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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
**1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio**  
**March 13, 2023**  
**4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Robert Bond, Mr. Howard Sheely and Mr. Jamie Moseley,  
Village Council/Utilities Committee  
Mr. Tom Cowie, Imperial Communities  
Mr. Steve Remillard, Mr. Jihoon Kang, and Mr. Jewoo Cho,  
TAM  
Atty. Leo Puhalla, Sr. Marie Madeleine Iskandar, and  
Sister Samia Abou-Shakra, Antonine Sisters

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 13th of March, 2023.

MR. PETERSON: I'd like to welcome everybody to the meeting. Please stand for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

MR. PETERSON: Approval and correction of the minutes for -- we'll do December 20, 2022 first.  
MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion to accept -- what's the date?  
MR. PETERSON: December 20, 2022.  
MR. SULLIVAN: December 20, 2022.  
MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second that.  
MR. PETERSON: All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)  
MR. PETERSON: All opposed?  
(No response.)  
MR. PETERSON: Motion passed. January 25, 2023 4PM meeting.

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MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make a motion to approve those minutes.

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: All opposed?

(No response.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris, just for the record that's the 4:00 meeting. We had two meetings that day, so that was the 4:00 p.m. meeting.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MR. PETERSON: Any correspondence?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MR. PETERSON: Public Comments. Anybody--

MR. REMILLARD: Good afternoon. My name is Steve Remillard from Trumbull Asset Management Company. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the Board today. I represent Trumbull Energy Center. I'm here with a couple of my colleagues, the CEO and one of the other directors. But we just want to follow-up. We sent some information in about the proposed sanitary connection for the Trumbull Energy Center, wanted to make sure that you received that, and to see if there were any questions or comments about it and really talk about the next steps. We had given some of the information to Chris Kogelnik. He suggested getting in contact with you and passing that along.

MR. SULLIVAN: Chris.

MR. KOGELNIK: So if I can speak, Steve. There is two -- well, there's one point of connection that Steve has outlined, which is the sanitary -- the existing Trumbull County sanitary sewer on State Route 45. And that is on the east side of the road, correct? And so he's proposing to connect the domestic waste water lateral from the Trumbull Energy Center, which is probably gonna be the location of the building with the offices --

MR. REMILLARD: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: -- and control room or whatever, to the Trumbull County sanitary sewer. Now there's probably -- according to Mr. Siderewicz who programmed this project or got it kicked off, there was gonna be something on the order of I believe it was 20 to 30 full-time employees at that facility. And I don't think that that's going to increase or decrease that much. That's the amount of people that are gonna occupy this facility. So the waste water coming from this facility through that lateral is gonna be sort of minimal. It's not gonna be anything that's gonna be the industrial blow-down that we saw during LEC or anything like that. So the connection could go quite simply to Trumbull County sanitary sewers, which would have to be approved by the Board first and then, you know, permitted and authorized by Trumbull County Sanitary Engineers. Or the BPA is gonna have to come up with an idea as to where else Trumbull County should connect their sanitary sewer lateral up to. And right now the Village doesn't own an existing sanitary sewer in the immediate area that has a clear path for connection. There is an existing sanitary sewer that drains just about everything from LEC which goes south towards Hallock Young Road. You'd need to get -- we would have to determine if we have the right. Anyways, we have to determine if we have the legal right to just authorize Trumbull Energy Center to connect that lateral up to our sanitary sewer line or not. Right now that sewer line was preserved basically for the exclusive use of LEC's waste water.

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So there's an easy path here to Trumbull County for a minimal connection, or there's a more detailed path that you would have to prescribe to your sanitary sewer.

MR. SULLIVAN: Where does that leave us on the drainage from the plant?

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, that's what I'm -- we don't know right now what the -- what Ohio E.P.A. is gonna do for that. Steve, this is something that the Ohio E.P.A. is determining right now, whether or not LEC would be granted an NPTS permit. And so there's a decision being made whether or not that might allow for some capacity to be freed up in that sanitary sewer. If that were the case, the Village wants to probably put more than one connection to that existing sanitary sewer. So I'll be honest with you, right now this is a small connection. Probably the best course of action in this particular case is to connect to the County's sanitary sewer rather than your Village sanitary sewer.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I just would be concerned that when -- if it comes to the point where they're gonna dispose the water from the plant, what sewer --

MR. KOGELNIK: Why, I don't think -- if this were a much bigger volume --

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't have a problem with it here. I just have a problem in the future.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. So at this point in time for this exclusive use that's what I would recommend. It's the simplest course of action to take, and it's one that's probably not gonna get anybody in trouble with regards to the connection. And the County does have the capacity for that few customers. That's what I have to say there.

MR. PETERSON: Do you have any questions?

MR. CAMPBELL: We have a meeting next week. We can make an official decision.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, I think that would be --

MR. CAMPBELL: If you want to add to the agenda. If there aren't any other questions, I think I have everything I need.

MR. KOGELNIK: I think the Board should press the Ohio E.P.A. for that decision though on that ruling for LEC because Ohio E.P.A. promised they would get us that decision summer of last year. We need that decision so that we can plan our future for wastewater. Thank you.

MR. PETERSON: We'll let you know after next week's meeting.

MR. REMILLARD: Appreciate it very much.

(At this time, Mr. Remillard leaves the meeting.)

MR. PETERSON: Any other public comments?

ATTY. PUHALLA: The Antonine Sisters, number 4. I realized mine would be better at the end.

MR. SULLIVAN: You should do it now.

ATTY. PUHALLA: You prefer that I do it now? We're number 4. I just wanted to make sure I didn't miss my opportunity, that's all.

MR. PETERSON: You're on the agenda. Any other public comments? Seeing none --

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A Resolution amending and restating Resolution No. 2022-1 creating temporary, seasonal, part-time summer positions within the Water and Sewer Department of the Village of Lordstown for the 2023 season and declaring an emergency.**

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MR. PETERSON: New Business. First item, a Resolution amending and restating Resolution No. 2022-1 creating temporary, seasonal, part-time summer positions within the Water and Sewer Department of the Village of Lordstown for the 2023 season and declaring an emergency. Questions or comments?

MR. SULLIVAN: Make a motion we support.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second that.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Resolution passed.

**2. A Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown accept a perpetual right-of-way and exclusive permanent easement for public utilities from George R. Ebling, Jr., (unmarried).**

MR. PETERSON: Second item, Resolution of the Board of Public Affairs of the Village of Lordstown recommending that the Village of Lordstown accept a perpetual right-of-way and exclusive permanent easement for public utilities from George R. Ebling, Jr. Any discussion, questions on that? All right. I'll make a motion to accept it.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

**3. A Resolution recommending that Village Council authorize the Village of Lordstown to enter into an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency generator grant agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to accept an emergency generator equipment grant award.**

MR. PETERSON: Item number 3, a Resolution recommending that Village Council authorize the Village of Lordstown to enter into an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency generator grant agreement with the Ohio Environmental protection Agency to accept an emergency generator equipment grant award. Questions or comments? Darren, do you want to say anything about this or --

MR. BIGGS: I applied for this grant and it got accepted. But it's reimbursable, so we have to pay for it up front. I believe the cost was \$48,794. That includes the generator and the switch-over, the automatic switch-over which the E.P.A. required. And then we would need to pay an electrician after that to get everything hooked up. But it's reimbursable, so we have to come up with it if we want to get a generator for the Pritchard-Ohltown booster station.

MR. PETERSON: Motion to accept. I'll make the motion.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor.

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed.

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed. Item number 4 --

MR. CAMPBELL: Do we want to sign all those?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: If you just want to do it after the meeting that's fine.

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MR. CAMPBELL: Just don't forget.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I marked it down.

#### 4. Antonine Village Phase 2 Expansion Water Line

MR. PETERSON: Item number 4, the Antonine Village Phase 2 Expansion Water Line.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Thank you. I apologize, I didn't want to miss my opportunity to speak earlier. My name's Leo Puhalla. I'm an attorney here in the Mahoning Valley. I want to, first of all, thank the Board for giving me an opportunity to speak on behalf of the Antonine Sisters, Antonine Village, Antonine Adult Day Care, and Antonine Therapy Center. Antonine Village is in the process of expanding its facility out on Lipkey Road. I brought a couple things that I'm gonna share with you that honestly might make your life a little easier. I don't know how much everyone knows, just so you can understand what I'm referring to. You'll see on North Lipkey Road there's a light blue dotted line. That's I guess north -- the north oriented. That water line has been in the road since 1995 in the public right-of-way when Antonine Adult Day Care was constructed. In 2013 Antonine Village was installed. So the Sisters' ministries -- I'll use that as a generic term -- have been receiving water through that line since 1995, and then it increased the capacity in 2013 when the Antonine Village came on Board. The Sisters are in the process of expanding Antonine Village, which you can see there's a little note that says building construction area. And there is going to be a need for an additional about 400 feet of water line right in front of their structure. But the reason why I'm here today is it's the light blue dotted line oriented to the north. From what I understand -- and I'm not an engineer, I'll defer to those people with those expertise -- that the water line that is the light blue line, it's a problem line for lack of a better term. It's not been able to hold sufficient pressure. So when the Sisters expand their ministries, there's not gonna be enough pressure because of the problems with that line to service fire suppression and things of that nature. So the question came up okay, well that line needs to be replaced. And then the question has been raised -- and I'm relatively new to the matter -- is to the owner of that line. I've spoken with Mr. Dutton, Mr. Ries about what we're sharing today. From what I understand, the Village is saying we don't have an ordinance adopting that line so we're not too sure if it's our line. The Sisters and I are here today to try to work something out if we can. This is not -- I'm not looking for an adversarial relationship, I'm really just trying to lay the foundation saying what can we do as a collective group going forward. That line has been fixed, as I understand it, throughout the years by the Village. It's been fixed four times, I've been told, over the last 12 months. And in fact the line, once it comes down it turns light blue, and then it says end of existing water line. It goes -- there's a little driveway. Recently within the last 12 months the Village has fixed the line within about 10 feet in the public easement because there was another problem with it. The water meter at issue, which is the second thing I want to share with you folks, is actually installed inside Antonine Village. The water meter in and of itself is actually inside the building that the Sisters constructed in 1995. I just took a series of pictures. You see the line is there. And in fact, the Village came in early last year, 2021, if you designate through the pictures you'll see there was a box they actually must have been putting in, putting in a new meter, you see the meter was addressed to the Village here at Salt Springs Road. The blue one shows that it was installed in February 11, 2021 or shipped on that date and installed shortly thereafter. The next picture back was the picture I was referring to where it came onto

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the property of the Sisters to fix it. And there's just a series of pictures. If you look down part of it's on the Sisters' property, part of it's looking north on Lipkey Road to show how it's been replaced. The dirt has been unearthed and the grass isn't growing because of the various repairs. So the question has come up as to okay, who exactly owns the line. 1995 I wasn't around, I'll admit, so I can't say I have actually institutional knowledge. But so I started looking at what are the rules and regulations that the Village has because that's what's supposed to govern where we're at. So the last time -- I will approach you gentlemen to share something with you. I'll tell you what this is just to give you a little idea. What I gave to you are just, I guess, the applicable excerpts from what I found online from the Village of Lordstown's regulations. And Atty. Ries and I chatted about this, and I chatted with Mr. Dutton as well, trying to get some context as to how do we figure out ownership of the line. I recognize the issue with the ordinance or the absence of an ordinance. But just looking at the rules, the rules seem to indicate that if the service line is 199 feet or less, then the meter is supposed to be inside the building. If the service line is less than -- or greater than 199 feet, it's supposed to be in a pit in the public right-of-way. So what I really just shared with you was what I just summarized. And the second piece of paper says the Village sets where the meter goes. The meter in question is inside the building. I believe that is evidence that the line in question that, for which there's no ordinance, is not a service line but rather a main because otherwise the meter should be out in the pit because it exceeds the 199 feet. Since the meter's inside the building the water line, in my opinion, is a main, the line from the road to the building is a service line. I'm not here to -- I don't want to -- as I indicated before, I'm here to say we would love to have a sit-down now that it's formally before the Board saying what can we do, maybe collectively to try to move the ball forward. The Sisters have a long history of servicing the community. I know my office was even involved in 2017, the Village needed some transportation issues. I have a file where the Sisters' adult day care provided transportation to the Village. So we've worked with each other in the past and extending an offer, and I hope that you accept it to say can we please sit down -- I don't expect it to be resolved today, but I would love the opportunity to sit down and see what we can perhaps do together to resolve this issue. Thank you for your time. I'm happy to answer any questions.

MR. PETERSON: Does anybody have any questions?

MR. CAMPBELL: So these are our current regulations, correct? You don't happen to have any from 1995.

ATTY. PUHALLA: I can't say that I have. I may have to ask the clerk.

MR. CAMPBELL: The point of reference being you were referencing how long ago it was installed. It would be more appropriate --

ATTY. PUHALLA: I understand completely. I just went with what was available. I don't know if you have records that far back in the clerk's office or not. I can see if the law library has them.

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't believe we do have any records showing --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't know. I can't speak for what's up there, what's not up there. I know these were just revised like in 2000 or 2001 that incorporated a lot of that language. I can go back and see what was in place and what I do have, but --

MR. PETERSON: Would these be effective still outside the Village since Council --

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: These are bylaws for our water customers. The -- it all starts with Council accepting them or allowing us to accept them as a customer. As far as the purchasing of the meter that he referenced, we buy all the meters, the customer is charged and then they pay for the meter. So I'm sure if we look at the account we'll see that they were invoiced for that meter. We don't buy anybody's meter except normal residential meters. I mean, that's all I can speak on the matter.

MR. KOGELNIK: If I may. Mr. Puhalla, it's been some time since I talked to you. Anyway, what communication have you had with Mahoning County regarding the matter?

ATTY. PUHALLA: I can't say I have had any. I'm relatively new. Just before the last meeting I spoke with Mr. Ries and Mr. Dutton, so I can't share a whole lot of light on that unfortunately.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. We'd wonder also what information the County has regarding the water line, because anybody in an external community to the community that's providing the service would most likely have to enter into an agreement at a minimum, you know, to extend a water line. And extensions of water lines were required a permit to obtain back in the early nineties, if not late eighties. And so we've done a file review at the Ohio E.P.A. office and I think we came up with nothing regarding that, which I thought was surprising unto itself. But you know, you're stating that the Antonine Sisters' facility was served, and that's true, and you also have an expansion. We'd wonder, okay, well how much more water are we gonna be providing to the Antonine Sisters, et cetera.

ATTY. PUHALLA: I'd have to defer to the architects who can answer that because I recognize it's an issue of service but also as has a corresponding effect of revenue for the Village as well.

MR. KOGELNIK: Plus the Village has to assure the customers in Mahoning County that they do have the adequate capacity to serve.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: Both in wastewater and in service. So we have some responsibility to exchange with one another.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: And I do think it's great that you're wanting to work this out because it needs to be worked out. That's an important facility that needs water and reliable water. But it needs to be done right, otherwise it's not a sustainable piece of --

ATTY. PUHALLA: And that's why I'm here today. And I appreciate you folks giving me the time, I really do. I recognize I'm new to it, you've been around long. I'm just trying to open up a dialogue to say can we somehow figure out a way to skin the cat to get the job done, to build something going forward.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I think the big picture is -- it's very complicated. This Board handles the decisions within the boundaries of the Village of Lordstown. This is actually outside, so we have our Utility Committee who are also sitting right there. So that's where it kind of --

ATTY. PUHALLA: It's gotta take the next step.

MR. CAMPBELL: And to top it off, it's a different county, it's from Trumbull to Mahoning County. And if we're gonna clean it up, it really needs to be looked at from --

ATTY. PUHALLA: And I didn't think we would get --

MR. CAMPBELL: We need a good solid line, we need ownership of it, whatever it needs to be worked out.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Going forward so there's no issues. And I did not have any intentions of getting it resolved today. I just wanted to A) introduce myself, and B) say maybe can we set up more of a, quote, working

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meeting to see what do we need to do to see if there's some resolution on an amicable basis going forward.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think Chris is right, we -- if you set that meeting up you do need somebody from Mahoning County.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Have you guys been working with Mahoning County at all on the project? I'd assume from the --

ARCHITECT: We've submitted -- because that's Mahoning County Building Department, so they've reviewed everything. They've also reviewed the sanitary because there's a lift station actually on the property that was built in 2013 to service their property actually when we expanded the Antonine Village. So all of those have been reviewed, permitted, et cetera for sanitary and building. Kind of just the hold up is the water at this point. So expanding. We have an existing meter for the Village, we're putting in an additional meter for Phase 2 for the Village. Due to the capacity of the line going into the existing Village, we have the capacity for the building. So we're just kind of bringing in another service to give that capacity for the addition.

MR. PETERSON: I think there's an issue on the sewer side too, correct Chris?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, there is. We just need to know what Mahoning County's footprint of operation and maintenance is on that sanitary sewer. You know, in between the Antonine Sisters and the Village there's some space, and that space might become developable. And so we would request from Mahoning County what do you intend to do with that section from Lordstown's corporate boundary line to the point where the Antonine --

ATTY. PUHALLA: And a lot of that space is actually owned by the Maronite Center, the big swatch of land from I guess it's called -- it's not before Austintown Warren Road but --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Gladstone?

ATTY. PUHALLA: Not Lipkey, but you come off of Lipkey and go down towards --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yerke Young.

ATTY. PUHALLA: A large chunk of that land is owned by a church. I would be very surprised, having represented religious entities, they are selling off a lot of that land to put in houses or strip houses. But your point is very well-taken.

MR. KOGELNIK: So at the workshop session, if we can arrive at that session with some knowledge about what the county is forecasting for that section of water line, sanitary sewer, the Village can have an expectation as to, you know, what is agreed to here.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: But I wouldn't be surprised, as I've talked with Mr. Atty. Ries there, there would have to be some retroactive agreements put in place for this because we need a path forward. If there were a Village water line and we had access to that water line, clear access, we would be able to go out for funding to replace that water line or upsize that water line. But right now at this point we have no legal right to that water line.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Those are the issues that I spoke with Mr. Dutton, de jure versus de facto, as to who owns it. I understand what you're saying, you need to be able to demonstrate from a legal perspective whether that's a finding, I don't know. Just I appreciate your insights, I really do. And you folks as well just giving me the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Sisters to say what can we do collectively to try to move the ball forward. I agree with you, it needs to be a permanent fix so that the issues are not there on a going-forward basis.



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MR. SULLIVAN: And I know that back when there was discussion about that and they said that Mahoning County had to be involved. And there was nine houses from the Lordstown line to the church. And I don't know if they ever tied in or whatever happened with that amount.

ATTY. PUHALLA: And that might be part of what you're referring to, the due diligence, to get an idea of capacity perspective.

MR. CAMPBELL: Is there anything the Utility wanted to bring up since you're here?

MR. BOND: I've heard nothing -- flows of water, flows of sewage. How many beds are you going to --

(At this time, several conversations began to happen at the same time, rendering the dialogue inaudible. The court reporter stopped the proceedings to ask speakers to identify themselves and speak one at a time.)

MR. BOND: I don't know anything about the flows. I think we're also supposed to contact Warren to see if they have the sewer capacity, aren't we, on new customers.

MR. KOGELNIK: For right now, Mahoning County has a permit. I reviewed the job back in 2014 for Mahoning County on the sanitary, so their sanitary is permitted for today's flows. To your point about tomorrow's or future flows for the expansion, we would need to determine whether or not there's capacity. There's gonna be capacity for the amount of beds they stated that they would add on. That won't be an issue. But at least to your point, the I's need dotted, the T's need crossed, and we'll have to do that.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Gentlemen, thank you for your time.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris, did they resubmit the PPE?

MR. KOGELNIK: The PPEF form is the preliminary planning and evaluation form which memorializes how much flow, how much water you're gonna need, how much wastewater you're gonna generate. Did you do that?

ARCHITECT: Yes, I sent it to Cindy.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You sent the original, but it didn't answer any of the questions that you had in regard to --

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll review it one more time and we'll get -- I'll kick out a real quick response so the next time we do meet I'll have it.

ARCHITECT: I didn't see the questions that came from him if there were missing --

MR. KOGELNIK: I might not have.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I believe he just said it doesn't answer the questions that needed to be answered.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll have to answer or respond to you exactly.

ARCHITECT: Sure. I'll give you my contact information.

ATTY. RIES: And I'll add, we don't have the legislative authority to act or do anything right now. It would have to be retroactive. We've discussed that then. And not just on our end, we would have to go back with a resolution initially from Mahoning County, go through the E.P.A. approval process and come back to Village Council for approval. It would have to go back to square one. But it's not something that's solely within our hands.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Just trying to get the ball started, I appreciate that.

MR. CAMPBELL: So where does it go from here? Who should do what I guess is the best --

ATTY. RIES: We need to start with Mahoning County and find out

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what records we have. We don't have anything, the E.P.A. doesn't have anything, so we need to see if there was ever a resolution passed with Mahoning County to permit that extension into their jurisdiction; and if not, how they are currently treating with the sewage facility, how they're treating it down there. So we need to start with Mahoning County to find out. If they don't have anything, then we need to follow the Ohio Revised Code basically where they seek approval or Jackson Township Antonine Sisters seek approval to extend -- for the water line to be extended into the outside of our jurisdiction into Mahoning County, they approve it, Ohio E.P.A. would then have to issue a permit for it, and at that time it would come before the BPA for the recommendation.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's called the 307.

ATTY. RIES: I believe the BPA would make the recommendation. The Village Council would have to ultimately approve it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And for the record, I looked for that resolution for that purpose like we have for the new home that's going on to see if one existed for the BPA to recommend to Council in 1995-96 when that was done, and I could not find anything. I went back into the resolutions for Council, Council resolutions and/or ordinances and could not find anything.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: So at this point is it upon them to do this work or is it upon -- who's it been on our end to -- I know Cindy's done a lot of work and I know Chris has already done a lot of work, and we've come up with nothing.

MR. KOGELNIK: I would suggest that it be this group here with Mahoning County to report back to us at a next meeting so that we can understand hey, they did find something or they didn't and then react to that. The onus is on their part right now. The water line to serve is into Mahoning County.

MR. CAMPBELL: I just wanted to make sure that we left this meeting with a direction.

MR. SULLIVAN: And you said our next meeting, we got a meeting next week. I wouldn't think that would give them enough time.

ATTY. PUHALLA: That might be a little rough. I don't know how fast Mahoning County will move. Cindy, you probably know better than I do.

MR. SULLIVAN: Once you get the information contact us, and we can do a special meeting.

ATTY. PUHALLA: That's kind of you, sir.

MR. PETERSON: Chris, how long with the funding would it take to get into place, just so they understand.

MR. KOGELNIK: Since this is an existing water line, the easiest route would be OPWC. It is geared for replacement of -- replacement of existing infrastructure that's publicly owned. If we had that ownership, we would have done that application already. So that's been the conundrum. Right now the next application that would be submitted would be the end of August. The Village wouldn't get the money for that project until July 1 of next year. So speed is everything here because you have a development you want to build, purportedly they have an existing facility that if something should happen with the water line they would be without water and nobody wants that. So I am unauthorized on this job right now, but I tell you one thing is there's an importance here to get that water line replaced as soon as possible. This is only a 400 foot section of water line, there's almost four or five band-aids on it right now. There's a level -- there's a degree of importance here.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, I just wanted you -- we're a

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year-and-a-half probably.

ATTY. PUHALLA: I get that. We're trying to get it to the point where the line can be replaced. I recognize all of the things you gentlemen have articulated. So at least we know the line's been replaced so they can finish what they are starting on now. We know there's fire suppression for what's already bricks and mortar with people already in there, so there's a safety issue there. So just trying to get the ball going forward. But thank you for your time, I really appreciate it.

MR. PETERSON: Thank you, and we'll keep in touch. And yeah, at the April meeting then was your intention?

ATTY. PUHALLA: If I can get something faster I will absolutely, but --

MR. PETERSON: We have a meeting next week, so if you can get it by then --

ATTY. PUHALLA: Cindy can speak better than I can how fast Mahoning County will move. And I won't hold my breath.

MR. KOGELNIK: Leo, we could give you our contact information. In between then we can exchange what you have and so you don't -- so when we come to the meeting we know what we're doing quicker.

ATTY. PUHALLA: Absolutely.

MR. PETERSON: When were you guys requesting water for the expansion? How close are you guys to --

ATTY. PUHALLA: I'll defer to the architect.

ARCHITECT: We're probably only a couple months away from really needing it to be completely complete with our addition done, done.

MR. PETERSON: Have you guys made any -- I know you guys haven't talked much to Mahoning County -- any application to the E.P.A. for any kind of extension or anything?

ARCHITECT: No, not for -- not for the extension just because this kind of got muddied up I guess you could say, for lack of better terms, for existing lines before being able to actually expand it.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Anything else?

ATTY. PUHALLA: Thank you again. Appreciate it.

MR. PETERSON: Thank you.

## 5. Engineering Retainer

MR. PETERSON: Item number 5, Engineering Retainer. Did everybody get that e-mail of the proposed -- Chris, do you want to --

MR. KOGELNIK: All right. So I have submitted my 2023 engineering retainer to the Village Council and to the Village BPA. The services are described in the retainer. Does anybody have any questions about what they would be getting from me and my company?

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't.

MR. PETERSON: Do you have any questions? Was it outlined in there exactly what the services were or just --

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. PETERSON: I know I talked to Ron, and he said you were defining that a little bit.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well the only thing that I have to redefine for Village Council, and I promise to do that, for the Village Council. They want the County Engineer to address and take care of all of the local roads, and then they want me to take care of and manage the federal aid routes in the Village, State Route 45, Salt Springs Road, Hallock Young Road and the like, Ellsworth-Bailey. So that's what I promised them I would do. So that's just one edit in the agreement. That edit doesn't affect anything that's BPA related because we're water and sanitary sewer. So you know,

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one of the biggest things that I can tell you that my service is gonna resolve around is funding and seeking more funding for your improvements that we recommended in your master water plan. So I mean, one of those improvements is gonna be with this water line that we're talking about. This is a small improvement, but we need to do these things in a more fluent manner and get them done. So that's gonna be the bulk of my service, in addition to obviously design and construction services for the water improvements and same thing for sanitary sewer.

MR. CAMPBELL: So how does that -- because I -- the only thing I can relate it to is like our Solicitor's retainer. So this is along the same kind of lines. Does that fall just under Council to approve, or do we have a part of that? That's where I'm a little confused, Chris.

MR. KOGELNIK: So I broke it down. There's a BPA fee in there and there's also a Council fee because I report to both bodies.

MR. CAMPBELL: You do.

MR. KOGELNIK: And I go to both meetings, and I answer questions and follow-up with both entities. And so the scope of the work that was written in there is written the same as it was with the Council for the BPA, all right. So there's no difference there. It was just that it's one document, two signatures, two different fees.

MR. SULLIVAN: So we could accept you as our engineer and Council could not, or they could go with --

MR. KOGELNIK: It is possible, but that's not the most effective way to use my time.

MR. SULLIVAN: I understand that.

MR. PETERSON: It's one document so we need to do it united since I assume --

MR. SULLIVAN: That's what I was trying to figure out, if we should make a motion here now to accept you or we wait for Council.

MR. PETERSON: Are you still making revisions with Council?

MR. KOGELNIK: I have to make that one roadway recision for Ron Radka, Council President, and submit that to them. If you want to wait until the next Council meeting --

MR. PETERSON: Well, we have a meeting next week.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Clerk Blank said exactly what Chris said, the exception is with Trumbull County for the roads and then federal funding would be for Chris. They are not items that impact the BPA, like Chris stated. I would say the signature here is from the Mayor, it does not ask for the BPA. But I think it would be important for the BPA to express to Council that they would like to enter into this agreement even by motion so when it does come up for their next meeting they know that you support this.

**MR. SULLIVAN: So I'll make a motion we accept CT as our engineer.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: Retainer.**

**MR. SULLIVAN: Retainer.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: Okay, I'll second that.**

**MR. PETERSON: Any more discussion? All in favor?**

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. PETERSON: All opposed?**

**(No response.)**

MR. KOGELNIK: Thank you.

MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, Chris.

## 6. GIS Proposal

MR. PETERSON: Item number 6, the GIS Proposal. You're up

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again.

MR. KOGELNIK: do you want me to elaborate on it?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: So this also is a document and a proposal to both entities, Board of Public Affairs, Lordstown Council, and also specifically regarding Council the planning department. The request initially came by way of Darren and Kellie Bordner and also Cindy a little bit regarding a request to print out certain maps that the Village has which we're privy to. We've got all those documents. We've been the Village Engineer since the late nineties, and so we have a lot of records there. What we propose to do, aside from just simply printing whatever however, like for example printing on 11 by 17, printing on 24 by 36 -- sometimes it's a chore to find those old drawings and documents because anything older than five years at CT we don't really archive that. So to unarchive it we have to open a request to unarchive it. What we propose to do is create a GIS map that's online that all users in the Village can use, password protected of course, that the Village BPA, Village Council and the planning department can access that GIS map. The GIS map would obviously have the roads, the property lines, the important elements such as sanitary, water, and also land use mapping, existing land use, proposed land use so that you could just click on an entity like a water line or a manhole and up will come the relevant old drawings so that you can have immediate access to those drawings and those permit pieces of information so you can print it however you want, whenever you want. That's where this all started from. So as I stated, Council and BPA sort of have some skin in the game here as -- so I think how we've worked these things out before where Council and BPA shared responsibility, you split the cost. So the cost is reasonable from what I have seen on other GIS maps produced in our communities. It's up to you to approve it, but that's the arrangement which I thought it should be in. You can ask me to edit it and I probably can do that.

MR. PETERSON: Did everybody get a chance to look over what he sent us, or do you guys need more time to look it over?

MR. SULLIVAN: I read it.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: So do you kind of understand what this might look like as you're sitting there at your computer. If you pull up the Trumbull County Auditor's map it's a GIS map. And with that you get specific pieces of information. We're not suggesting that all of that would be the same on yours; but Darren, he does have a GIS map and he uses it mainly for probably only water. Right?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: But you do have it for some for sanitary.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well the system that you're using, that could be fed into it.

MR. BIGGS: Right, right.

MR. CAMPBELL: All this stuff we've been using for the last four or five years, it's ready to go and just populate it in there.

MR. KOGELNIK: The neat thing is with GIS maps you can add on to them. But you know it's like anything, if you don't use it it's kind of a forgotten tool. But in this particular case, because you do have a growing Village, you're constantly referring to old maps and pieces of information so that you can understand where things were left off. In the Village of Lordstown I'm forever doing that. If I wasn't a pack rat with the information that, you know, we've gathered since the nineties I'd be lost. So I'm actually gonna benefit from this system as well.

MR. PETERSON: Darren, did you have anything to add or --

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MR. BIGGS: Me? Personally I'd like to know a little bit more about it, maybe talk with Chris again about it. And I know briefly we've talked and I read that over real quick, you know, his proposal with it. I'm just trying to figure out how that's gonna help us seeing we already have one.

MR. CAMPBELL: Would he be able to feed directly into that? What I'm getting at, we can set that up, he has his running. At some point do you get that information into it?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. So Darren's got an alignment for his water system, and we would merge that water system's alignment into our map.

MR. CAMPBELL: So if he does stuff it would be right in there?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: Let us -- there's definitely some things he needs.

MR. PETERSON: You would be using it every day.

MR. KOGELNIK: Cindy would use it a lot.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: From the Clerk for the Board and assisting upstairs, when I have those requests we're going digital, we're trying to get rid of the paper. And what he's offering is I can take those piles off the filing cabinet because it's gonna be right there, I can forward it or print it right there. For records purposes that room is constantly being purged, and if something gets purged at least going from this date forward, those records in that GIS we at least know that's a back-up. We're constantly saying where is your back-up and the BPA what's your back-up. Everybody asks what's the next step, what's the next step. I think this is an example, this is a tool, and I do think we would use it.

MR. KOGELNIK: The best use of this is when you get new staff because then they can pull up the map and, you know, become more acquainted with the lay of the ground in Lordstown with water and sanitary.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. I don't have any questions.

MR. PETERSON: Darren, do you want to work with Chris and get your questions answered and let us know.

MR. BIGGS: If I could. I would like to make a more informed decision if you don't -- Chris, are you in a hurry that we can't?

MR. KOGELNIK: No. This is for you guys.

MR. PETERSON: Is a week enough time?

MR. BIGGS: Yep.

MR. PETERSON: Any other New Business?

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Ultium Cells - Turn Lane Improvements**

MR. PETERSON: Seeing none, Old Business. Ultium Cells Turn Lane Improvements, item 1.

MR. KOGELNIK: That signal is just about ready. The temporary signal is just about ready to go to Main Lite for construction which is good.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That was on there because initially the water line -- is that part of it resolved?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, the water line is not gonna be impacted.

MR. PETERSON: Is it something we can take off the agenda then?

MR. KOGELNIK: You can take that of there. I am not a proponent of moving the water line to put the signal in. If we have to, we'll move the sanitary force main that the County owns. I've stated that before.

**2. Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line Improvements**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item 2, proposed Hallock Young Road Water

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Line Improvement. Chris.

MR. KOGELNIK: The design is virtually complete. We're ready to go to permit application right now on it. And we did meet last Tuesday I think it was with Foxconn and we requested a letter of support for the ARC funding. I called them today or -- yeah, today and reminded them they still owe us that letter. We need that letter of support when I go to do the funding application in April. I would rather have it now. I don't want to have to scurry around looking for letters of support in April.

MR. SULLIVAN: I talked to the Mayor and requested that he get the state senator and the state rep, and he said he'd have them at our next meeting. I don't know if he's followed through with that or not.

MR. KOGELNIK: I have been talking with the Mayor and suggesting he needs to get them.

MR. SULLIVAN: Are they coming in?

MR. KOGELNIK: I've been talking with the Mayor suggesting that he needs to get those letters.

MR. PETERSON: Are there any other letters that you're waiting for?

MR. KOGELNIK: There's a pile of them. I've listed them all out for everybody. I cannot go out and get all these letters, I need your help. You know, my scope of service was not to go out and get all sorts of letters of support. I've been drafting letters of support, sending them out. I need BPA and Utility Committee to start doing some of this.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I will report that I did send a letter to Shane McMillan at the Regional Chamber and Thomas Gallagher with Ultium. But and they both said to me we'll get the letter, but I just can't get the letter. I have not had any response except send me a sample letter. So those are the two entities that I was permitted to reach out to and I --

MR. KOGELNIK: I will tell you this, there's some new information that we just discussed on Friday. The Mayor and I talked, and actually if it wasn't for my other funding experts at CT I wouldn't have even known that Congressman Joyce had a request announced. And so over the weekend I put in a request for the Village for your -- the 24-inch water line coming in from Niles and also the water booster station replacement. So that request was for \$4 million. And I already did get a response from Congressman Joyce's office so I have to edit a few documents, submit whatever letters of support I have gathered so they will consider the request. So that does not include the 4 million gallon water storage tank and it does not include the Hallock Young water line. We want do the Hallock Young water line as a federal-funded project because it's already gonna get federal funding. You can't match federal with federal, so that's why we couldn't do Hallock Young water line with that. And we've already gotten Ohio E.P.A. with your WSLRA for the tank. So that's why I peeled those two out. Keep in mind, Congressman Joyce's request, their threshold is \$5 million; we asked for around 14. So we know we're gonna, you know, be cut down on that.

MR. SULLIVAN: How about state, is there any state funding?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yep. We already nominated you for state. Ohio E.P.A., WSLRA, we nominated for all of it. Just in the event we didn't get any of it at least you have the WSLRA loan.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Do you guys want to review the e-mail that he sent and see what we can do to maybe -- and maybe Bob, did you see that e-mail too?

MR. BOND: Yes, I do.

MR. PETERSON: Try to coordinate with you and guess what we can

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MR. BOND: I would try to get the rest of the committee and --

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the 24-inch water line committee as well. Also I did talk to them down at the Regional Chamber about getting a letter to help with that. One of the people it was suggested to was the Green Project, but no one knows who it is. I asked him to see if they could get a letter from them since it hadn't been revealed or prepare something on their own stating the need for it.

MR. SULLIVAN: We ought to figure out what we're gonna do and what they're gonna do.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: That would be a smart idea.

MR. PETERSON: Do you want to do that by e-mail and just -- I have no problem sending everybody an e-mail and just tell me, you know, what -- who can handle what, and that way we're not hitting the same people.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think with all of them we can use the form letter that you put together.

MR. KOGELNIK: You should know that MVSD has already submitted a letter for you in favor of the project.

MR. PETERSON: Cindy, I'll copy you on that. Okay. Anything else on that?

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

MR. PETERSON: Item number 3, Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation.

MR. KOGELNIK: On hold.

### **4. City of Niles/Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Water**

MR. PETERSON: Item number 4, Niles/Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Water.

MR. KOGELNIK: On hold.

### **5. Imperial Sewer Agreement**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Imperial Sewer Agreement, number 5.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I didn't know whether to remove this from the agenda or not, I think after we had the special meeting. So I left it on the agenda.

MR. CAMPBELL: We have a representative from Imperial here so I know that -- I guess, yeah, we had our meeting. But I don't know where we kind of discussed beating it around again. I'm not sure where we left it off, but I think there's some things from Imperial's side they were looking into it.

MR. COWIE: As far as the agreement part of it, I thought that was pretty much nailed down with the one that was wrote up. I mean as far as --

MR. CAMPBELL: After our meeting I don't think we really had much to do.

MR. COWIE: The other couple things was the look back at the -- look back at the pump station building or the formula billing versus the flow meter billing. And there was one item that was the very first flow meter billing was like \$480 that was -- the numbers were reversed and, you know, we were charged \$480 instead of it should have been --

MR. CAMPBELL: I think that was cleaned up, wasn't it?

MR. COWIE: I don't think -- we got the billing yesterday, so there may have been a credit issued. But it just hasn't come around yet.

MR. CAMPBELL: I do remember that at our meeting.

MR. PETERSON: I remember you saying at the meeting.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I was gonna say I corrected the invoice where it charged, that was reversed. I don't remember \$480 being part of that.



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It was like \$1,100. I believe everything is corrected to your account. If something is still outstanding please let me know.

MR. COWIE: Okay. How would it show up then? Would we see it on the next billing or --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't know. I don't remember the date that we cleaned it up. I believe you already seen the credit on the bill. You called me and I said that was because the meeting we had scheduled before your surgery was canceled. The Board asked me to clean it up because we were going to that meeting so they wanted a clean figure. We cleaned it up. That meeting got canceled, and you called when you got the bill for the explanation.

MR. COWIE: Well, no. The one that I'm talking about, the very first billing that we got from the flow meter, the newly installed flow meter, was for the amount of \$480 I believe. And the numbers were reversed. You know, the water was reversed from -- with the actual waste water, and instead of having a negative number it was a positive number. I can show you after the meeting, I have a copy here. And if you wanted to make a copy of it, that's fine.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I remember you bringing it to her attention. I remember Cindy said she would look and check.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The sanitary sewer account was corrected. If there's something else that needed to be corrected, I only corrected the error for the --

MR. COWIE: We can look at it. And just the other issue the look back, that's not a thing of urgency; but we need to look at the data and see if we're gonna go forward with that or if we're gonna call it a wash.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. We never, I think, formulated a plan for --

MR. COWIE: You guys were gonna look at it. We looked at it on our end, and we still feel that the formula way of billing us was quite a bit more substantial than what the new flow meter is showing now. But if you guys want to look at in it in your end and see the same thing or -- you know, we only have the data that you guys provided us with the billing information on our bills. I don't know if you have anything else. But that was the only other issue we talked about at that meeting so --

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. PETERSON: Do you just want to leave that item on here?

MR. CAMPBELL: Obviously it's not resolved.

## 6. Rate Study - Water

MR. PETERSON: All right, moving on. Rate Study - Water.

MR. KOGELNIK: I have no further updates on that.

## 7. Ultium

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item 7, Ultium.

MR. KOGELNIK: There is no -- on the water distribution system for Ultium, there are no updates on that. We did exchange some e-mails about the warranty, I believe; and I think Chris Brubaker was taking care of that from our company. What still remains is the jockey pump that needs to be placed in the booster station. And I understand that there's some issues with time to get the new jockey pump here. I guess the delay is the motor; is that correct, Darren?

MR. BIGGS: I'm not sure what the delay is.

MR. KOGELNIK: I thought it was the motor. We're still in a holding pattern on accepting formally the construction from EFI.

MR. PETERSON: Darren, do you have anything to add?

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MR. BIGGS: We're still waiting on the SCADA too. I inquired about that a week or so ago, and CT inquired with EFI and something with Verizon now. I don't know, I don't have the details on it. I just wanted to make sure things were still going because I haven't heard anything. I'm not sure what the hold-up actually is on that, I don't know. The other thing is this, that jockey pump, that could eliminate that problem with the pressures. I'm not even sure if that's gonna happen. I have no date for it to come, and somewhere around October our tank should be online.

MR. PETERSON: I was gonna ask that question. Is it worth it to keep moving forward with the jockey pump?

MR. BIGGS: It depends when we get the jockey pump. We may just deal with our issues right now until the tank's online. That's the way it's looking.

MR. PETERSON: And you both feel the tank is gonna completely fix the problem still?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes. Yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: And that's online in October?

MR. BIGGS: Correct. The tank should be finished, everything good, and then we can get it filled up, tested, make sure everything is all right, learn the operation of it. The time frame's somewhere around October, let's put it that way.

MR. PETERSON: Are you still on schedule?

MR. BIGGS: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: This jockey pump, it's just the variable if you will.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. Any more questions on Ultium?

MR. CAMPBELL: Huh-uh.

**8. Utility Department Building**

MR. PETERSON: Utility Department Building.

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't have anything to update on that. I wish there was a funding opportunity convenient for that. Even through the latest CDS request, Congressional Direct Spending. We don't restrict spending, we don't have an avenue for a building. You could have a funding opportunity through U.S.D.A., but the process of going through U.S.D.A. is gonna be tough.

MR. PETERSON: U.S.D.A. is not pretty. They're not like a BPA, they are a higher interest.

MR. KOGELNIK: You're talking three-and-a-half, four percent at least. So you know today's building costs, I'm sure it's up there.

MR. PETERSON: We'll just keep it on there.

**9. I&I**

MR. PETERSON: Item number 9, I&I.

MR. KOGELNIK: I owed the Village some updates on the I&I. I don't have those right now, so I'll have to get that to you at the next meeting.

**10. Sanitary Sewer Rate Review**

MR. PETERSON: Item number 10, Sanitary Sewer Rate Review.

MR. KOGELNIK: That is nearing completion. So I expect by next month we should be done with the sanitary sewer rate. So at that time you'll have your water and sanitary sewer rate studies done.

**11. Extension of Water Utility Service to Property Owned by George R. Ebling, Jr. 6580 Woodridge Way**

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MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item number 11, Extension of Water Utility Service to Property Owned by George R. Ebling, 6500 -- or 6580 Woodridge Way.

MR. KOGELNIK: This was -- we've already provided our interim recommendations for the temporary connection and that's done. They're on it, right. So at this point in time it sounds like the right-of-way or the easement has been relinquished. We had a work authorization that we submitted for approval. Does the BPA want to go through with that now?

MR. CAMPBELL: From the engineering aspect?

MR. KOGELNIK: I think what you might want to do, if this seemed like it was a very big hurry up project about four months ago or something like that, if it's still an important project to move forward maybe you want to think about this and get an answer at your next meeting.

MR. PETERSON: I like that idea.

**12. CEF-L Valve Replacement Along 24" Water Transmission Line**

MR. PETERSON: Item 12, valve replacement along 24-inch water line transmission line. Do you have anything?

MR. CAMPBELL: Nothing that I have with it at this point. Keep it on there.

MR. SULLIVAN: Is that --

MR. CAMPBELL: That's LEC, yeah.

**13. SCADA**

MR. PETERSON: Item 13, SCADA. Darren, any updates?

MR. BIGGS: Nothing.

**14. Lipkey Waterline Replacement**

MR. PETERSON: Item 14, Lipkey Water Line Replacement. I think we discussed that.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: That was number 4.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MR. PETERSON: All right. Public Comments. Anybody have any comments?

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: Sister Marie Madeline. We're having water since 1985 for the daycare. Why now we don't really have water for that little? Very simple question. Please explain to me, I'm not a lawyer. I want very simple question why we don't have now water. We have it since 1985.

MR. PETERSON: You still have water.

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: But now to continue to have more pressure, to have more -- the water for the new addition.

MR. PETERSON: So what you're asking is why we don't have water available for the new --

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: To have more like pressure. I don't know what you call it. But to have more water in the new building.

MR. PETERSON: I think it's a question of -- Chris, do you want to --

MR. KOGELNIK: So right now what we need to do is get our legal understanding of the ownership of the existing water line which extends from the Village's corporate boundary down to Antonine Sisters figured out. There's water available, okay. And all the water improvements we're doing in the Village, that's not gonna be a problem. We just have to understand who owns and maintains that existing water line that goes from the Village

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corporate boundary down to your facility, Sister.

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: Who owns it now?

MR. KOGELNIK: That's what's being debated.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, that's the issue. That's what we're discussing right now. We're trying to figure out who owns the current line.

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: Where do we have to go to find out?

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, we don't know that answer either. All that we know is the normal people that -- or entities we would communicate with might be Mahoning County, they might be the Antonine Sisters --

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: We don't know --

MR. KOGELNIK: -- they might be the Village of Lordstown. The Village of Lordstown has done an exhaustive search on their end and hasn't come up with nothing. And so we've also even talked with the Ohio E.P.A., which is a regulating agency that oversees all municipal water systems. They came up with nothing.

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: Well in case Mahoning said we don't know nothing about it what can you do.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, we're definitely gonna have to lean on our legal experts because they'll tell you --

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: We need to finish the building please. Don't put us late.

ATTY. RIES: And that was the process I was explaining earlier. If Mahoning County doesn't have anything, then we need to -- Mahoning County needs to pass a resolution approving that line because it's outside of the Village's jurisdiction. And then the Village would have to approve that going forward in conjunction with the E.P.A. But to answer your question who owns it, normally in these situations there would be lots and lots of documentation showing approval, ownership, right-of-ways; and it's a strange situation, we don't have anything like that. And nobody seems to have anything about like that.

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: That mean you have to go from the beginning?

ATTY. RIES: Yes, yes. Basically follow the steps that we would have had to take back in 1995 in order to --

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: To find out --

ATTY. RIES: Yes.

SISTER MARIE MADELINE: Thank you. Sorry lawyer.

MR. PETERSON: Any other public comments?

**REPORTS:**

**1. Solicitor's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Seeing none, Reports. Solicitor's Report. Do you have anything?

ATTY. RIES: No report.

**2. Engineer's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Engineer's Report.

MR. KOGELNIK: No report.

**3. Utility Committee Report**

MR. PETERSON: Utility Committee Report.

MR. BOND: No report.

**4. Clerk's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Clerk's Report.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The only thing I have is a request to go back

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and review with the Board our business billing, the time frame, the quick turn-around with new businesses and modern technology with electronic payments and the time frame. I've gotten our clerk to entertain some possibilities, but I have to discuss that with the Board. So at some point I would like to do a work session and go over that. But before I do that, we have to talk to Huntington Bank and see what Huntington Bank can provide and the cost associated with it.

MR. CAMPBELL: You're talking electric payments for the whole Village or just --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Not at this time. We're -- our business billing -- or our bylaws say 15 days, and we hold the businesses accountable to 15 days which is often hard. Historically we didn't have problems with that, but with the two new businesses in town it's a problem. So I would like to see what we can do, and if there is something we can do and then start to transition.

MR. PETERSON: Do you want to set up a meeting? That way we have a date. We can set it up three weeks from now if you want.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We have to talk to Huntington Bank first. I have to keep working upstairs and see what we can come up with, and then we can present something to you. But other than that I do not have any other -- you all answered my e-mail request for my keyboard, and I had -- I have an operator training request. I think that needed to be recommended by the Board. I don't believe we did that because the February meeting was canceled. Approval for his training hours. I have it attached. Darren, do you know -- I have a -- I think the Board needs to approve the training webinar for Mike. It's not signed, so I'm assuming it has not been approved.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. I think we canceled the meeting so we weren't able to approve it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Other than that --

MR. BIGGS: That's the continuing education. Yeah.

MR. PETERSON: \$340.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes. And the document's here.

MR. SULLIVAN: Do you need a motion to approve the \$340?

**MR. PETERSON: Yeah. Motion.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second.**

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

**(Mr. Campbell and Mr. Sullivan respond aye.)**

**MR. PETERSON: I'll abstain. Motion passed.**

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Does the Board have any questions for me?

MR. PETERSON: Nothing I can think of.

MR. CAMPBELL: No.

MR. PETERSON: Did you get everything for the rate study?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You talked over that, and I thought I was getting off. I will say that I was able to get in and start reviewing some of that stuff. And in my process -- I don't know if there was an error in the previous study or not -- I sent an e-mail out to Bob McNutt to see what he thought. It was in regards to LEC rates and revenue and expenses. It's very complex and there's a lot of things in there that's like -- but our years are off because this is from two years ago. So rates that we might have seen then in 2024 we may now not be seeing until '25 or '26. So there's some things. I've worked on it, it is nowhere near complete.

MR. PETERSON: All right. Any other questions for Cindy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: As far as that goes, what's the Board's wishes as far as we're working towards a goal here of setting a rate? But I don't know if the Board is wanting to change the water tier or if we're gonna follow CT's recommendation with readiness-to-serve and the reduced water rates.

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That's a huge factor in proceeding with this water rate study review.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, that was bought up at the last meeting.

MR. PETERSON: That's what we discussed at the last meeting. I know you said to implement that it's gonna be a lot of time.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's gonna take time. But again, I'm working to give you a figure, and I need to know are these figures in that tier or are these in a readiness-to-serve. I mean, those are two totally different ball games. So just to get you the data, I mean, is one thing, let alone implementing it. But I need to know which way am I going. I mean, which way do you want this done?

MR. PETERSON: Are you guys all in agreement that you want to do the readiness-to-serve, or you just want to modify the tier system, or do you want to wait to think about it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Or let me know at next week's meeting because I'm sure there's not going to be a whole lot done between now and then. I'm sure Chris can support the fact that I must have that answer.

MR. PETERSON: You need to know how to give Chris the data.

MR. KOGELNIK: I think you want to wait on that a week.

MR. PETERSON: That's what I was thinking.

MR. KOGELNIK: This should be a very -- of all the decisions, this should be one of the most important ones to report back. And then, of course, Lipkey Road on and whatever on Lipkey Road. But this is important. Without this revised rate structure you don't have the means to make a repair.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. We'll get you an answer next week. Anything else for Cindy?

MR. CAMPBELL: Huh-uh.

##### 5. Superintendent's Report

MR. PETERSON: Seeing none. Superintendent's Report.

MR. BIGGS: We got two hydrants that are still out. I gave him the estimate. I didn't give you guys copies of them, but I got three estimates. I got Bova \$17,000 to fix them, Hays at \$13,884, and Holton at \$13,800. So we got two right there at \$13,800, the lowest one being Holton. But they also require anything that they deem valuable that they'll take. They have that in there from there. Now what we do is we normally take everything once it's fixed, whether it be the hydrant, the riser or whatever it is, because we can either salvage it or use it again we do. So with those three estimate --

MR. SULLIVAN: So do you recommend Holton?

MR. BIGGS: I -- I'm not recommending any one of them. I'm telling you what we have.

MR. CAMPBELL: What he's saying is if we go with Holton, Holton will keep whatever parts they have to scrap and make money on. If we go with one of the other two our departments could take the --

MR. BIGGS: Holton will -- had the lowest, but it was \$80 lower. If we go with anything back we're gonna meet the 84 or above.

MR. PETERSON: Are these complete replacements, Darren?

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

MR. PETERSON: So he'll take the old hydrant and everything?

MR. CAMPBELL: Holton would.

MR. PETERSON: Am I understanding that correctly?

MR. BIGGS: According to what you have on there, they will not get the hydrant, they are completely taken off. But everything below there is going to get replaced also.

MR. SULLIVAN: And would you use that stuff?

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MR. BIGGS: If we can, yes Mike. I can't say what it's gonna look like, what kind of condition. If we can. And if we don't, we normally take it back anyway until we get a scrap pile and we can at least get the money back out of that, correct.

MR. PETERSON: And these are insurance, right? So we just bill the insurance, correct?

MR. BIGGS: They will be a claim, yes, correct.

MR. PETERSON: They will be an insurance claim?

MR. BIGGS: Yep.

MR. PETERSON: What do you guys think?

MR. CAMPBELL: Did you ask Holton if they would --

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, I think we ought to clarify that with Holton.

MR. BIGGS: That's up to you guys with that. They had their opportunity to submit a bid, they did. I don't follow-up because now you gotta follow-up with everybody and see, and I don't do that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's why you send those requests, so everyone has the opportunity to bid it fairly.

**MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion we accept -- what's the number, \$13,000?**

**MR. PETERSON: \$13,884.76.**

**MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion to accept that.**

**MR. PETERSON: Okay.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second.**

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

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. PETERSON: All opposed?**

**(No response.)**

**MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.**

MR. BIGGS: The other thing I got was if you guys remember, I mentioned trench blocks before and asked if we could enter a grant. It was about two years ago. Ron had given that information to me, I discussed if that's something we want to get into, maybe split the cost with them; and obviously you guys said yeah, we'll do that. I looked up the trench blocks seeing what I like. I went back to Ron and told him, you know, hey, expendable, it's got the mini hoist to lift it, all that good stuff, you got the estimate to transport. I says the BPA gave permission we can do it that way, you know, go ahead and find one -- or I mean, apply for the grant and heard nothing. So I just want to clear the air that the Water Department did not drop the ball on that as what I heard in the Council meeting. We followed right through with it and it fell short. So it wasn't us. We're looking into it again though.

MR. BOND: Kellie's got the grant filed.

MR. BIGGS: I have seen it because I heard the Water Department dropped the ball. I want to let these gentleman know that's not what happened. Oh, and just an update, we talked about the moving of the booster station to replace the Pritchard one. Today we just actually replaced the electric motor in there, just kind of letting you know that it's old. So I don't know, hopefully we won't have anything else. But we had problems on Friday and through the weekend, and I had to replace a motor over there. And have you guys got anything for me?

MR. CAMPBELL: No.

MR. PETERSON: I know we had put the booster station on hold. Have we accepted it?

MR. KOGELNIK: You accepted our proposal for engineering. We just agreed that we would delay -- put the project on hold for design. This

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is one project where there's existing infrastructure. I would be heavily pursuing OPWC in August.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Anything else for Darren?

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- MR. PETERSON: Seeing none, Member Comments.
- MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have anything.
- MR. SULLIVAN: Nothing, no.
- MR. PETERSON: I don't have anything.
- MR. SULLIVAN: Motion to adjourn.

**QUARTERLY APPROVAL OF BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:**

- MR. PETERSON: Quarterly Approval of Billing Adjustments for January.
- MR. CAMPBELL: I reviewed them. I'm good.
- MR. PETERSON: I'm good.
- MR. CAMPBELL: I make a motion to approve quarterly billing adjustments for January.**
- MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second.
- MR. PETERSON: All in favor?
- (All respond aye.)
- MR. PETERSON: Opposed?
- (No response.)
- MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- MR. PETERSON: And motion to adjourn.
- MR. CAMPBELL: Make a motion to adjourn.
- MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.
- MR. PETERSON: All in favor?
- (All respond aye.)
- MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

(Meeting adjourns at 5:27 p.m.)

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TRUMBULL COUNTY ) SS.

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

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

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Submitted:

Approved by:

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Christopher Peterson, President