 24-inch if I remember correctly. I will see if he can send us --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The project was shovel-ready. It was 2.2 million.

MR. PETERSON: I know that. But we don't know how much the payment would be if we borrowed the money. Do you understand what I'm saying?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, you got to get Council to borrow the money.

MR. PETERSON: That's what I mean. So, we need to see if it's even -- when's the next --

MR. CZECK: You have that much surplus in your general fund, don't you? I believe so.

MAYOR WOODWARD: The Clerk's not here so --

MR. CZECK: So there you go.

MR. BOWEN: I think we do.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We could?

MR. PETERSON: The Assistant Clerk's here.

MR. CZECK: If this is going to go somewhere, that's like a no-brainer.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I hate to say this, but there's always the possibility that if Foxconn is in need of that expedited that, you know, maybe they're willing to contribute something to the cause, which would mean that you could allocate funds elsewhere if they were to pick up the burden on that project.

MR. CZECK: Do we have a good contact at Foxconn?

MR. PETERSON: I believe the Mayor does.

MR. CZECK: Maybe you can broach that subject.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: I have broached the subject already, and I know that they are willing to consider it.

MR. PETERSON: Do you want us to get you the information about cost and everything?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes.

MR. PETERSON: We can get you that. Okay. Any other questions on that?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Do you want me to leave this on the agenda under New Business for the next meeting?

MR. PETERSON: Yes. Yes, please. Okay. I know we don't have the second item, but after the other meeting I want to call an executive session for discipline of an employee of the Water Department. Are you guys okay with it? We'll just do it after. Okay.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. A Resolution recommending that Village Council authorize the Village of Lordstown to enter into a first addendum to the water supply agreement with the City of Warren for the Trumbull Energy Center Project**

MR. PETERSON: Old Business. First item, the Resolution. Are we still waiting on that?

ATTY. RIES: Yeah. We're still waiting on the City's contractor to approve how the crossing -- you know, to work with Chris on whether or not the way the crossing is going to be approved; and until we have that, we can't finalize that agreement. And as of last -- what was it, I think it was two weeks ago, they still had not -- that was the last time I heard from Chris maybe ten days ago, and they still had not gotten back.

MR. SULLIVAN: I see they're diligently digging the holes for the pipeline.

(At this time, Chris Kogelnik enters the meeting.)

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, they got most of the pipe in the ground it seems like.

MR. SULLIVAN: I can't understand what they are dragging their feet on.

MR. PETERSON: Maybe Chris has some more insight on the Warren water line.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, I do. And I apologize for being late.

MR. SULLIVAN: We accept your apology.

MR. KOGELNIK: What I can tell you about the Warren water line is that they are still under delay. It's another three weeks until we're going to see the crossing on Brunstetter I'm told yesterday. I've been telling you that Brunstetter was going to be right after school lets out, but they have another delay. Last week the contractor was planning to cross Burnett East, not one of the three roads we were assigned to look after, but they hit the Village of Lordstown's sanitary force main on Brunstetter East. That carries most of your wastewater to the City of Warren. To the credit of the contractor, that happened at 10:00 a.m., by 1:00 p.m. they had it buttoned up and fixed. That was good, Darren seemed pleased with that. But there's all sorts of delays that they're dealing with right now. What was the nature of the question when it came to the Warren water?

MR. PETERSON: The resolution that we're waiting for, the first addendum to the water agreement.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. So, all of that has to happen, as Matt and I know, in sequential order. We're supposed to review the information that they provide to us, then provide you guys the answers to that for the bore and jack or HDD crossing underneath Salt Springs Road. That hasn't happened yet. They did say they got the information last week, but it wasn't worth sharing with us this week.

MR. SULLIVAN: Chris was just saying they got most of the pipe in the ground and covered right up to Brunstetter and right up to Salt Springs.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

(At this time, Darren Biggs enters the meeting).

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MR. KOGELNIK: They're respectful, Mike, that this has to be brought towards the Village for approval.

ATTY. RIES: And I mean, hopefully they're taking into account the process that we have a Council meeting on a Monday and they make this decision on a Wednesday, you know.

MR. PETERSON: It's going to be two weeks.

ATTY. RIES: And the City of Warren is supposed to technically approve it as well. It's an amendment to an agreement. It's not just like all right; this is what we're good with and we can't implement it the next day.

MR. KOGELNIK: That has been in my message to them, Matt, and I will continue to keep reiterating that. We do have a meeting for -- construction progress meeting number 10 on Thursday, I think it's at 9:30. Darren and Martin usually attend that with me.

MR. CZECK: What was their tentative finish date?

MR. KOGELNIK: It was around June for substantial completion. So, you know, they -- I don't think that they're, you know, close to substantial completion yet so they're dealing with these delays. And that's all I can report to you. We don't make it go; we just watch it at this particular case.

**2. Rules and Regulations Governing Water Use and Service - Review CT Changes**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item number 2, Rules and Regulations Governing Water Use and Service - Review CT's Changes. Did you guys get a chance to go over them?

MR. KOGELNIK: I didn't have any other inputs on that. If you guys want us to make some changes on the rules and regs, or even the standard details, we're okay with doing that.

MR. PETERSON: What's your guys' pleasure?

MR. CZECK: Well, did you make any recommendations?

MR. KOGELNIK: The last meeting I think I did.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, you did.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, you had a couple of recommendations.

MR. KOGELNIK: But honestly, after I looked through them most of them deal with whether the Village BPA would want to increase pricing on inspection fees, you know, because some of those inspection fees look really small, you know. And if Darren's crew needs to go out and do an inspection, does that cover the need. And then tap-in fees and that sort of thing. So aside from that, the Rules and Regulations have a pretty good backbone, you know, structure.

MR. SULLIVAN: Can you come up with a number on the input for the changes on the --

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: Why don't we do that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, I can.

MR. PETERSON: I think the other side of that is we need to review some of our end stuff. We need a meeting dedicated to rules and regs, there's no way around it.

MR. KOGELNIK: You should have a workshop. And anything that deals with prices and costs that should be internal, that couldn't have to involve me. We purposefully excluded prices from the rules and regs and suggested that that be on a separate piece of paper so that the rules and regs would only point to the fact that the Village does have rates and fees and it's separate so that they wouldn't be co-mingled.

MR. SULLIVAN: It would be good when we have this meeting to know what the norms are.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay, yeah. Well, you have that, it's published on your website.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think he's referring as a recommendation to the current cost for tap-in fee or the current cost of an inspection fee.

MR. SULLIVAN: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yep. I understand.

MR. PETERSON: Can we schedule that meeting now?

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MR. SULLIVAN: Sure.

ATTY. RIES: Would I need to be there?

MR. PETERSON: I think it would be more reviewing.

(At this time, an off-record discussion is held about meeting dates.)

MR. PETERSON: The 17th.

MR. CZECK: We'll start at 2:00?

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: For clarification, are we scheduling a work session for 2:00 that day and then going into our regular meeting at 4:00?

MR. PETERSON: At 4:00, yes. Correct.

MR. SULLIVAN: The 17th at what time?

MR. PETERSON: 2:00. Darren, are you good with that?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, definitely.

**3. Niles Bulk Water Agreement**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item number 3, Niles Bulk Water Agreement.

ATTY. RIES: I actually got through to Phil, to the Law Director at Niles after a couple of e-mails. I'm having a telephone conversation with him on Friday to discuss just respectively this redundant line and -- it was to talk about this redundant line actually and place to hook up under that agreement. But in terms of like the rate issue we've been -- we're dealing with two issues under that agreement; in terms of the ability to get the second 24-inch line and whether that agreement's going to apply, and then we're also talking about the rate dispute. I've got a conference call with him on Friday about this redundant line.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

ATTY. RIES: The rate dispute, there's never been any movement on that since we've met with them a couple of times, and I don't know if we really want to push that issue anyways.

MR. PETERSON: If you feel we're right then --

ATTY. RIES: Yes. But I don't think it's ever been brought to -- brought to a head either, because under their interpretation we're paying more than what is due under their terms. So, there would never be a reason for them to come back on us for any reason because I think in their mind we're overpaying. Does that make sense? Things are really going to hit the fan when we pay pursuant to that rate and we -- they believe that we're paying less than their interpretation, depending on how that rates computed.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We want to have it clarified before the 24-inch line is connected or installing a redundant line with them if we don't know the rate.

ATTY. RIES: That was part of tying everything in, we're going to do that. Go back to that 24-inch line and rates, maybe we need a new agreement because of the exclusivity provisions there. They are problematic for the redundant line and the dispute over how the rate's calculated. But I called them recently. From my discussions with the Law Director since our last meeting, I think that they're coming around to understanding our interpretation of the agreement and why it would benefit them to a degree with our rate, you know. So, I think it's a matter of the Law Director and the Mayor talking to the right people about it at the City and getting everybody on board so Council will approve it. Mainly the Auditor I think is the person they must convince on that. And then we can get a similar agreement that specifically says the way we're interpreting it. But this is going to be a follow-up to that conversation and possibly just redoing the whole agreement. If we're on the same page with this 24-inch line and with -- you know, that's the first step though, and then we go back to the rate issue. I don't think we're going to agree at the end of the day. We have had two meetings with them, and we're just not seeing eye-to-eye on the rate interpretation. And when we left the last meeting, it was all right, let's just come up with a new agreement then so there's a meeting of the minds.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any questions for Matt on that? Seeing none

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**4. Trumbull Energy Center - Warren Waterline**

MR. PETERSON: Trumbull Energy Center - Warren Water Line.

MR. KOGELNIK: Other than what I just talked about, there haven't been any new updates. I have reached out again to Mr. Ted Harvey trying to request information on their sanitary connection and their MPDS and PTI for the site. Somehow some way we need to reach these people, why don't we reach these people and set up a meeting.

ATTY. RIES: So, I put a similar request into their attorney. Their attorney indicated they would be available in June to have a meeting. I've sent him another follow-up request. And it was just supposed to be an initial meeting with their new points of contact ever since Steve Remillard left, because other than the lawyer nobody is communicating very much. So, I'm waiting to hear back from him on some proposed dates and times where we can get everybody on our side involved, I guess, for -- we'll call them new introductions. But the point you brought up, Chris as well as Kellie had some issues; and there's a small handful of issues where we really need to make sure we're on the same page. So, I've been communicating with their attorney. He is, for the most part, responsive. I'm waiting for him to set up a meeting. And I've also reached out to the County to Attorney Blair. I sent him two e-mails, and a letter and he has not responded. But I have made our position known that they've got to hook into us basically to -- at least Attorney Blair is on notice for that.

MR. KOGELNIK: All right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: When we did the bulk water agreement with Gemma for the site, that agreement you approved through July, I would assume up to the end of July is what it's contracted for. But it -- if they don't get us some documentation --

MR. PETERSON: Then it won't be extended. And you know they're going to need --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm going to be the villain upstairs and saying I can't extend this. I wanted to make sure the Board and everyone knows how you connected those documents.

MR. PETERSON: Are you okay with that, Matt?

ATTY. RIES: Yeah.

MR. PETERSON: Are you guys good with that?

MR. CZECK: Yeah.

**5. Trumbull Energy Center - Sanitary Sewer**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. All right. You pretty much covered the sanitary sewer, next item.

**6. Project Funding - Eastgate FY2026 ARC Pre-Applications**

MR. PETERSON: Project funding.

MR. KOGELNIK: We have some ideas in the works, even though just this past month heard that Congressman Joyce did not list Lordstown's project on his website. There were 11. He did provide a link in his e-mail. Did you see -- have you had a chance to take a look at that, Mayor?

MAYOR WOODWARD: No, not yet.

MR. KOGELNIK: There was a link in there. There were like 11 projects listed, and he said that they were looking at 14 projects. And so, I think you had tried to call, Chris.

MR. PETERSON: I did. They were supposed to get back with me and they did not. I didn't have a chance to call today.

MR. KOGELNIK: So just need to keep talking with them because these are bi-annual requests. And if this problem is still around two years from now, we need to know how to adjust our application that's all. And then my associate Mike Miller is going to be talking with Clerk Blank. I put that in my report to Council last night. As Mike stated, in the last -- or two Council meetings ago or three, he has an idea to help offset some of the capital costs for the proposed redundant water line that would significantly help the Village out with their out-of-pocket costs. And so he and Bill Blank are going to be talking.

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MR. SULLIVAN: Did we hear back from the County as far as the letter of support?

MR. KOGELNIK: Letter of support for the Foxconn -- or I'm sorry, for the 24-inch? We did get all the letters of support we needed in order to submit our ARC application for Hallock Young.

MR. SULLIVAN: We did get one from the County.

MR. KOGELNIK: I believe we did get one from the County Commissioners. Mayor, do you remember that? Did we get one from the County Commissioners?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes. I didn't see the Foxconn letter, but I did see the Trumbull County letter.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, I believe we did, Mike, because all the boxes were checked that we had a good application going in there. Now you know, there's a new -- Foxconn was -- you know, approached Planning and Zoning for a possible building expansion. And so we wanted to include into that, you know, the potential employment increases that they're going to see, because right now the ARC application only states that there's 500 existing jobs there and there's no expansion. But if there is a planned expansion and you can, you know, coordinate with Eastgate on that, then you've got a winning project.

MR. SULLIVAN: It's like 650 in there now.

MR. KOGELNIK: One year I heard 400, this year we heard 500. I don't know what to believe.

MR. PETERSON: So what do we need to do to update that?

MR. KOGELNIK: So I mentioned this to Council a few years ago. There needs to be somebody at the municipal level that's working with these bigger industries to understand what their employment levels are. You already know that from the taxes, right?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: (Nodding head.)

MR. KOGELNIK: And then we should also be understanding and asking what do they need to keep going, what do they need to -- do they have plans.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think the Mayor's doing that, aren't you?

MAYOR WOODWARD: What's that? I'm sorry, what, keeping in touch with them or --

MR. SULLIVAN: Working with them.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I mean, I'm having open conversations with them about their plans.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's what we're talking about.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Their plans and needs but --

MR. KOGELNIK: So, you know, you got some big industries in here that change -- they could change overnight some of them. And so, it's important to stay in touch with that. Because if you're going to be going to request funding assistance that deals with economic development, those people that are going to approve your application are typically looking at employment numbers or maintaining, you know, whatever labor force they have. So, there's no better location in the two-county region to express that than right here.

MR. SULLIVAN: Are they indicating a product sooner than later?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes, they have been allocated a product. They haven't announced that product yet. But I anticipate that they're -- the jobs that they have, I mean, it's going to increase exponentially.

MR. SULLIVAN: But they're not ready to say how many?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Not yet. They want to get through this expansion first. A lot of times when you make an announcement prematurely things get derailed, so --

MR. SULLIVAN: I knew in the assembly plant part of the extension was the paint plant, adding an A to the B and C. I couldn't imagine what they were going to expand in the fab plant.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I don't --

MR. KOGELNIK: We don't know.

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MR. SULLIVAN: I know when they put those transfer presses, to put the big transfer presses in they would have had to raise the ceiling to put the big ones on or go deeper into the basement, and that's the only thing that I could think of.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, if Mayor stays in touch with entities like that, that's all that we're needing.

MR. SULLIVAN: Did you ever see those transfers? They're amazing.

#### **7. Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line Improvements**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line Improvement. I think we kind of covered that, but I don't think you were here. But we got the PPE from Foxconn.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. PETERSON: Did you get a copy of it?

MR. KOGELNIK: I think I got that PPEF application.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I gave you a copy.

MR. KOGELNIK: And I had provided comments to Kellie's office on the PPEF. The one thing that I saw was the amount of waste water that they were generating exceeded the amount of water they were bringing in, and it's kind of interesting. And so, you know, I didn't know what to think about the numbers after I started seeing that. And so, you know, there's no engineering drawings or anything that was provided, it was just a concept; so, they need to do some homework obviously. But to be honest with you, that's really not our priority right now.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

#### **8. Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes. This is our priority right now, one of them. So, Darren and I went out to the site today just to get an overview of what all we can see, photographed it pretty good. What is the status of the property acquisition?

ATTY. RIES: So, the appraiser that we hired, Council approved to bring on the appraiser for that location. He's going out there next Friday to evaluate. I must give a statutory notice to the land owner this week, which I'm going to send him the letter. And after that the appraiser will go out there, he'll turn around with the appraisal amount, and then we have to offer -- by law, before we do the take, we must make that offer based on the appraisal. So, it must be a good faith offer, and the law says we have to work in good faith and try and negotiate a price if, you know, we're within the same ballpark as each other. And that sunsets after 30 days. So, he's going out there next week, and he'll have an appraisal turned around hopefully pretty quickly.

MR. KOGELNIK: So, there's a number of things, you know, that we're looking at from the standpoint of how to make this happen. And one thing that I think that we're going to recommend is that we do a Phase 1 ESA on it.

MR. SULLIVAN: What's that mean?

MR. KOGELNIK: Environmental sight assessment. We don't know anything about this property other than it had a house on it and pictures that I took today. I'm suspecting it's nothing, but just to make sure before we put a booster station on there it wouldn't hurt to do an ESA. And if we don't find anything, you know, then no findings and we proceed onward.

MR. CZECK: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: But what I am definitely seeing is there's a lot of deleterious material sticking up through the soil where they backfilled, and so we're going to most likely be scooping all that out and replacing it with engineered fill. There is about 150 by 75 foot of space in that notch to the east further to the rear of the parcel. We're not going to touch that for the booster station area, but if the Village acquires that parcel that's useable. So, what I'm encouraging you to do is we have grant money through the U.S. E.P.A. that can be spent partly on this project. The idea was about half of this project construction costs would come from the U.S. E.P.A. grant and the other half would come from

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the ARPA. So, if you want to include a fenced-in gated storage area that you can store pipe, materials like that, maybe you can't fit over here at your Road Department or your Utilities Department, you got additional space that you can include right behind the new booster station. And you're going to have a driveway going right up to it so it would work well. So, it's -- you know, you got to think outside of the box a little bit when it comes to this. And I talked this over with our grant specialist who's handling this particular U.S. E.P.A. grant, and that's eligible. So, we need to divide up like we talked about the last meeting, I think creating a plan to allocate where the costs are going to go for this booster station so that we have this ready to go and share it with the County and with the U.S. E.P.A. Both entities are going to want that plan. So that's how I'm looking at this.

MR. SULLIVAN: So, make a plan for the booster station and make a separate plan for the --

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: -- like a cement fenced-in area.

MR. KOGELNIK: You can have a gravel area. Just enough area to -- you know, rather than just not use any of that, you have additional space. So that's how I'm looking at this. And you know, we're waiting for you guys to acquire the property before we can set foot on it and do what we need to do on it. If there's something that you feel we can proceed forward at risk, let us know. But there's a certain number of things here that we can do, I think, to get this going. Like for example, we would have to come back in there and do another soil bore. After the appraisal is done presumably the property will need to have a survey.

ATTY. RIES: When you talk about a back parcel, are you talking about separate -- a separate legal parcel that's not part of what we're contemplating.

MR. KOGELNIK: It's parcel 06, but there's like a little notch that divides the front from the back. And in fact, I have a concept plan that shows that. I'm going to pass it out to everybody. The area that I'm talking about is the back, the rear.

ATTY. RIES: It's all the same parcel?

MR. KOGELNIK: It's all the same parcel. So right now the parcel is kind of a grassy area that is littered with heavy machinery. There is a building, you'll see this white colored building to the upper right. That's partly on 05 and 06 parcel. So, you know, if you wanted to do something in that back area back there you'd have to work with the other property owner to tear that building down.

MAYOR WOODWARD: May I interject? The house next-door and the barn are slated for demolition in the next couple of weeks. It's been contracted through the Land Bank.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD: The Trumbull County Land Bank has a contract.

MR. PETERSON: Just asking the question; that property is not for sale, is it?

MAYOR WOODWARD: No, there's some hurdles to that property. But the contractor has been out to that house, the neighboring house, and has started to clean out and prepare for demolition. So, the barn and the house will both be gone.

ATTY. RIES: Chris, is there anything you guys are doing from the environmental standpoint that I should tell the appraiser to hold off?

MR. KOGELNIK: Nothing.

ATTY. RIES: I just don't want him to go out there and charge us and us not use the property. And he'll take into account any environmental feedback.

MR. KOGELNIK: In a perfect world, wouldn't you want to know everything about that parcel before you bought it?

ATTY. RIES: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: So, do you want us to do that before you do any appraisal?

ATTY. RIES: I think let's -- well, that's up to you guys. I would say let's work hand-in-hand because the appraiser is going to want that information.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: But how could you legally step foot on a property to do that?

MR. KOGELNIK: That's not my area of expertise.

ATTY. RIES: Under the Ohio Revised Code we can send -- as long as we send them a letter at least -- they have to receive it 48 hours in advance -- and we let them know we're going to be out there for -- the appraisal will be next Friday, then that doesn't constitute a trespass for purposes of an eminent domain. And that's the letter I'm going to send to the landowner. If you want to meet up with the appraiser that day you would be able to walk on the property that day.

MR. KOGELNIK: Let me know if the Village wants us to proceed with a ESA Phase 1 and we'll submit a task order for that.

MR. PETERSON: Are you guys okay with that?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MR. CZECK: Phase 1, are you going to take any core samples?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, that would be separate. So do you want us to -- I think that we would have to have to do -- we have to have property ownership or an easement in order to step on there and take a core sample.

ATTY. RIES: No. And that's something that we would put in the letter. If you are going to do an environmental, we just need to give them notice.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm talking about a core sample being about 25, 30 feet deep, four inches in diameter.

ATTY. RIES: Let me look at Ohio Revised Code. I'm fairly sure environmental studies are in there as long as we repair the property.

MR. KOGELNIK: So, the task order would include the bore and the Phase 1 ESA.

MR. BOWEN: If that is okay legally, can you have that ready by that time?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

ATTY. RIES: Yeah. Let me double-check. I'm fairly sure it's in there with the appraisal. It talks about environmental and it's pretty vague because they understand people are not going to be able to access the property prior to an eminent domain anyway without either the landowner's consent or the statute that protects you against trespass. So let me double-check that, but I'm pretty sure environmental is in there.

MR. SULLIVAN: Do you want a motion to move forward as long as --

MR. KOGELNIK: That's predicated on our task order and you approving it though, right?

MR. SULLIVAN: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: I have to submit it yet.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I understand that. But it's next Friday.

MR. PETERSON: It's before our next meeting.

MR. SULLIVAN: So, I would think that we would have to approve it upon your approval.

MR. KOGELNIK: Upon our submittal.

ATTY. RIES: If we can -- if the statute says environmental, which again I think it does, it doesn't have to necessarily be next Friday. I would just have to send them a separate letter from whenever Chris is available to go out there, just like we did with the appraiser. I just need to send the letter and they can go out there on their own schedule and get this approved.

MR. PETERSON: He just needs to get his task order on.

ATTY. RIES: I have to make sure he's good, okay, on the environmental side to go ahead and do that.

MR. SULLIVAN: We don't need a motion?

MR. PETERSON: Just have the task order on.

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't have anything else on the booster station other than I put a detailed e-mail together to Darren, and I can't remember who else I shared that with. But we're just a little bit hesitant to start anything without, you know, that acquisition happening. We do not want to get too far ahead.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

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**9. Imperial Sewer Agreement**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Imperial Sewer Agreement.

ATTY. RIES: No new status update. I sent our changes in January, on January 3, to the attorney and I haven't heard back.

MR. SULLIVAN: Are we ever going to hear back from the attorney?

MR. COWIE: I think our position's pretty clear with what you're requesting. I didn't see the actual agreement that the attorney sent out if those changes were made for not including the getting into the water and sewer agreement. We feel that is two separate issues. We're dealing with a billing issue, and then the agreement is a separate issue. And we do not want those two combined, and that is our position.

ATTY. RIES: Our last agreement just has sunset dates basically. It wasn't anything immediate. It was what we discussed, and it was in conjunction with their attorney. It wasn't we're immediately going to redo the agreement, it was just sunset dates on the contracts basically.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, but we had a date within two years or something.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, I can't remember what the dates were.

ATTY. RIES: Yeah, it was -- I believe it was November 2026. And so that's when I think that that ten- year term I believe would have been up. So those were the changes I made, and again I haven't heard back so --

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any more questions?

**10. Utility Department Building**

MR. PETERSON: Utility Department Building. Did you guys make a decision yet?

MR. SULLIVAN: Are we going to the library?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Martin and I were working on some conceptual designs for the library building and what it would look like if the Clerk, Tax, Mayor, even Planning and Zoning, were to move over there, whether or not there would be space for it. So we've just kind of come up with that. And so now we need to schedule another meeting for Council to look at what could be and then decide whether or not they want to go forward with that or do something else.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. So you guys are working on it?

MAYOR WOODWARD: We are.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any more questions on that?

**11. I&I**

MR. PETERSON: I&I.

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't have anything to report.

MR. BIGGS: Only thing I have is the -- I met with the salesperson, we went out and looked at the grinders. He had suggestions on different types of risers to put on those. He had to get with the manufacturer because he thought something could be made, different types of grinders. Anyhow, he gave me a price list, and I need to review that and discuss what would work best with us, see how he can handle it; and then we can move on from there and actually order something if they'll work for us. I think that was last week we went out and looked at them, he came down to see what we had. So that's where we're at with that.

MR. CZECK: Do we have a -- one that they already have designed that's in use, or is this something they would have to actually do?

MR. BIGGS: There's two different kinds. When we have the grinder pit, it has like a lip on it, okay. That gets hit by the mowers and breaks. So now we have two different types, some that are without that, you know, or not, you know, basically. So, he's saying if he could have one made where it might taper and fit on there and bolt somehow or still be waterproof or be able to put a new lip on there, if you will, to be able to come back down there. He's given me different ideas, and he's got to check to see. He believes that they can make whatever we need, so that's where we're at with that. They don't actually have -- if it was perfect, yes, where you could just flange it back together it would be no problem. That's where we're at. He's going to see -- he says, you know, seeing what they could do for us because he believes they might be able to make

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something that would work out better for us.

MR. CZECK: So do you think they make -- if you agree on something, make a test one that you could test it and see if it worked out to what you think it should be.

MR. BIGGS: Sure, yeah. Yeah. I don't see why not. We may end up buying it.

MR. CZECK: That's okay. As long as --

MR. BIGGS: Without ordering a bunch. I don't see why not, right.

MR. SULLIVAN: Is there a place like where it all flows that you can meter to see what the I&I is?

MR. BIGGS: Little more specific, Mike. I'm not sure what you're looking for.

MR. SULLIVAN: I mean, the system we know has I&I. How do you know how much?

MR. BIGGS: Right. And I don't know that it does that much. We have -- we got meters on every one of our lift stations. Is that what you mean? We know what flow goes through every one of them. So we know how many gallons.

MR. CZECK: Are you talking infiltration of the meter box.

MR. SULLIVAN: For example, two years into it they came up with a number of we were about 20 percent I&I. Said 50 year old system was 50 percent I&I. Where does that number come from?

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't know if that was a hypothetical number that you're talking about or if there was an actual metered number.

MR. PETERSON: It's water usage based on water flow.

MR. KOGELNIK: Theoretically when you want to measure I&I, if you have the end of a gravity sanitary sewer, okay --

MR. SULLIVAN: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: Let's say at the end of that gravity sanitary sewer doesn't have an LEC attached to it, it's just homes and businesses. You put a meter there, and you'd compare that metered flow versus the water consumed during that given meter period, okay. And then the theoretical difference between that is the infiltration that comes into the sewer system. And so, some communities that are, you know, 50 to 100 years old for their sanitary sewer systems, they have dedicated meters going on year-round, you know. That's for the Lakewoods of the world and things like that. If you're trying to still -- if you still want to do metering to do what I just said, measure the water consumed versus waste water measured you can do that; but you must select points where LEC isn't an influence. Because when you have a big LEC that's influencing a small collection system, you're looking at apples and oranges all day long, you're not getting a good read on I&I.

MR. PETERSON: Is there a master meter at LEC too?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, there is. So, one of the thoughts was to include that master meter and try and exclude conclude that number per day when do you the metering to see what you get.

MR. PETERSON: It's still going to give you a fluky number.

MR. KOGELNIK: It is. So, when you do that you're really putting a lot of effort into trying to find that flow and make that comparison. And to do that you have to have really reliable water consumed data, really reliable waste water data. Sometimes you have problems with the two, and then you have an anomaly in your data. So, I can't give you a good answer right here at this table, but that's what you're searching for. And also, when you calculate those differences between theoretical water consumed and waste water measured there's an acceptable amount of I&I, and typically that's 11.65 gallons per diameter inch mile. So -- they beat that into our heads in school -- and so you would have to calculate that. But most of the I&I, what I have stated to everybody that is a rule of thumb is that when you have a system that is leaking I&I, almost 70 percent of that typically comes from private homes.

MR. PETERSON: Has anybody done a smoke test?

MR. KOGELNIK: Smoke testing could be done.

MR. PETERSON: I know ARCAP --

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MR. BIGGS: Hallock Young where it turns to gravity up to LEC is the only place we did that at. Everything else has got LEC involved and it's not gravity. There's very few places we can do that at.

MR. PETERSON: I see what you're saying.

MR. BIGGS: We're limited with that. We did meter, like he's talking about, some different places. And we got to take those homes and do the math on that, and we didn't come up with anything on those.

MR. KOGELNIK: So at Lift Station No. 4, for example, Imperial you have a master waste water meter. You also have three master water meters. You could compare and make a theoretical difference there. And you have the tools to do that. So that's -- I'm only say saying this as an example. Now another thing you can do that isn't really that accurate, you can get the totalized flow at Pump Station No. 3. Pump Station No. 3 carries everything from the east side to Warren. How often do you get the totalized flow at No. 3?

MR. BIGGS: Every day.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. So, you can compare every day the water consumed for all the customers in the east side district with Darren's data and subtract LEC. There it is.

MR. BIGGS: We wouldn't have all the water data for that day.

MR. KOGELNIK: You'd have to get it. You'd have to get your water consumption.

MR. PETERSON: You'd have to get your water read.

MR. KOGELNIK: That will be a pain in the butt.

MR. BIGGS: It absolutely would be.

MR. KOGELNIK: It would be an enormous task. I'm just telling you these are the things that you have to line up with if you want to look at this.

MR. PETERSON: Do they give you data logs, or do they just give you readings when they go out and read?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Just readings.

MR. PETERSON: They don't have data logs on them?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They have to do an individual data log on them if that's what you wanted. And that would be on each meter.

MR. SULLIVAN: Who's the engineer in Warren or Trumbull County.

MR. KOGELNIK: The sanitary engineer?

MR. CZECK: Holloway.

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

MR. KOGELNIK: The sanitary engineer?

MR. SULLIVAN: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, right now the acting sanitary engineer is Gary Newbrough.

MR. SULLIVAN: At one point he said well, why would I want to fix the I&I, it just costs us money.

MR. PETERSON: Well, that would make sense that he would say that.

MR. KOGELNIK: One thing about I&I, the public tries chasing I&I a lot. What did I just say, 70 and thirty. Is your 30 percent really that bad?

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I still go back to when we were tracking it, and yes it was.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It was 220 percent.

MR. KOGELNIK: Do you know that that's where the I&I is coming from, your public gravity sewer?

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't know where it was coming from. I just know it was costing us a quarter -- it was costing us what, 6,000 --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The I&I measurements, what we were billed compared to what we were billing for the same time frames, was 220 percent difference. We had CT go through this before.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well but seriously, do you still know that your leaks are coming from the pipes you own?

MR. SULLIVAN: No. That's why we've been screaming for six or eight years to find out where the leaks were.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. Well then, you're going to be -- would you like

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to pay for metering that's probably going to take up to four and five months, and you're probably going to have multiple meters.

MR. SULLIVAN: We've been screaming for eight years to find out where that was coming from.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. Well, I'm just telling you what you're going to be up against. If you have the appetite to go after this you're looking at spending a good amount of money metering. And that's just going to tell you where it's coming from, not -- it's not going to fix it. So, one thing that you can do that doesn't cost you anything is you can educate the public on what you're dealing with so that they can at least, you know, be told that we have rules and regs that prohibit clean water entry, okay. That doesn't cost you anything. But going forward, the next step -- someone mentioned smoke testing. Have you ever done smoke testing? That does reveal quite a bit.

MR. SULLIVAN: And Darren has done a limited amount.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. And so smoke testing doesn't really cost a whole lot, but it does take a lot of time.

MR. SULLIVAN: It takes manpower.

MR. KOGELNIK: He don't have the manpower.

MR. PETERSON: ARCAP will do smoke testing. Part of the class is you walk around the town and see where you see stuff. I can get you the contact for ARCAP and you can reach out to them and see if they're willing to do it. They didn't charge New Waterford anything to do it. If you want to pick an area --

MR. BIGGS: The problem with that is still finding the time. You got to find the gravity, we got to have the time, we got to notify all the residents. We got to give them a day. What they do -- it's not something that just pick a day and, you know. There's a lot involved in that.

MR. SULLIVAN: You got to notify them to be able to go into their homes, right?

MR. BIGGS: Well, we could be putting smoke in their homes. That's the whole point. And then if the smoke goes into the home, you know there's a problem. Then you tell them there's a problem, and then you guys need to enforce it somehow. Are you willing to enforce it somehow, you know what I mean? There's a whole lot involved in that, okay. We'll find it, but that might not be the solution. We got to be willing to follow through and -- I mean -- I'll get a hold of ARCAP or give me that, that's no problem. But --

MR. KOGELNIK: Does ARCAP also do dye testing?

MR. PETERSON: I don't know, I'd have to ask. I've never been there for something they did dye testing for.

MR. KOGELNIK: If you saw an area that was smoking or had suspected that's an area, next step is dye test, next test CCTV.

MR. SULLIVAN: What I would like to do is -- like Cindy said was 240 percent and then they changed something so that it wasn't showing anymore what it was doing, but there would be a way to go back and see what it is now; correct, Cindy?

MR. PETERSON: That would be the meters.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Here's what I could do, Mike. Just take exactly like we did before, like Chris said, and subtract out LEC usage and see where we're at. Since the study where we have the 220 I&I we -- then we connected LEC and Imperial Communities. So those are two big factors. So, if I can, I will try to do the same comparison within Imperial for what we've billed and what we've read with their meter and then also try to do the overall system. This is going to take some time simply because I don't know where I'm going to get the time. But I can work with maybe Becky and try to have her -- if I can get a worksheet established and something she could put the data into, maybe I can, you know, work it backward that way. Just to see where we are.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. And that would tell us if the -- financially if it would be worth chasing.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. When Lordstown Energy Center was down earlier this year it would have been -- we have the data, just going back and seeing if we can align it. The problem there is we have quarterly meter readings. But if we can try to align that it might give me an idea of what it was, you know, in

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that typical period of time.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's always the problem with chasing I&I is aligning data.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We don't have that flip a switch and get a meter reading at night on every meter we have, and that's what it would really take.

MR. PETERSON: That's how I track it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's what the metering is trying to do with water. And we can't even get other water meters, talking millions of gallons of difference, where the hell is these millions of gallons of water. It's just timing.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's what I said. How simple the example is for Imperial because the meters are right there, you're always looking at them.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. I'll send you the information, we'll --

MR. SULLIVAN: See what you can do.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Absolutely. They're in red on my list.

MR. PETERSON: Any other public comments? Seeing none --

**REPORTS:**

**1. Solicitor's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Reports. Solicitor's Report.

ATTY. RIES: No report. Oh no, I do have a question though. I saw on the bills last night there was a payment for Kirila. Are they all done with the valve replacement?

MR. KOGELNIK: They were substantially complete. We have an issue with two of the valves that they installed they are replacing, and I just got an update on that yesterday. So, once they install those two new valves they should be complete. As of right now, the application that you have, Matt, I think should only be everything except for 10 percent.

ATTY. RIES: Okay. So --

MR. SULLIVAN: That didn't cure the problem?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, but I'm going to talk about that in my report.

ATTY. RIES: So, we have a reimbursement agreement with TEC for 275. So, the attorney said send them to me either when you get the invoices or if we're paying, however the Village wants to do it. If the Village is going to pay the invoices and seek reimbursement, we can do it that way, or simply forward the invoice. I just want to know when the invoices are coming due so I can reach out to TEC.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The check for Kirila was cut today. I don't believe it's been mailed yet. But that was my list. I need CT's invoices to be completed if we're going to submit one bill to TEC for that.

ATTY. RIES: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. I'll get that after -- I'll get that tomorrow.

ATTY. RIES: I think it makes sense that we pay Kirila and CT and they reimburse that. That's the cleanest thing. We're following the appropriate steps. So once we get that amount just let me know and get me the documentation, and I'll send it to TEC's attorney. That's all I have.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Now Chris, is there going to be any additional charges or things associated with the broke valves and the inspection again that we weren't expecting originally?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, there should not be because the contractor and the manufacturer are absorbing all of that time and costs. All that we're doing is watching it goes from the contractor to the Village.

MR. PETERSON: So, are you going to have additional costs on your end?

MR. KOGELNIK: We're not going to have additional costs for what I just said. So we just need, if we haven't already, to submit our final invoice to Cindy and Bill.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Has the site restoration -- I know it's minimal, but is that complete?

MR. KOGELNIK: That's the 10 percent -- that's part of the 10 percent, in addition to the valves being replaced, that still needs to happen. But that's just a spot-check, Cindy.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: Bill just wanted an update. He asked.  
MR. KOGELNIK: All right.  
MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any questions for Matt? Seeing none --

## 2. Engineer's Report

MR. PETERSON: Engineer's Report.

MR. KOGELNIK: I submitted my report to you. I actually gave the same report to Council last night. I don't have to talk about anything else that we've already talked about, but the big priority is obviously the existing 24-inch water line. And Mike, like I said, the air release valve replacement did not solve the problem. And in fact, just the past couple of weeks we've determined that the last section of water line between the booster station on State Route 45 to the air release valve right in front of this building out front is where the problem is. Somewhere in there we have a pressure drop. We don't know where it's at because we don't have access to the line without digging it up and putting a port on. And so, to do that would cost a lot and we might not find the problem real quickly. We've got an idea. We're sitting on \$4.2 million U.S. E.P.A. grant. We could install a new water line in that 4,800 foot stretch that I just mentioned right next to the existing water line with that grant and we would still probably have a little bit of money left over.

MR. SULLIVAN: When we run the 24 down Salt Springs, would it hook into that?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes. So in essence, from the Village hall to State Route 45 booster station you would have two lines in the ground. And once we got the new line installed, then we can inspect and take apart the old line and find out what is wrong with it because then we could have both lines.

MR. PETERSON: You could feed through the other line and take the other one out of service.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes. So I've got a concept here that I'll give to Chris here that I've already talked it over with our staff and we've already run the numbers to verify that this is the stretch of water line that we would have to replace. So the good thing about this particular stretch of water line, the only -- we don't need any new easement.

MR. SULLIVAN: It's all Village property.

MR. KOGELNIK: State Route 45 is Village property.

MR. SULLIVAN: So it's all on this side of the road?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. And through that grant we would also install two interconnects, valve interconnects with the existing line so that when we do have we can switch over.

MR. SULLIVAN: The new line. And it becomes a redundant line.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yep.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris, did you say you felt the restriction in the line was between the Salt Springs Road railroad track and the --

MR. KOGELNIK: No, between the booster station on State Route 45, which is right at your tanks --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Uh-huh.

MR. KOGELNIK: -- and the air release valve right out in front of this building.

MR. PETERSON: We've eliminated it's the booster station, right?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, they gave me a memo today, my team gave me a technical memo, and that's why I'm presenting this idea to you. Now there's a whole lot of stuff you have to go through to access that U.S. E.P.A. money. You just went through that on the booster station. You'd have to do that same thing here.

MR. SULLIVAN: So then we wouldn't be able to do it on the booster station?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, you would use the money on the booster station too. So, you could pay for the booster station, the 50 percent on that, and you could pay for the 80 percent that U.S. E.P.A. will cover on that water line section. I seriously think you should consider this.

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MR. PETERSON: Darren, thoughts?

MR. BIGGS: I don't have any. I haven't seen this yet, Chris. I'm not going to give any thoughts until I look this over and actually think about it.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yep.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, I wouldn't -- that will not be tonight. I'll need time to actually look at this, Mike. I'm not going to make a decision on something this big sitting in a meeting.

MR. KOGELNIK: We just came up with this today.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, just give me some time. I mean, I just hate to give you a wrong opinion.

MR. SULLIVAN: It makes a lot of sense to me.

MR. KOGELNIK: We would also install a couple more valves and blow-off points.

MR. SULLIVAN: When do you need an answer?

MR. KOGELNIK: You're the decision-makers. You can take as long as you want. We just came up with this tonight. This is -- just to give you an understanding, I am pushing four people on this existing 24-inch water line to get this installed, and this is where we plan it. And we don't want to recommend -- we decided not to recommend adding additional hydrants in order to put gauges on and access points.

MR. SULLIVAN: That's less than four miles, isn't it?

MR. KOGELNIK: It's 4,800 lineal feet.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. That's -- we'll look over it and think about it.

MR. KOGELNIK: The only other thing that I have is we have a couple plan reviews that we're doing, one of which, like I said, was Foxconn. We got the strange PPEF information. They need to do more homework on it but yeah, everything else is predicated on the new booster station that we just talked about. I don't have any other questions or comments, but do you have any questions or comments?

MR. SULLIVAN: Did we end up with less than the four miles?

MR. KOGELNIK: The whole water line from the Niles connection to the tower location is approximately six.

MR. SULLIVAN: That's what it would be if we used the \$4.5 million?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, but you're in the going to -- the \$4.5 million wouldn't cover -- \$4.5 million would only cover another 1,000 on top of that.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. This is 4,000 feet or 4,800 feet, not four miles.

MR. KOGELNIK: Not four miles.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any questions for Chris? Seeing none --

**3. Utility Committee Report**

MR. PETERSON: Utility Committee Report.

MR. BOWEN: No report.

**4. Clerk's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Clerk's Report.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: All I had was what Matt asked in regards to the CT invoices for the Kirila payment and TEC's reimbursement. And then I also reminded you about Gemma's connection to the water system ending at the end of July in regards to water supply.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any questions for Cindy?

**5. Superintendent's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Superintendent's Report.

MR. BIGGS: Did everybody get the resume for summer help?

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MR. BIGGS: I put it in your box. I'd like to hire him for summer help. That's the only one we have, if we could get approval for that.

MR. PETERSON: Jacob Gearheart.

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**MR. SULLIVAN:** I make a motion that we hire Jacob Gearheart for the summer.

**MR. PETERSON:** Okay. Motion.

**MR. CZECK:** Second.

**MR. PETERSON:** Second. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

**MR. PETERSON:** Opposed?

(No response.)

**MR. PETERSON:** Motion passed. You're good to go.

**MR. BIGGS:** The -- Anthony, the other one, did Council have any issues with that?

**MR. PETERSON:** Council approved it last night.

**MR. BIGGS:** Okay. The only other thing I had is I did get quotes to try to get these yards done. They range from low 300s to low 500s, every one of them. So if you want a copy of it, I just got you an idea of how much somebody would charge us to do the yards.

**MR. CZECK:** How much total? How many yards are there? No, total dollar. How many yards do you have?

**MR. BIGGS:** Yeah, we might be at 13 now. It was more than that. I'm trying to think where we're at now between the numbers on there. I got -- yeah, there's 12 of them that I have on the list that they gave me quotes for. So at least that still need to be done. We added one today, we finished it, and we should have finished two others. That's where we're at now.

**MR. CZECK:** So you're talking five, six thousand dollars maybe total? Maybe. Three hundred, five hundred --

**MR. BIGGS:** A little bit less, but yeah.

**MR. CZECK:** Let's make a motion.

**MR. PETERSON:** Do you guys want to do -- you guys are getting them done yourselves?

**MR. BIGGS:** We're having trouble. We get them when we can. Between the weather, attendance, other things going on it's really hard for us to. I'd love to be able to.

**MR. SULLIVAN:** Do you want a motion not to exceed \$7,000.

**MR. BIGGS:** I'm sorry?

**MR. SULLIVAN:** Not to exceed \$7,000.

**MR. BIGGS:** We could do that. Because even if I picked or choose the harder ones we could get to once --

**MR. PETERSON:** I guess if somebody calls and complains you could send them out to do it. If your guys can get to it, you can.

**MR. BIGGS:** Exactly. And that's what we're doing now. If it means them getting in the driveway or my phone's ringing off the hook obviously they're getting a priority right now.

**MR. SULLIVAN:** Okay. We'll make a motion not to exceed \$7,000.

**MR. CZECK:** Second.

**MR. PETERSON:** All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

**MR. PETERSON:** Opposed?

(No response.)

**MR. PETERSON:** Motion passed.

**MR. BIGGS:** I think everything else was covered.

**MR. PETERSON:** Comp time for Mike.

**MR. BIGGS:** Huh?

**MR. PETERSON:** Comp time for Mike.

**MR. BIGGS:** Chris --

**MR. PETERSON:** You're fine. Mike Fuchilla submitted for comp time.

**MR. BIGGS:** You needed to make that official, don't you. I don't remember the date, Chris.

**MR. PETERSON:** I got it. I put it right in my phone when you told me for July 3 and 7. So I guess, can I have a motion?

**MR. SULLIVAN:** Motion.

**MR. PETERSON:** Second?

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MR. CZECK: Second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed. I have the paper here, so don't leave before signing it. Good, okay. Any questions for Darren? Seeing none --

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

MR. PETERSON: Member Comments. No member comments. Okay. So I guess we just need the motion for the executive -- I guess I'll do it. **I'll make a motion we go into executive session for discipline of an employee within the Water Department inviting the Mayor, Solicitor, the Board, and the Superintendent.**

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. PETERSON: Roll call please.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: First of all, who made the motion?

MR. PETERSON: I made -- or no, I made the motion. I'm sorry.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: Mike seconded it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Stanley Czeck.

MR. CZECK: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Mike Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You invited the Mayor, Solicitor --

MR. PETERSON: And Superintendent. No action afterwards.

(The Board enters into executive session at 5:30 p.m.)

(Mr. Sullivan makes a motion to end executive session at 5:59 p.m.

Mr. Czeck seconds. All in favor.)

(Mr. Peterson makes a motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Czeck seconds. All in favor.)

(Meeting adjourns at 6:00 p.m.)

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TRUMBULL COUNTY ) SS.

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

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

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk

Christopher Peterson, President