

Village of Lordstown Board of Trustees of Public Affairs

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
March 18, 2025
4:00 p.m. to 5:45 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, Utilities Committee
Mr. Robert Bond, Village Council
Ms. Jessica Blank, Village Council

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 18th of March, 2025.

MR. PETERSON: I'd like to call this regular meeting of the Board of Public Affairs to order. Please stand for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

LORD'S PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

MR. PETERSON: Welcome everyone. 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.
MR. BIGGS: Here.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present.
Chris Kogelnik.
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Matt Ries.
ATTY. RIES: Present.

APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

January 27, 2025

February 18, 2025

March 4, 2025

MR. PETERSON: Did everyone get a chance to read over the minutes for January 27, March -- February 18 and March 4.
MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.
MR. PETERSON: Can we pass all these at once?
ATTY. RIES: Yes.
MR. PETERSON: Can I have a motion to accept the minutes for all three?
MR. SULLIVAN: Motion.
MR. CZECK: Second.
MR. PETERSON: All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MR. PETERSON: Opposed?
(No response.)
MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Public Comments. Any public comments? Okay.
Seeing none --

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution amending and restating Ordinance No. 2024-3 creating temporary, seasonal, part-time summer positions within the Water and Sewer Department of the Village of Lordstown for the 2025 season and declaring an emergency

MR. PETERSON: New Business. Item number 1, a Resolution amending and reinstating Ordinance No. 2024-3 creating temporary, seasonal, part-time summer positions within the Water and Sewer Department of the Village of Lordstown for the 2025 season and declaring an emergency. Darren, I believe you were thinking about two people, correct?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah. Probably, yeah.

MR. PETERSON: And the amount of money you have is what you have, and then when you run out --

MR. BIGGS: That -- that should be fine. Everything that was there before should be -- we can make that work if -- I'd rather not limit it to two people but the dollar amount.

MR. SULLIVAN: It's \$10,000, right?

MR. BIGGS: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes, it's stated in the resolution.

MR. BIGGS: If one leaves early, I can gain and we don't have to come back if I have to come back for the money.

MR. CZECK: I make a motion.

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

2. A Resolution recommending that the Village Council amend Part One, Administrative Code, Title Five, Chapter 143 "Board of Trustees of Public Affairs" of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Lordstown by revising Section 143.02 "Meetings"

MR. PETERSON: Item number 2, Resolution recommending that the Village of Lordstown amend Part One, Administrative Code, Title Five, Chapter 143 "Board of Trustees of Public Affairs" of the Codified Ordinance of the Village of Lordstown by revising Section 10 -- 143.02 "Meetings". And this was to fix -- to make it so we had two regular meetings a month and kind of update a little bit because --

ATTY. RIES: It needed to be updated anyways because it said we were meeting like on Thursday at 7:00. This would amend the ordinance to bring it up to speed to have two meetings a month. If we don't need two meetings, we just cancel it now it's set up under the Codified Ordinance.

MR. CZECK: Motion.

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have one question because it says "shall", not "may". So doesn't shall mean you will have two meetings a month?

ATTY. RIES: But you can cancel -- my understanding is you guys were going to have this for the foreseeable future. So, if we cancel, we cancel. So, for the foreseeable future we'll have two meetings a month, and if it needs to be cancelled or changed we can change it. That's how you want it drafted?

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

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Do they have to also amend the BPA Rules of Order, because it's spelled out in the Rules of Order.

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ATTY. RIES: I mean, send me the section you want me to look at. But these are Codified Ordinances that address the BPA meetings. We should -- the rules should reflect the current times and dates, but the Ordinances are what are public notice to everyone about the meetings or for purposes of generating the public notices.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And the Rules of Order are what said the Tuesday at 4:00 that were changed many, many years ago when Karen Jones was on the Board. But I guess the Codified Ordinances never caught the change when they revised that change. I will send them to you, the Rules of Order.

3. CT Retainer

MR. PETERSON: Item number 3, CT Retainer. We did address that at the last meeting, right? Was there any on there --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: There was legislation to be drafted. You did pass -- you did make a motion to accept CT retainer. But previously it was passed by a resolution, and we were waiting to see if Council was going to do as if it's all one for the Village or if the BPA and Council. And I don't know if anything has been determined yet.

MR. PETERSON: On the Council side?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes. So, I left it on there. He knows that the BPA supports the thing. I think it's between figuring out the new language or something like that with the contract. But CT --

MR. KOGELNIK: Terms and conditions will probably be the same, Matt. The fee, we just added 10 percent per year. So, we were going to put that into a new agreement which would then be attached to your resolution.

ATTY. RIES: Okay. All right.

MR. KOGELNIK: Sound all right?

ATTY. RIES: As soon as the agreement's done we'll get the resolution prepared.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: April -- our next meeting is April 1, so it would just be -- because the current one expires March 31. So, if we meet on April 1 it would be no interruption.

MR. KOGELNIK: We'll try and get it done the Thursday before that; is that right?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any other New Business? The only other new business I have, at the end of the meeting I'd like to make a motion for an executive session to discuss investigation and discipline of a Village employee inviting BPA, Mayor and Solicitor. Do I have a second on that?

MR. CZECK: Second.

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. PETERSON: Do you want to do roll call on that since it's executive

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ATTY. RIES: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Are you doing that now or --

MR. PETERSON: At the end of the meeting.

ATTY. RIES: You can do the roll call at the end before we go in. Yeah.

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: Okay. All right. Old Business. Item number 1, that resolution is to go on hold I believe.

ATTY. RIES: It's on hold because we're waiting on a final decision -- well, we had this open cut versus trenchless method, so we held back on moving forward with that agreement since it states -- since the City of Warren I guess changed what they want to do. But now my understanding is they want to do everything trenchless, but Chris has e-mailed me the Village is going to want to review the RFQ before we simply agree to it.

MR. KOGELNIK: This is all kind of a fluid process. We just learned

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that they may want to open cut at Brunstetter. So please, let's just put a bookmark on that. Let us get back to Warren and their engineer and say guys, you need to stick with, you know, what we've talked about and that is to go horizontal directional drill, which is a trenchless method, across Brunstetter and Salt Springs Road. We'll report back to you.

MR. SULLIVAN: Like on Brunstetter they were getting to -- not open cut the -- to do the other today.

MR. KOGELNIK: No, I -- we -- Martin just received a maintenance and traffic plan that's just that they are going to open cut. And I need to -- we need to review that, we need to comment on it. That's the whole process and purpose of the Village being able to review that and comment on it. We're going to do that. I'm getting tired of the changes quite truthfully, and so are you.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, they've been back and forth like crazy.

ATTY. RIES: This is like -- we held back on it because we would be on our third or fourth draft on it right now if we approved it and they keep flip-flopping.

MR. SULLIVAN: I come down Brunstetter, and you know how it ripples. I couldn't see any flaggers, and when I got through it on the far side there was one guy by himself. I mean, there needs to be somebody at both ends of that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Thank you, Mike.

2. Rules and Regulations Governing Water Use and Service

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item number 2, Rules and Regulations Governing Water Use and Service. I believe we're working on that but it's kind of on hold. Anything to add to that? Seeing none --

3. Niles Bulk Water Agreement

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

ATTY. RIES: No update since the last meeting when I talked to the law director Phil. They are considering the idea of merging our agreements with your LEC and other agreements together as suggested possibly at our meeting with them, but I have not heard back from them.

4. Trumbull Energy Center - Warren Waterline

MR. PETERSON: Item number 4, Trumbull Energy Center Warren Waterline. Chris, do you have any further updates on that?

MR. KOGELNIK: Other than the maintenance of traffic and the RUMA, no. I just -- my biggest concern is that they're going to handcuff us and demand an answer at the moment they get to Salt Springs Road because they are proceeding from south to north. And so, anything that you guys could do to tell them don't do that, we'd appreciate it.

MR. SULLIVAN: Is that piece by the railroad tracks on Highland, is that part of it?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, Mike. That's gas.

MR. SULLIVAN: Oh, that's gas.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. I did go by there the meeting after Cindy had mentioned that; and so no, it's just natural gas.

5. Trumbull Energy Center - Sanitary Sewer

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item number 5, Trumbull Energy Center Sanitary Sewer.

MR. KOGELNIK: So I recommended -- I had sent a memo or an e-mail to you guys suggesting that the Village write a letter to TEC stating we've been clear about what our proposed concept plan is for your sanitary sewer connection to the east side sanitary sewers; we would like to see, you know, your plan get put on paper and this does require an Ohio E.P.A. PTI application. I mentioned that a lot before. And so, they actually have two PTI applications that they have to do, one's for sanitary sewer for this admin building, another is for that discharge from their facility to the stream. I still haven't seen one. So, the sanitary sewer could be a small pressure line connected to the existing end of the Village's force main on Hallock Young Road. We're not talking about a whole lot of flow, and it would do what the BPA wants.

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MR. PETERSON: Matt, do you want to write that or --

ATTY. RIES: Do you want me to?

MR. KOGELNIK: I can draft -- I'll be happy to draft the letter for you, give you some context, and then you can add to it.

ATTY. RIES: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: But I think we're at a point right now to eliminate confusion and to tell the developer --

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, I know we've told; but it was Steve at the time.

MR. KOGELNIK: -- what was expected. That submission for their plan and their permit should flow through Planning and Zoning. Planning and Zoning should carry it to the BPA and say is it acceptable to the BPA. That's the way it should work.

ATTY. RIES: Okay. And then Matt Blair called yesterday from Trumbull County. Did he give you any -- before I call him back I wanted to wait until this meeting. Did he give you any context why he was calling?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Just the sanitary sewer, Trumbull Energy Center wanted to know whose line they are connecting to. I did not take the call.

ATTY. RIES: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: One of the girls in the office did, and she gave the message to me since it was regarding the sewer.

ATTY. RIES: Well, I'll call him tomorrow. And that letter we'll put together should be responsive to answering his question and what our position is.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

6. Project Funding

MR. PETERSON: Okay. All right. Number 6, Project Funding.

MR. KOGELNIK: Today we submitted the CPF requests for fiscal year 2026 allocations to Congressman Joyce's office. That was for priority one, which is your future 24-inch water line; and priority two, which is your Hallock Young connector water line. I increased the costs a little bit inside of those applications. And so theoretically, if you could get \$4.8 million for your second request to the 24-inch water line that might elevate you to near \$9 million and you could probably begin the project at that point because the total is 14.4. And now on Hallock Young Road, being that the program is basically 80/20 I asked for 80 percent of the total construction for Hallock Young, which would have been around \$1.8 million. So yeah, those got submitted, and we should be receiving a receipt that they got them. And as Cindy knows, there's countless other documents we gotta respond to and fill out over the next couple months if they should entertain your projects.

MR. SULLIVAN: When will we know that?

MR. KOGELNIK: We got some answers and responses back pretty quickly last time, and they seem to like the Village. We'll see. But nothing is for sure, Mike. It's -- you're asking for a grant.

MR. PETERSON: Did you get a chance to hear anything back on a time line for the money we have?

MR. KOGELNIK: No. I ran out of time to give them a call, but that's first order of business tomorrow, Chris. Thank you.

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

7. Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line Improvements

MR. PETERSON: Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line, nothing to really add to that.

8. Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation

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

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. So we've done a lot of coordinating with the Village and other staff outside the Village for an easement. I still don't have an answer, you know, from any of the property owners, so I don't want to go into full detail with that.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: But I want you to know that we put a lot of effort into this over the past couple weeks, and all I can say is I'm hopeful for one or both

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of the locations and we're ready to resume work on the project as soon as we get confirmation that, you know, one of these parcels is willing to move forward with the project. Again, we're looking at an easement in each case, not ownership of property. So that's what we're doing. Like I said, I can't go into detail. We did do a concept plan for the other parcel, submitted that to everybody. So if anybody has any questions you can talk to me after the meeting about that.

9. Imperial Sewer Agreement

MR. PETERSON: Okay. I item number 9, Imperial Sewer Agreement.

ATTY. RIES: We, you know, made an offer, we have a settlement agreement that we drafted, we've discussed it, we've made some proposed changes based on the feedback from their attorney, and I submitted those changes that were incorporated into our most recent agreement. I sent it to their attorney at the very beginning of January, like the 3rd or 4th, and I never heard back from her. The ball's in their court. And we've made an offer to pay money so --

10. Utility Department Building

MR. PETERSON: Okay. All right. Item number 10. Any questions for Matt on that? Sorry. Item number 10, Utility Department Building. Darren, what do you have?

MR. BIGGS: The only update I have on that is talking with our IT guy and Travis are going to get us set up with phone and Internet down there. Other than that, there's nothing else.

MR. PETERSON: Did they figure out -- they're still trying to figure out the ordinance end and everything?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, I haven't heard anything. Yeah, correct.

MR. PETERSON: I didn't know if you heard anything since yesterday morning.

MR. BIGGS: They're working on it. No other updates.

MR. PETERSON: They're figuring out costs for phone and Internet. They must reopen everything for the contract, so that's what they're trying to figure out.

MR. SULLIVAN: I don't understand what you're saying.

MR. PETERSON: For the rec building. They're figuring out -- there's no fiber there, there's no Internet or phone there, so we must run everything in. So, when they did the initial stuff, from what I understand there was already fiber ran into all the buildings, so there will be a cost for fiber run in -- Darren, correct me if I'm wrong -- and then a cost for the monthly fees.

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

MR. PETERSON: So, they're trying to figure everything out because we have a contract with them.

MR. BIGGS: Other than that, everything was cleaned out of there. I think the air was hooked up. I haven't heard anything about the roof, so that's the only thing I have.

MR. CZECK: Did the roof go out for bid, Bob? They're going to put a new roof on it for the rec building.

MR. BOND: I'm not on buildings committee.

MR. CZECK: I didn't know if you heard anything on that. Jackie, did you hear anything about that?

MAYOR WOODWARD: There was discussion about it at the last meeting. I believe they told Martin to get prices for it. I think that's where it was left.

11. I&I

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item number 11, I&I.

MR. KOGLNIK: I don't think we have any more information from Ferguson; do we, Darren? We were getting prices from Ferguson for riser extensions on the grinder pit pumps -- I'm sorry, the pits.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah. I don't think there's anything more, no.

MR. KOGLNIK: Okay. So, once we do get that we'll submit that to the BPA so -- and we'll come up with a number of them that you guys might want to consider purchasing. We don't know the height and we don't know exactly where, or which ones.

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MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any questions for Chris or Darren on that?

MR. SULLIVAN: What would you do, just try a couple of them to start with or --

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, Darren's pretty attuned to, you know, the areas that are flooding down there, and so I would start with those. And I'm assuming that Darren might know the extent to which, you know -- the height of the flooding typically in that area.

MR. BIGGS: Mike, I don't really know where we're at with that. But we did look for prices. We gave them a number. It was maybe somewhere around eight if I remember, right? I'm just trying to think of anything. And we did pick whether it be a 6, a 12, 18 inch in that spot. I just don't have anything with me on that. That's where we're at. We do have it started, and I do have an idea on how many and what size would go to which resident, yes.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any more questions? Seeing none --

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Public Comments. Any additional public comments? Okay.

REPORTS:

1. Solicitor's Report

MR. PETERSON: Reports. Solicitor's Report.

ATTY. RIES: No report.

2. Engineer's Report

MR. PETERSON: Engineer's Report.

MR. KOGELNIK: I submitted a memo, Chris, per our conversation yesterday. Everybody should have that. It's regarding the existing State Route 45 tank. Hopefully -- Stanley's kind of new to the Board and Ernie here new to the Utilities Committee. Actually, I didn't give a copy to you, but we did -- we got you the e-mail.

MR. PETERSON: We'll get you a copy.

MR. KOGELNIK: So the report or the memo basically explains why the existing steel 500,000 gallon storage tank is recommended to be decommissioned, torn down and taken away. We did some testing on it; we were thinking initially that we could use it. But after doing the testing along with the new booster pump station that was built up there at State Route 45 it was determined that the tank couldn't be used. So that's the purpose of the memo. And so, this past week I coordinated with Pittsburgh Tank and Tower. They're, I guess, a well-known firm that does tank demolition. And we sent them the Village's plans for the existing tank and along with that Darren's inspection report from Suez. So, we're waiting on a quote from them to tear down the tank and also to understand what scope of work is necessary to do that. Who knows. The Village might be involved in a -- you know, a small or large public works project to take down the tank and the cost of which I don't know what it is right now. So that's the purpose of talking with a reputable contractor.

MR. SULLIVAN: Would we end up with salvage price for the metal?

MR. KOGELNIK: I will imagine to an extent the contractor like Pittsburgh Tank and Tower would take that price, apply it to their deconstruction price, and come up with a ballpark price to offer you. That's what we've seen on a couple of other projects, Mike. So --

MR. PETERSON: I believe it's still going to cost us, Mike, to take that down.

MR. KOGELNIK: It going to cost quite a bit.

MR. PETERSON: It's going to cost quite a bit. And what prompted all this was Darren got an e-mail from the E.P.A. asking what our intentions were for it.

MR. BIGGS: They've asked me a couple times because we're not using it. I explained we were trying different scenarios seeing how it happened because of the new tank going online to see if we could use it and explained to them, we're not using it now, so they keep asking for updates. They don't want an asset just

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sitting there. I think they are going to keep asking me. So that's where we're at.

MR. SULLIVAN: So they want it down if it's not going to be --

MR. BIGGS: Do something with it.

MR. PETERSON: Or useable.

MR. BIGGS: Correct. Not just sitting there I think is where they're going with this.

MR. SULLIVAN: Because it would have been my next question why can't we just let it sit.

MR. PETERSON: And the problem is if you tear it down next year it's going to cost more money, if you tear it down the year after the cost to tear it down is going to keep going up and up. So, either we bite the bullet and do it now or search for money and get it funded to get it down. I believe it wasn't originally in the new tank going up because it thought -- everybody thought it was going to be useful.

MR. BIGGS: We were going to try to use it with our new --

MR. PETERSON: It didn't work the way we thought. That's why the money didn't exist in the beginning. Anything else to add, Chris, or any other questions for Chris?

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't have anything else I don't believe. But yeah, we're busy.

3. Utility Committee Report

MR. PETERSON: Utility Committee Report.

(No response.)

4. Clerk's Report

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Clerk's report.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have a few things. One, I just want to state that the samples for the RFQs that were requested from Chagrin Falls and Willoughby were sent to the committee for that task on the 5th and 6th, so that is done. And then on March 13 I attended an MVSD meeting with Darren, and they're preparing to go to the court of jurisdiction for a rate increase to be effective January 2026. If approved the dam project -- now the reason for the increase, the rate increase, was repairs to the dam or replacement of the dam; and they said the estimated cost for that is \$64 million. Previously they had 35 or 37 of their own and 17 from OPWC, but that is \$55 million. When they put the project out to bid last time a contractor from North Carolina bid at \$109 million. So, they did not award the project. They did seek local companies and asked them to bid on it when it does go back out for bid, and they removed some items from the project. One was moving dirt; it was like \$750,000. But it appears that when they go to the court of jurisdiction -- they paid a lot of the projects out of their pocket which reduced their bank. But this project being a greater, bigger expense now they're most likely going to be successful with this rate increase, and we need to be aware of that and take that into consideration and plan. When they go -- they said in the next three or four months is when they'll petition the court, and that will coincide with the time of the bidding of the dam project. The two things, if I'm correct, will happen together. So, we'll know in advance, but I mean it depends on --

MR. PETERSON: You need three months in advance minimum.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah.

MR. PETERSON: They didn't know a number then?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, they don't. And if that work is successful the bid is successful then they'll start the dam next spring, that project will begin next spring. Their next meeting is May 8, which I will probably continue to go with Darren until we know the bidding and the process and all that's done. The other thing that I had a question about is the bridge over Meander is just kind of -- FYI, the Ohltown Road bridge, that would be going up for -- I don't want to say replacement, I don't know what the proper word is -- for rehab in July or August of this year, and it will be closed for about a four-month period in time. So that -- and I got that information from Gary Shaffer from Trumbull County. So, another something for Meander. My next thing is on February 28 I received an

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e-mail, which I believe I shared with all of you, from the City of Warren. It's an invoice for \$2,580 for a deposit. My e-mail read "I hope you're having a good day. Valerie Copanic advised me to send this to you. I am filling in for Rose while she is off for the next couple of days. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Have a good weekend. Krystin Georgalas, executive secretary for Director Lucarelli. The invoice description is a deposit for 1871 Henn Parkway, which provides a meter number, 10 percent of estimate water bill during construction. We've never had a deposit for any of our services or bulk water agreements or contracts or anything with the City of Warren, so I don't know what spurred this or what the purpose is. But since I have e-mailed it, I have not had a response from anybody, and now I'm not calling until I know what you would like me to do or how to respond to it.

MR. CZECK: They have hundreds of thousands of dollars in invoices and they are worried about \$2,000?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Again, we have bulk water contracts or agreements.

MR. PETERSON: They didn't say anything about a deposit.

ATTY. RIES: Do you want me to respond to it?

MR. PETERSON: I would think. Are you guys okay with Matt --

MR. CZECK: Yeah. I don't see the point.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You can have both. I just printed them for my e-mail.

MR. PETERSON: Maybe it's because somebody was off, maybe.

ATTY. RIES: Yeah, I'll just respond. I'll e-mail Franco and copy Enzo on it and ask what the basis is for the deposit, see what they say.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Okay. My next thing is the last month I talked to you -- or last meeting, I've got to be careful -- last meeting I talked to you about the Rx packets for medication so people don't dispose of it in the water system. I talked to Bill about it because we have opioid funding money we have been getting in, and since it's prevention of opioids and they actually show how to get it out of the house and stuff, your narcotics and stuff do have that on hand. So, I was able to purchase that with opioid fund money and it is available upstairs. We have a couple packets out at a time and a little sign out front right now. Until we read into the opioid funds like things they want us to do or stuff like that, that's all that's been done to take date. But I didn't purchase it out of water money or anything like that. So, I wanted you to know that the Village is hosting that program from that.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: That -- is that the Narcan?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, it's just the -- a substance that inactivates the active ingredients in medication. So, you add it to your pill bottle, your medicine, that packet, and like a third of the bottle full of water, shake it, and it kind of looks like a chunk of solid cat litter when it's done. But it inactivates the drug so you can dispose of it in the trash.

MR. PETERSON: Sounds really cool.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The other thing I had to follow-up on is Mr. Westenfelder's booster pump request and the water pressure at his house on Pritchard-Ohltown. I mentioned it at the last meeting when Darren was not able to be here. I just -- again, it's just a reminder. I don't know, Chris --

MR. PETERSON: Chris, did you have a conversation --

MR. KOGELNIK: Darren and I previously spoke about it.

MR. PETERSON: Do you have any updates?

MR. BIGGS: I don't have anything. In our rules it doesn't say anything about you're not allowed to have them. It actually says booster pump in there. I talked to the E.P.A. Everything I researched on it when I discussed it with the E.P.A. I was absolutely correct. I gave him the exact information that I got and asked him when he got it done to let us see it, make sure it was done properly, and we'll go from there.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Anything else?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The other thing is we had an e-mail previously about TEC money funds for the air release valve project. Just a reminder, we did not receive the money. And if there's -- I don't know if anyone is aware of the status

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or if you requested anything further since the last e-mail.

MR. PETERSON: Me and Mr. Kogelnik had a conversation yesterday and he mentioned it, and he was going to speak with somebody and get back with us.

MR. KOGELNIK: I think what we should also do is remind them of the construction timeline of this. Because the Village is going to have to pay for this, and what we should have right now is the money encumbered so that the Village can reliably pay for it. So, we're going to need -- that's going to be another memo or letter to Ted.

ATTY. RIES: I'll e-mail their attorney, so he was up to speed on it. This is a new attorney. One of them left at the same time Steve left the company. Is Ted the new point of contact, or is he the replacement contact until they get a replacement from Steve?

MR. PETERSON: He is the contact from what he told us yesterday.

ATTY. RIES: I'll e-mail their attorney.

MR. KOGELNIK: Our services for plan review on this project and Warren's project are going to continue to go through their accountant, Barry Bolla. So, we're going to assume that there's not going to be a change in that process despite Steve leaving.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Anything else, Cindy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Just a reminder confirmation that the next meeting is still going to be April 1.

MR. PETERSON: Correct. Are you guys good with that?

MR. CZECK: Yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: Did we ever get a resolution with Niles on the billing?

ATTY. RIES: No.

MR. PETERSON: No, we're still waiting to hear. Okay. Any more questions for Cindy? Seeing none --

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MR. PETERSON: Superintendent's Report.

MR. BIGGS: I think we covered everything I had.

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

MEMBER COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Member Comments.

MR. CZECK: Only one I have and probably -- Darren, the delivery on those air release, is everything on time? Because those got ordered, correct?

MR. KOGELNIK: That's our job, and that was actually what I told my construction manager yesterday. So, the air release valves will be delivered later than the other valve parts for the MVSD valve pit. Those parts for the valve pit are -- those are needed next month. Next month is when LEC shut-down is going to occur, and we're going to try and get the contractor to time everything to do all his work during that shut-down. And then after that would be the air release valve replacements. But thank you for asking, we're on top of that one.

MR. CZECK: Okay.

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

QUARTERLY APPROVAL OF BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

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MR. PETERSON: No quarterly approval of billing adjustment for this month. I guess roll call to go into executive session please.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Do you want to start with the motion? You have to do the motion first.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. I'll make a motion for an executive session to discuss investigation and discipline of a Village employee, inviting BPA members, Mayor and Solicitor.

MR. CZECK: I'll second -- or make a motion actually. You made the motion?

MR. PETERSON: I made the motion.

MR. CZECK: I'll second.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: Stanley Czeck.
MR. CZECK: Yes.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Mike Sullivan.
MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.
MR. PETERSON: Okay.

(The Board, Mayor and Solicitor go into executive session at 4:40 p.m.)

(The Board comes back into session at 5:45 p.m.)

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Motion to come out of executive session.
MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.
MR. CZECK: Second.
MR. PETERSON: Roll call.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Peterson.
MR. PETERSON: Yes.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Czeck.
MR. CZECK: Yes.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Sullivan.
MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Result of executive session, there's no action taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

MR. PETERSON: Motion to adjourn.
MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.
MR. CZECK: Second.
MR. PETERSON: All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MR. PETERSON: Opposed?
(No response.)
MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

(Meeting adjourns at 5:45 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.

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DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public
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Submitted:

Approved By:

Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk

Chris Peterson, President0