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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
& UTILITY COMMITTEE  
March 21, 2024  
4:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Christopher Peterson, BPA President  
Mr. Michael Sullivan, BPA Vice-President  
Mr. Stanley Czeck, BPA Board Member  
Mr. Darren Biggs, Supt. of Utilities  
Ms. Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk  
Mr. Christopher Kogelnik, Engineer  
Atty. Matthew Ries, Solicitor  
Mr. Terry Campbell, Utility Chairman  
Mr. Robert Bond, Utility Member  
Ms. Jessica Blank, Utility Member  
Mr. Jamie Moseley, Utility Member  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Jackie Woodward, Village Mayor  
Mr. Mike McNinch, MVSD  
Mr. Tom Holloway, MVSD  
Mr. James Gibbs, MVSD

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 21st of March, 2024.

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

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

MR. PETERSON: Welcome everybody. Roll call please.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Christopher Peterson.  
MR. PETERSON: Present.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.  
(No response.)  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Stanley Czeck.  
MR. CZECK: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Terry Campbell.  
MR. CAMPBELL: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Robert Bond.  
MR. BOND: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Jessica Blank.  
(No response.)  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris Kogelnik.  
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Matt Ries.  
ATTY. RIES: Present.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present. Darren  
Biggs.  
MR. BIGGS: Here.  
MR. PETERSON: Motion to excuse Mike Sullivan. He's  
dealing with some issues.

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MR. CZECK: So moved.

MR. PETERSON: Second. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MR. PETERSON: Any correspondence?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

MR. PETERSON: Seeing none --

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (M.V.S.D.) 24" Water Line Project**

MR. PETERSON: First and only item under New Business is Mahoning Valley Sanitary District 24-inch Water Line Project. We wanted to get everybody together here as we did last year to keep this project moving forward and see what updates have come over the last year. And Chris, do you want to take it or --

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. A couple things have happened since last year. The meeting, I think, was on March 30, 2023, correct?

MR. PETERSON: Uh-huh.

MR. KOGELNIK: So nearly a year after that. Since then, the Village has authorized CT to do a little bit of the aerial survey for the proposed tap. That path might change. Right now we have aerial data, radar data captured. We can't really do anything with that data until we get an authorization to do some preliminary engineering and survey. We would need to tie down the aerial survey and that sort of thing and then do some ground -- some amount of ground survey such as utilities, inserts of manholes, insert of storm sewers, that sort of thing. But we'll have to wait for that. There hasn't been any other engineering or design done because we're waiting for, you know, this project funding to come in. That's obviously the biggest part of it. In terms of the funding, we've worked since probably, I don't know, March or April of last year with closely with Congressman Joyce's office; and just recently he confirmed a decision for an earmark of approximately \$4.2 million which is mostly for this project. I think there was a real small percentage that might even be allocated for the water booster station down on State Route 45 and that, but the most -- the bulk of it was for this project. We've made requests through O.D.O.D. for \$3 million. That was done in January of this year, January 18 I think it was. And then in December 17 of last year we submitted a capital budget request for approximately \$6 million. So, if the Village were to receive that amount of money then the project could kick off. It's unlikely you're going to get all of that, but the applications are submitted. Furthermore, we renominated this project through Ohio E.P.A. WSRLA. In the event that you need loan funding, then you have that as a mechanism. So, there's been some planning that has occurred on the project but nothing that has, you know, really made its way to design. In somewhat of a related manner, just recently the Village authorized CT to do a cost estimate of what it would cost to replace air release valves, automatic air release valves, on the existing 24-inch water line. And the total amount for that was around \$180,000 I think. Right on --

MR. BIGGS: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: And the BPA is still in a decision-making mode on that. They haven't confirmed how they want to pay for the replacement of those. And those units would include the valves

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themselves, of which I think there are nine, and the structures that house them. By that I mean the manholes. So that's what I can tell you. Are there any questions for me?

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Seeing no question for Chris, do you want to -- do you have anything for us or --

MR. McNINCH: Yeah, if you don't -- we've been working back and forth for a while. Have you seen or are you familiar with the Memorandum?

ATTY. RIES: Yes.

MR. McNINCH: We would want to work together as partners for this project, and we have a pending agreement where CT would be the third leg of the stool, I guess. And then we're able to freely transmit any information or engineering, any technology back and forth. So that's what that is. I don't know if you've had a chance --

ATTY. RIES: No, the ball's in our court on that. We've been going through -- the former solicitor had some red line changes shortly before he passed away, then I took over. So the ball's in our court. We'll get you a draft that we have approved shortly and see what you think of that red lined --

MR. McNINCH: As far as like we all agree on the intent at least, it's just the fine print, I guess.

MR. PETERSON: As far as I know, correct.

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. McNINCH: So, we want to continue our partnership with you. That's the first item. The second item I have was the update on the air vents, because I think that one thing that is driving the second water line is the capacity of the first 24. We believe it's our understanding that 24 can -- please correct me if I'm wrong -- handle almost twice the volume that's going through it now before you get low pressure cut-outs.

MR. KOGELNIK: Roughly, yes.

MR. McNINCH: Short term that seems like the best bang for the buck is to get those air vents up and running because then you can -- that buys you a lot of time, I think. Is that fair to say?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. McNINCH: But you got the approval for the design started.

MR. KOGELNIK: No, we haven't gotten the approval for the design. We've gotten approval to do a cost estimate because the Village needed to know how much this would cost. And furthermore, they might be negotiating with somebody else to help get that paid for.

MR. McNINCH: Okay. That's all-good news, that's positive. Side note, we've been working with Darren and his staff. We have -- we're almost complete getting SCADA read-out from the new water tank.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. McNINCH: And the reason being is if we can see that your water tank is ready to be filled, we can adjust our pumping up and down and try to get in front of that so we're not playing catch-up because that does affect Niles and Trumbull County.

MR. KOGELNIK: Oh, okay.

MR. McNINCH: Because you come off of their line. So, the idea is to know in an hour you're going to fill your tank so we can ramp our production to meet it without affecting anyone else. So, Darren's team's been great helping us with that. I'm talking fast. Any questions?

MR. KOGELNIK: No.

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MR. McNINCH: Okay. The one thing -- and this is more long-term- is do we have an estimated cost of where this water line -- and I know a lot of that's going to depend how it's ran, piping material.

MR. KOGELNIK: The new one?

MR. McNINCH: Yes. Is this a current --

MR. KOGELNIK: It's relatively current, Mike. There could be some factors that drive that down or drive it up, but it's what we've been using this year.

MR. McNINCH: Okay. And the reason I'm asking is just because of our finances, MVSD finances -- everything is pretty tight right now because we did not get our rate increase passed in 2022. So that changed the dynamic a little bit short term. I would like to at some point, because technically Lordstown is a customer of Niles, to bring Niles into the discussion to see maybe if -- and I know the table might not be big enough to start adding people, but there's a benefit to them also. So, they may be able to either leverage some state/federal financing or come up with some mechanism where we can all help absorb that cost.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's a good point.

MR. McNINCH: I don't know, that's just at least something to file away because at some point your water agreement would be with the City of Niles the way everything is structured now.

MR. BIGGS: Mike, I got a question on that. With that, the new 24, you own a piece of parcel up there. We're now a part of the District, you guys own it. Would that still go through Niles? Okay.

MR. McNINCH: Thank you, Darren. One scenario that was presented was Lordstown, either a parcel or some part of the Village, would actually become part of the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District. We have a legal opinion, and the way the Ohio Revised Code 61.15 is structured is any part of the Water District we can directly fund capital improvement as long as it's part of the district.

(Jessica Blank enters the meeting.)

MR. McNINCH: So that was something that has been discussed in the past and that is still, I believe, worth researching.

MR. KOGELNIK: Correct. We -- at the last meeting we even went so far as speculating that maybe if we had a second water tank, we would carve out some sort of an easement. I think we said something to that effect. Now the other thing that I will say, since the last meeting we've submitted a memo to Chris, the president here of the Board of Public Affairs, stating that at this point in time we didn't have a reason as to why we would need like a four-million-gallon tank.

MR. PETERSON: Second tower.

MR. KOGELNIK: That can change with, you know, a few new industries connecting. But right now based on what we're seeing in terms of water usage the three -- the new three million gallon tank is handling it. Darren, do you have any other comments on that?

MR. BIGGS: The only thing to add is agreed that maybe that spot would be for the new tank. But I think it was also talked that MVSD had this package worked out they may own that also. Don't forget, coming across 45 we actually have a "T" off of that one valve that that's where that new 24 could hook right in, a spot for a parcel too that way. So, we're set on that also. Just don't want you to forget we already have that established.

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MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. McNINCH: And that ties into -- I think the last item I had is I know there's a lot of speculation, potential growth, new customers. Eastgate is trying to come up with, what are they calling it, the power coalition for 45, Bailey --

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, several staff from the Village attended. I could not attend that one.

MAYOR WOODWARD: It was very vague. We're not really sure what the intentions of that meeting were, we were just asked what our thoughts were. But we really didn't have any thoughts because none of us had attended the initial phase of the meeting to know what the meeting was even about.

MR. KOGELNIK: Mike, what were your thoughts? Did you attend?

MR. McNINCH: Yes, we've been involved from the beginning at least as a participant. I think they're trying to come up with an over-arching development plan for the entire region. And they believe, and I think rightfully so, between the freeways, the rail system, the electric that Lordstown is the best chance for short-term industrial growth for the region. So, I think what they're trying to do is just because there's so many -- if you're coming from the south, it would be technically Mahoning County water -- it's our water but through Mahoning County. If you're coming from the north, it's you guys. Sewage is a potential question --

MR. KOGELNIK: It is.

MR. McNINCH: -- whether it would go to Warren or somehow get over to the Mahoning County plant in Weathersfield. So, I think they're trying to just come up with a mechanism so that they can go and say we have a 100-acre parcel, here's how you make it happen. So that a lot of issues -- I don't know the details specifically, but like T.J. Maxx, it's when you were trying to put something that big in there's a lot of questions that need answered all the way up and down the line. So, I think they're trying to get in front of that. That's my perspective.

MAYOR WOODWARD: To result with turnkey properties, is that kind of what it is?

MR. McNINCH: So that if a developer comes in and says we're looking at this site that they're able to say exactly this is your water provider, your water rate, this is your sewer provider, sewer rate, this is your electric, gas, telecommunications, zoning, who do you contact for zoning, key issues like that. Instead of people from the outside coming to the Mahoning Valley and because everything is so balkanized, you may have an intersection and there's four different providers for different services. So, I think that's what they're -- that's my interpretation of what they're trying to do.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. BOND: Now how close does that power coalition run with the live zone, do you know that?

MR. McNINCH: That I don't know.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's actually a good question. I don't know the relationship there.

MR. BOND: I don't either.

MR. KOGELNIK: And they haven't really stated anything. It would help if Eastgate could clear up what they're thinking is on some of these things because then the Village might be able to understand how they can participate. Right now it's -- really it is vague. But

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you know one thing is clear, the power coalition recognizes there's a potential for development, right. And to your point Mayor about turnkey, I think yes, they want to make some of these abilities for new developers to have more of a turnkey approach rather than them figuring out how, you know, their planning and zoning works, how their water and sewer are connected, who they pay the bill to, what their potential is for capacity and that sort of thing. So maybe that's what Eastgate is trying to help along. But the sewer thing is a real concern, at least from the perspective of Warren, right. And it would help if somebody can be looking at that from, you know, the standpoint of what's the reserve capacity for the area. I do know that Mahoning County is in the process of designing that improvement to the treatment plant. Does this area have an allocation?

MR. McNINCH: And I don't know if -- Tom -- if we had a discussion with Mahoning County, and they are potentially doubling the size of that plant.

MR. HOLLOWAY: Yes.

MR. McNINCH: We just found that out today.

MR. KOGELNIK: Is that all for maybe Canfield or --

MR. HOLLOWAY: They're projecting certain things to happen, additional capacity they're going to need.

(At this time, James Gibbs enters.)

MR. KOGELNIK: But somebody needs to discuss that with Mahoning County and start to understand what that reserve capacity is or could be. Because if it doesn't exist and if Warren isn't going to accommodate that then, you know, there needs to be an idea or a concept for a new treatment plant. We touched on that I think at the last meeting, but it has been mentioned a couple times since last March here in the Village.

MR. HOLLOWAY: Has there been any communication with the City of Warren?

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't think so. The last communication I was privy to was the e-mail from their director stating they were concerned about I&I. But I don't know if that was -- we don't know if that was on the basis of Trumbull County sewers in the Village, which we know has an I&I issue, or the east side system. The east side system is relatively tight, it's relatively new; but every system has I&I. So it needs to be figured out is what I'm saying. And you know, when you do that you need to start also understanding what your available industrial-zoned land is. Lordstown's actually -- the amount of land available is decreasing. I think just this past year, or was it the year before last, the area on the west side of Ellsworth-Bailey and just north of the turnpike that wooded area was acquired for a conservancy, wasn't it? It was not?

MR. BOND: Metro Parks.

MAYOR WOODWARD: It's even further north of -- north of the industrial side too. It's just south of Salt Springs Road.

MR. CZECK: It's off of Lyntz.

MR. KOGELNIK: You know, I would encourage the Village to map out what your -- you know, your available industrial-zoned land is. Because Mahoning County and Jackson Township probably has the potential for a good amount of industrial land rather than Lordstown. Now the one other thing that has occurred since last year is we did complete the design for the connector water line between State Route 45 and Ellsworth-Bailey.

MR. McNINCH: South of the --

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MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. McNINCH: South of the tank towards Fed-Ex.

MR. PETERSON: Around Foxconn.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The old General Motors complex.

MR. KOGELNIK: Hallock Young Road, Mike.

MR. McNINCH: I gotcha.

MR. KOGELNIK: So that is gonna complete the loop all the way around 45, Salt Springs Road, Ellsworth-Bailey, Hallock Young Road, it's gonna be a big water loop. And that's good. You know, that provides reliability and redundancy for everybody in that loop. But it also sets up the stage with the new booster station of course. It's gonna set up the stage for providing water in the future to the point south along Ellsworth-Bailey and to Jackson Township.

MR. GIBBS: Chris, what's the time frame.

MR. KOGELNIK: Actually, the Village would like to go into construction on that project this year. But we're waiting on a funding request to come through for that too.

MR. GIBBS: The \$4 million?

MR. KOGELNIK: The \$4 million is actually for the 24-inch water line from Niles. But we do have a \$2 million request through -- I can't remember if it was O.D.O.D. or the capital budget.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, I can't remember.

MR. KOGELNIK: But one of -- for one of those two. And we should be getting word any day now on the O.D.O.D. request. I think the 25th is when we're supposed to get an announcement, so there's that. And then the booster station also has potential funding coming through. The booster station's a small cost, it's about \$425,000. And we're making positive communication with the property owner where the future booster station is going. So, hoping that that one can be in construction before too long.

MR. McNINCH: Can you touch on that real quick. You said the 4.2, the earmark from Senator Brown --

MR. KOGELNIK: From Congressman Joyce.

MR. GIBBS: So that's for the 24?

MR. PETERSON: That's for the 24-inch.

MR. McNINCH: That 4.2 is.

MR. KOGELNIK: Almost exclusively for the 24-inch.

MR. McNINCH: So, we need to come up with, again using that number nine, the difference --

MR. KOGELNIK: We've got -- \$3 million is requested to O.D.O.D. for that.

MR. PETERSON: \$3 million is through O.D.O.D., we have a request in. And we have \$6 million request in for the capital budget.

MR. GIBBS: Are you saying it's only going to cost 13 now?

MR. KOGELNIK: \$13 million is the cost of the water line itself. Keep in mind initially, James, is that we were thinking we were gonna have another tank involved in this.

MR. GIBBS: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: But as of late -- and you weren't here when I mentioned it, I'm sorry -- last year we put a memo together to Chris and stated based on our understanding of water demand now in the Village we won't need a 4-million-gallon tank as it is now, the existing 3-million-gallon tank --

MR. MOSELEY: Is sufficient.

MR. KOGELNIK: -- is sufficient, yeah.

MR. GIBBS: So, we would only have to come up with 5

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million at the most.

MR. McNINCH: Well, nine. Thirteen minus four is nine. And then depending --

MR. PETERSON: We're sitting on nine mill right now without the other two requests coming in, whether they were approved or not.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's right.

MR. GIBBS: Are we talking about ownership of the --

MR. KOGELNIK: We did not.

MR. McNINCH: Are you thinking or --

MR. GIBBS: Go ahead.

MR. McNINCH: Back to the property that's zoned commercial/industrial, prospective new customers. From our side we're always looking for the economy of scale. If you can come and say we have a factory that's going to need half a million a day, we can run the numbers and figure out where the break point is working it backwards. Because again, at the end of the day we have to get Niles and Youngstown to support this if MVSD takes an active role.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. GIBBS: Has there been any communication with the City of Niles? I think --

MR. PETERSON: Not since last year.

MR. GIBBS: Where we left off last year?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, correct.

MR. GIBBS: That's one of the things we were looking for is to build that communication. If we can get by -- if in -- from Niles surely we can probably get -- convince Youngstown how important this is economically in terms of growth, in terms of economy of scales. What Mike is basically saying is we need some type of incentive like why this is a value project in terms of how Niles and Youngstown and the Village of McDonald benefits. The more we produce and sell, the less it costs them.

MR. PETERSON: The lower their rates are in the grand scheme of things.

MR. GIBBS: I know you're not privileged of exactly what's coming to the area probably, but we only heard that the battery plant is only working at 40 percent.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Their water usage is only at about 40 percent of what they anticipated.

MR. GIBBS: Okay.

MR. PETERSON: And they are up to full potential per them or no?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I heard -- again, employees don't necessarily base the usage, you know, in the production process -- but my last update was there is 1,100 employees, full-time equivalent employees, and they planned on adding more staff. However, the water usage that they requested from day one was 2 million gallons per day, and on an average they're at about 320 to 450 thousand gallons per day. So, they're --

MR. KOGELNIK: That is nowhere near the projection.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And that's why that other tower is --

MR. KOGELNIK: I know employment numbers don't matter when it comes to that industry, but we were at the industry just a couple months ago and they said they were approaching or if not already exceeded 2,000.

MR. BIGGS: 2,000, that's what they told us.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Mine is full-time equivalent numbers. And



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I got those for the state report for December 31 of last year.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's gotta be accurate.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The status maybe they are not full-time employees or contractors.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. But the Village is intending to connect Foxconn via the new water line in between Ellsworth-Bailey and State Route 45.

MAYOR WOODWARD: They have -- I just asked my husband because he worked at Ultium. He's an electrician. He said they are around 65 percent capacity in production right now.

MR. GIBBS: So even the demand --

MR. PETERSON: They're not gonna quite hit a million, but they will be around the million mark.

MR. GIBBS: Any communication with Foxconn about an exclusive relationship with Lordstown in terms of water usage? We weren't sure last year.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, last year we weren't sure. I know the Board member that talked to them is not here. Darren, you were with him, correct?

MR. BIGGS: I've talked to them many times about it just to see if they would go with us and -- exclusively, and they never really give me an answer. You look at it on their perspective they have the best of both worlds. They have two supplies, something happens to one they still got the other. So, they either need some convincing or tell them hey, you really don't have a choice because I can't get a yes or no out of them on that.

MR. GIBBS: Now does that relationship pertain to the pipeline around the plant?

MR. KOGELNIK: It does.

MR. PETERSON: It does.

MR. KOGELNIK: You know, we -- the pipeline could do several things, James. I mean, it provides reliability and redundancy to everybody in that loop. But you know, the Village was intending to connect exclusively Foxconn. In fact, we got letters of support from Foxconn that we've included in the funding applications for that main water line. So we do eventually -- the Village does eventually need to have that meaningful conversation with Foxconn to state, you know, you're a customer of the Village. The agreement from 2018 is gone.

MR. PETERSON: Correct. They're our customer, they're in our district.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's correct. And additionally, the contract we had for the City of Warren for their water supply source expired when General Motors ceased operation; and the City of Warren has never provided an additional contract or -- we sought for it for quite a while just to get them to say that they would give them water and we have nothing.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Can I ask a question? What's the story now with General Motors after all these times they went into bankruptcy and lost some money? There was a big article in the Tribune the other day referencing the overseas deal they had and all that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: With General Motors?

MR. GIBBS: Or Foxconn?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, Foxconn.

MR. SLUSARCZYK: Foxconn.

MR. PETERSON: Foxconn.

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MR. KOGELNIK: I -- I know more about that tape recorder than I do Foxconn.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm just curious. There's not nearly the employees over there that they used to have. You just drive by daily and you see what's there.

MR. PETERSON: There's the potential for a high-water user. That does not mean there will be a high-water user.

MR. KOGELNIK: They filled out a PPEF, Preliminary Planning and Evaluation Form, for the Village stating they were eventually going to be at the same water demand as the former General Motors. That's just not even visible right now.

MR. CAMPBELL: No, not to me, because the other day the electric car that they were gonna produce they've changed their MIND not to build it there.

MR. GIBBS: Well, I thought it was just on pause from what the article read.

MR. PETERSON: I didn't read the article so I don't know.

MR. GIBBS: So just to make sure we have an understanding, if we don't have the contract agreement with Foxconn we're not building the pipeline around Lordstown?

MR. KOGELNIK: We didn't say that. There's still a reliability and redundancy aid to the Village's existing water customers if -- you know, if they build that. And there are some small industrial parcels in that loop and along that loop that still would benefit from that. I think there was a prospective industry that was just recently looking on Industrial Trace Road or something like that, and they had a really unusual water demand albeit a small footprint. And so those are the things that we need to be looking out for. So that's why it's important to map out the available acreage and understand when a new development comes in where they're going, how they're gonna be connected, what demand they might have. It's simple for us now. Now --

MR. CAMPBELL: There's more acres over there than you realize.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: I worked there for years, and I've been all over that place. And the beat right now, Anchor Motor Freight has all that property they've cleaned around, and any day there could be something pop up that they'd want to buy that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. So I mean, that's all necessary for what we're doing with that water line loop.

MR. PETERSON: I believe the water line loop is happening no matter what happens with Foxconn.

MR. CAMPBELL: I think that's good, I agree.

MR. PETERSON: That's still the heart of our industrial area.

MR. KOGELNIK: The permit is already in hand for that line. We just need to get into bidding and construction.

MR. McNINCH: This is current.

MR. GIBBS: So, 90 days. So, you're roughly around six months out before you can even break ground, right?

MR. PETERSON: Correct.

MR. KOGELNIK: At least, yeah.

MR. HOLLOWAY: Any other additional development out there, what sewer they're gonna utilize, yours or General Motors sewer?

MR. BIGGS: Trumbull County.

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MR. PETERSON: That's all Trumbull County.

MR. BIGGS: That's all Trumbull County out there.

MR. HOLLOWAY: So, they would have to get access to sewer if there's something else on Hallock Young Road. And you got the Warren situation with -- situation with the wastewater treatment plant.

MR. GIBBS: You may have discussed this already, but the second power plant --

MR. KOGELNIK: We didn't mention it, but go ahead. It's a bad word around here.

MR. GIBBS: I understand. When I came in you said we haven't spoke to Warren. Where are they at with building that pipeline out?

MR. KOGELNIK: Their design for the 16-inch connector off of State Route 45 is done, the design is done, and they're just about ready to go into construction on that. Now that was supposed to be a normally inactive line only to be used in the event of an emergency on their future 24. Their future 24 design is pretty much done, I've reviewed it. There's a couple questions that the Village has had, and that the developer and Warren are working through right now. But I don't see why that water line wouldn't go into construction here within maybe four months or so. That would be soon the soonest but --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They still don't have the permit, correct?

MR. KOGELNIK: I haven't seen the permit. That's why I said four months. Ohio E.P.A., if they drug their feet three months. The design is pretty much done. We want them to make a few adjustments to it but.

MR. GIBBS: So, going back to the power -- I mean the 24-inch from Warren, that's a back-up feeding water line?

MR. KOGELNIK: That would be their primary.

MR. PETERSON: That would be TEC's primary, the 24.

MR. KOGELNIK: The 16 coming off of State Route 45 would be the back-up.

MR. HOLLOWAY: They would be interconnected.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. With a normally closed valve is what we called it.

MR. McNINCH: I got random thoughts just --

MR. PETERSON: Go for it.

MR. McNINCH: -- to the sewage problem, and I'm just -- again, these are random -- I believe Craig Beach has a small wastewater plant.

MR. KOGELNIK: I believe you're right.

MR. McNINCH: But I don't know what their capacity is. And I believe Newton Falls also has a small wastewater plant.

MR. PETERSON: They don't.

MR. McNINCH: I don't know what their surplus capacity is. That's way out of the box, but that at least might be worth discussing.

MR. KOGELNIK: Those are both options that we did not explore back in 2018 when we did some concept work for wastewater treatment for Lordstown.

MR. HOLLOWAY: You'd have to change the two 01 facility plants.

MR. KOGELNIK: And that --

MR. McNINCH: I know it's at least throwing into the discussion.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. McNINCH: Yes. Again, out of left field, if you have

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the design for the 24 done could you potentially install it in phases; 1, 2, 3, A, B, C, and use the money -- existing money you have to -- and then as it arrives --

MR. KOGELNIK: I actually never thought of that.

MR. GIBBS: So contractually --

MR. PETERSON: It had been in my head, but I didn't think that was the best way to do it. I understand what you're saying.

MR. GIBBS: If you're getting grants and then funding other sources, then we have to come up with the funding source. If it is one project we're gonna have to get lawyers involved contractually, whether we have to pay you money since you owe most of the deposit; and then the contract would be on you or most of the grants, you won't be allowed to give us the funding, and then we control the contract so that --

MR. PETERSON: So, you're thinking if we did it in phases that would help you guys on your funding side?

MR. GIBBS: We could probably do phase three or whatever, we build out, you meet us.

MR. McNINCH: Transcontinental railroad with the gold spike in the railroad. You're younger than me, you don't remember that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, the phase thing is really attractive because of Salt Springs Road.

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: They have a road, the federal aid road, that is blowing up. So, if this water line has gotta go through it, we can get S.D.B.G. funds for the road and offset some of these costs.

MR. PETERSON: So, what you're saying essentially is the 4.2 we have in hand, when we have it, we could --

MR. KOGELNIK: We could basically, you know --

MR. PETERSON: We could run the water line the section of the area where the road's bad, get that section phase one.

MR. KOGELNIK: Capped off, wait.

MR. HOLLOWAY: Interconnect with the existing line and use it as your secondary loop.

MR. KOGELNIK: We have that too. Good idea.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. I'm not against it.

MR. KOGELNIK: I just never thought of that.

MR. PETERSON: I didn't know, I thought it was easier one project for funding-wise.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well yeah, you know.

MR. GIBBS: We still have to look into that.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, yeah, I mean --

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, we'll consider that. But you know, we have a big date coming up on the 25th where we hope to have a decision from O.D.O.D.

MR. PETERSON: So, I guess one of the questions I had was say a miracle happens and we get all three of these funding agencies to play nice and we get the money for the maintenance on the line. Is that something you guys are willing to look at or -- because obviously, our department is not equipped to repair a 24, you know what I mean.

MR. McNINCH: I have complete and utter faith in Darren Biggs.

MR. PETERSON: I do too.

MAYOR WOODWARD: But does Darren have utter faith?

MR. BIGGS: I was gonna wait until the end to resign. This

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might be a good time. Chris, speaking of that anyhow, I gotta ask. You were kicking around money as in roughly 14 million to do the line, we got 4.2 and grants and all that stuff. What I want to ask is what would -- let's say it is 14 million. Would that cover the whole thing? What is the whole thing?

MR. KOGELNIK: Without another tank we're looking at around 13 1/2, 14 million dollars.

MR. BIGGS: What does that cover?

MR. KOGELNIK: That covers a new 24-inch water line and the interconnects.

MR. BIGGS: So that does not cover getting rid of the Niles line, the connections for the residents, the hydrants?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, it does. It does.

MR. BIGGS: That's what I'm asking.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm sorry.

MR. BIGGS: That covers everything that we had discussed before?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. BIGGS: Should happen at the same time? Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: There's a healthy amount of asphalt in that estimate too. So ten foot wide for the entire stretch. So but, you know --

MR. MOSELEY: How deep would that line be?

MR. KOGELNIK: It's gonna vary. But we're trying to do -- like for example, with the Warren line make them five deep so we can go over them and we've told that to them. So but to your point, it abandons the existing 10-inch that you needed. I wish we had more fluff in there but, you know, we're asking for the sun, the moon, and the stars on this from a grant perspective. But going back to what you were saying there and what Mike was entrusting Darren with, I mean, you know, we have -- the Village does not have the big tools and toys that MVSD does to fix and repair a 24-inch water line, and thank god we haven't had to. But that day will come and, you know, we did talk a little bit about that at the last meeting last year. It would be extremely helpful to the Village for the District to operate/maintain, you know, the -- at least the future 24-inch water line, if not both of them.

MR. PETERSON: If not both of them.

MR. GIBBS: We would have to speak with Council and --

MR. McNINCH: But legally there's that stipulation, if we did not own it outright --

MR. GIBBS: Right.

MR. McNINCH: You know, I mean, obviously we will help Darren with anything he ever needs.

MR. HOLLOWAY: That would be part of the District.

MR. BIGGS: That would be part of theirs if they had both ends. If they were to pay for it that would have to be theirs. It would just make sense that the other part, the other 24 that is existing too. It's one in the same.

MR. GIBBS: The agreement can basically in perpetuity say once the agreement is done MVSD would take ownership of such land and whatever, blah-blah-blah-blah.

MR. KOGELNIK: So, what would it take to do that? What would it take -- to have the owner be the District?

MR. McNINCH: I'll defer to --

ATTY. RIES: I want to talk to Tom Wilson about that too,

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but it would have to be -- the property, I would think, that it runs along would have to go to the District itself.

MR. KOGELNIK: But this is gonna be in the road right-of-way.

MR. McNINCH: It's a public right-of-way. We just need an end point.

MR. HOLLOWAY: There was a legal opinion. You have to review the legal opinion.

ATTY. RIES: Did Tom prepare it?

MR. HOLLOWAY: No, we had outside legal counsel prepare it. To become part of the District you would have to go to the jurisdiction.

ATTY. RIES: Who prepared it?

MR. HOLLOWAY: Outside firm. I forget their name.

ATTY. RIES: Is it privileged?

MR. HOLLOWAY: No.

ATTY. RIES: I'd have to take a look at that and go from that.

MR. HOLLOWAY: You may already have that in your possession, I don't know.

ATTY. RIES: I don't know, I can check. When was it prepared?

MR. HOLLOWAY: Three years ago.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Hagerfield or something?

ATTY. RIES: Walter Havenfield?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Was that --

MR. HOLLOWAY: That doesn't sound familiar to me.

ATTY. RIES: Would this be part of the process where it would require approval by Trumbull and Mahoning County judges both?

MR. HOLLOWAY: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think one of the questions that we had is if the Village sought funding, grant money, and such for the line and installed the line, ultimately could they afterwards give it to MVSD? I think that was question number two.

MR. GIBBS: Am I able to (inaudible mumbling) --

MR. McNINCH: We can get it to you through Attorney Wilson, ma'am.

ATTY. RIES: Okay, sounds good.

MR. KOGELNIK: The other thing that, Matt, you have might have to weigh in on is a review of the funding agreement.

ATTY. RIES: All right. I mean, it's like anything else, it's gonna be doable. A matter of reviewing the statutes, the contracts, and following the right steps. So, if you're able to give me that legal opinion, if I was not privileged, if you're able to share that with me; and I'll also look at the funding agreement and be able to come up with an answer.

MR. McNINCH: Yeah, we will, first thing tomorrow.

ATTY. RIES: All right, sounds good. Right now I'm kind of like the kid who walked into the middle of the movie.

MR. McNINCH: That's at least the highlight of everything, the questions that I had.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well I mean, these grants they -- they're political and they get Council to the communication and dialogue, you have with the decision makers for these. So sometimes it's only as good as that. And in the best situation, like I say, you need to forecast to these politicians what your needs are. You know, Rulli

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came to a few meetings, you know, when there was all sorts of other topics and stated grand things like if you ever need anything, call me. Call him.

MR. BOND: I did.

MR. KOGELNIK: I mean, call him a lot.

MR. BOND: I did. We didn't get an answer.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, the election is over now.

MR. BOND: Probably less chance. That's when he was running for re-election when he came up here.

MR. KOGELNIK: Capital budget requests, Mike can tell you it's a shot in the dark.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. GIBBS: Chris, would there be any additional cost if we didn't break this up into three phases?

MR. KOGELNIK: Inevitably there would be. That's just the nature of that kind of work. But you know for instance, we've flown the entire route that we thought would be the route to take, and so we've got that data available for the entire route. Can you put a project manual together with front end documents and general conditions that suits every funding opportunity, no you can't. So, some of that stuff has to just be shoveled out and the tech specs and that sort of thing would remain. And then yeah, if you had a basis of design for each section and you could utilize the components of plans as best you can; but there's the logistics of a project where it just -- it always adds up more in pieces than it does as one.

MR. McNINCH: To remobilize multiple times.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, and with our experience with having multiple contracts for one project is our east side sewer system. And we had nightmare after nightmare, one contractor blames the next contractor. So I mean, in a perfect world I think let's pray that we get the funding and try to eliminate as many -- you know, not break it up too small so we have that problem repeat itself.

MR. KOGELNIK: I think part of that answer based on the ideas expressed today are gonna come after that decision from O D.O.T.

MR. McNINCH: Did you say April 25?

MR. KOGELNIK: The 25th.

MR. McNINCH: April or --

MR. KOGELNIK: No, March 25.

MR. PETERSON: March 25.

MR. KOGELNIK: So here's another caveat to the O.D.O.D. funding, it has to be spent by December 31, 2026.

MR. PETERSON: I don't think we have a choice. If we get the O.D.O.D. funding we're gonna have to proceed in phases, we're not gonna have a choice if we don't get the other rest of it.

MR. CZECK: Well, if you get two-thirds of it sounds like you're gonna go ahead and stop sounds better than none.

MR. GIBBS: Well the other thing is again, we would have to sit down as a District, map out first of all funding sources, how we have a financial relationship with the Village if the only way is one way, one project.

MR. PETERSON: And if it's better one project, maybe there's some avenues you guys have on your end.

MR. GIBBS: Timelines.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, I'm looking at the end of 2026 really. I'm banking on that.

MR. GIBBS: Completed by the end of 2026.

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MR. KOGELNIK: No. The best-case scenario, yes. But that is -- that would be daunting right now. Especially because the government has delayed the decision on O.D.O.D. until now. In fact, I've heard people say they're already gonna request a time extension. So -- but I think that if these ideas can be implemented that we're talking about, at least for the Salt Springs -- eastern Salt Springs Road section, I mean gees, you need to do that. It's -- you got a lot of advantage to doing that. So that's all I can tell you. But I think, so you know, there's this project, but on the backside of it the more meaningful stuff is what we were talking about, sell water. You know that's just it. You're gonna want to know, okay, where's the available property, where are these industries coming in, you know, what is Mahoning County, you know, eager to do and committed to do, that sort of thing. I think -- I really think from my view the biggest bang for the growth is gonna come from Jackson Township.

MR. PETERSON: Has there been any more talk about the JEDD? I know you're kind of coming into it in the middle of it. I don't nowhere they were at with it last year. I asked a bunch of times, I didn't get any answer.

MR. BOND: You got the same answer I got.

MR. KOGELNIK: The other thing that's happened since last year's meeting, they confirmed that they're gonna keep their water distribution system. That was huge. So that system though has one feed, just like the Village kind of, and --

MR. PETERSON: So, is that something we need to be working on from our end is talking to Jackson?

MR. KOGELNIK: I honestly think that if Eastgate has got this plan and they want to really make something happen they -- you know, they need to initiate the players. The Village has done all they can. We've -- the Village has actually done more than what needs to be done here, I think.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: What about Newton Falls? MVSD had brought up last year about Newton Falls and trying to get in touch with them and see what their needs were.

MR. HOLLOWAY: Yeah, we talked to them several times about making a connection. No one's ever gotten back to us. Do away with their water plant and --

MR. KOGELNIK: I did call them at the request of -- I think you had asked about that maybe about a year-and-a-half ago, and they said they didn't want to at all change their water treatment plant. So --

MR. HOLLOWAY: I know there's treatment issues there, not only themselves but with Trumbull County. You have some debt that's gonna come off in 2025 or '26, and there's needs out there at the facility.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's the most I can give to this meeting.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Do you have anything else?

MR. McNINCH: No. Thank you for including us. And anything we can do to help --

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Has MVSD water production -- is it still at 24 million gallons a day?

MR. McNINCH: 2023 we're almost exactly 24 a day. The capacity is 60.

MR. KOGELNIK: There just some news about a new plant in Niles, a new --



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MR. HOLLOWAY: Graphite plant.

MR. KOGELNIK: Is there a water demand associated with that?

MR. HOLLOWAY: We think there's gonna be. We researched it today, we looked at the property site, we looked at their water lines, and we looked up what a graphite processing plant does. And it seems if they're gonna process graphite from start to finish it looks like a lot of water involved.

MR. McNINCH: The site in the past has been fed from Niles and this would be a Niles customer. So that would, to your point, benefit you guys.

MR. HOLLOWAY: Warren Avenue, an old government site.

MR. KOGELNIK: Which avenue?

MR. HOLLOWAY: Warren Avenue, going out the back way from Niles to Warren.

MR. BOND: It's the defense stock place out there where Western Reserve reservoir is. It's kind of like behind it.

MR. HOLLOWAY: Well, the other thing with the City of Warren is that paper plant that's going in on their system.

MR. KOGELNIK: The Kimberly Clark plant.

MR. HOLLOWAY: Again, you got an industrial process creating paper, there's gonna be --

MR. BOND: It's not gonna be a whole plant.

MR. McNINCH: Minimal water you say?

MR. MOSELEY: From what I understood they are just go gonna cut and package, they are not gonna make the --

MR. McNINCH: Okay.

MR. MOSELEY: I wouldn't want that smell anyway.

MR. PETERSON: Stanley, do you have anything?

MR. CZECK: No. Just on the back in the nineties, the late nineties, they wanted to form a JEDD with Jackson Township, but they wanted half our income tax. But at that point we were only half a percent here in the Village, so that went down the drain because we wanted to extend out that Bailey Road and all that. And then when they wanted that, because we had discussions with them and everything, and they just ended.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Terry, do you have anything?

MR. CAMPBELL: No.

MR. PETERSON: Jackie?

MAYOR WOODWARD: I have nothing.

MR. PETERSON: Bob?

MR. BOND: No.

MR. PETERSON: I guess going forward --

MR. BIGGS: Chris.

MR. PETERSON: Darren, I'm sorry.

MR. BIGGS: I have something. I recently just got this Memorandum of Cooperation. Apparently, it was from the Village to MVSD. I'm not sure where it came from, how far it got. I don't know. But I was hoping someone at this table or even back here could answer what this -- this was in at the District's sole cost, blah-blah-blah, 24-inch line, the tank or pump station; number 4 was an additional two-mile transmission line to the Warren City transmission line. Can anybody explain how that was put in here?

MR. BOND: I think that red line was put in by Paul. I have no idea what that is either.

MR. HOLLOWAY: I think this is an error because we

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questioned that.

MR. BIGGS: I have red lines in there. I don't know if you guys even actually got this.

MR. McNINCH: Darren, what version and date do you have?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: This is --

MR. BIGGS: 4/10/23.

MR. McNINCH: 4/10/23. I don't believe we've ever received that one. The last one I have is July of '22.

MR. BIGGS: You probably didn't. That's why I'm wondering. I didn't know anything about that.

MR. HOLLOWAY: We inquired about that. And again, I think it was some misinterpretation -- by my understanding, a legal counsel presenting it to our legal counsel. We asked our legal counsel what is this, we didn't even know what it was; and I think it came from the Village of Lordstown solicitor.

MR. GIBBS: Yes.

MR. HOLLOWAY: And we never -- as far as I know it was not a project we were aware of or knew what he was talking about in this. I don't know if there was a miscommunication somewhere along the line.

MR. KOGELNIK: I believe it was a miscommunication.

MR. PETERSON: I believe it was a miscommunication.

MR. BIGGS: Apparently our attorney wrote this out and was gonna give it to MVSD.

MR. KOGELNIK: But since then there's been other versions produced and that version you're holding.

MR. BIGGS: Do you have the newer version?

ATTY. RIES: No. This is what I have. If it's 4/10/23 this is the most recent version. These were Paul's red line version revisions that we were gonna look at internally and discuss before we submitted to anyone. So, this has not been reviewed or approved on the Village's end. For some reason Paul made these changes, so we need to go through this with a comb.

MR. BIGGS: Matt, I'm just wondering if nobody has a clue about this, how much is our solicitor adding stuff in there that an engineer would and passing this along. I don't think Paul would have dreamed it up.

ATTY. RIES: I understand. And I'm not sure why he made that change.

MR. BIGGS: I was just wondering if anybody here did. Nobody has a clue where this -- okay.

MR. PETERSON: No.

MR. BIGGS: Interesting.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's repeated there too. It's under 4, 6, or 7 -- I'm sorry, 4, 5, 7.

MR. GIBBS: Yeah. Somewhere in between us talking with you guys about building that -- your, you know, wish list, the water tank, and then the cease and desist all kind of stopped --

ATTY. RIES: A lot of back and forth. We've got that cleared up. We need to review this on our side internally, these changes that Paul made, take them out and figure out what we want to submit back to MVSD to look at an acceptable final form.

MR. BIGGS: Matt, is that gonna be our next step now?

ATTY. RIES: Yes. I've circulated it. That's why you guys have it, I circulated it. And we need to figure out what we want to -- it doesn't require official approval. I just need to send them back a draft.

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MR. BIGGS: Need something to start to send to them.

ATTY. RIES: And they may want that, I don't know. You'll have to talk to Attorney Wilson. They may want that signed before they send a legal opinion with me, unless it was shared with Paul Dutton already.

MR. McNINCH: We're here to cooperate, we're looking for the win-win. So, when you're comfortable with your version, then get us the draft and then we'll work on it together.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: So, after these decisions for funding are made, that's one piece of information. The agreement is another. Meeting with Niles would be another. So, you can -- could you possibly have another meeting soon, because if you get acceptable decision for funding --

MR. PETERSON: We're gonna need to move forward.

MR. KOGELNIK: You're gonna need to put this into gear. You're gonna need to do several things as a matter of fact. You're gonna need to decide on whether you're gonna piecemeal it, you're gonna need to decide whether or not you're gonna go after ODOT S.T.B.G. funding for the roadway. Of course, that's not your decision, that's a Council decision. Yeah, there's quite a few things that would have to be jumped on. And that meeting with Niles might be imminent.

MR. PETERSON: Well, we have everybody that needs to be at that meeting in the room now. Should we just set up that meeting now, except for Niles obviously.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I was gonna say we'll -- we know that we're gonna have to have a meeting with Niles in another related topic.

MR. PETERSON: In an unrelated topic anyways.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The agreement with Niles, when we entered the new agreement they opened up the volume of flow -- I mean they took the restriction out. I mean, they were aware at that time that we were talking about the water supply for TEC and the extra supply, so that restriction -- the only restriction we have is what we can actually physically get to the Village of Lordstown. So, we do have a new agreement, but I think it's courtesy to go back to them and discuss this water line. Initially we did go talk to them when it was gonna come off Fifth Street and just run part of the way out.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But now since that point in time, which was years ago, it's from MVSD all the way to Lordstown without running through the Niles distribution system.

MR. GIBBS: I have one request. In that contract between MVSD and Lordstown can we get an understanding of terms of communication of properties? There's the mayor, there's Council, there's BPA.

MR. McNINCH: I was gonna touch on that. Would you like Council president, the mayor, BPA president, who should be included, just --

MAYOR WOODWARD: Chris for sure, Chris Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: BPA president.

MR. GIBBS: BPA president.

MR. PETERSON: I believe the mayor should be in the loop also and Utilities. Do you want Council president or do you want Utility?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Maybe both.

MR. GIBBS: Who has the final say in Lordstown? Is it the

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mayor, is it Council?

MR. PETERSON: Matt, I'll let you answer that.

ATTY. RIES: If it's outside of the Village's jurisdiction it needs to be approved by Council ultimately.

MR. PETERSON: The BPA and Council. I believe it goes through both.

MR. GIBBS: So, we just communicate with you but you make no decisions?

MAYOR WOODWARD: I have no vote.

ATTY. RIES: She can break ties on Council because we have six.

MR. McNINCH: Where Jim's -- James is going, we want to make sure --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: History doesn't repeat itself.

MR. McNINCH: Somebody isn't unintentionally cut out.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I like to just be kept in the loop so I know what's going on so when we have conversations at Council meetings that I'm able to relay the information properly. So, it's nice to be informed and not left in the dark. But I won't take offense if you omit me from an e-mail.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: For the record, the Utility Committee was invited, as all of Council and the Mayor, to keep it open.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. I can send you a list of all the emails.

MAYOR WOODWARD: It makes things go faster when a decision has to be made when everybody already knows what's going on and we don't have to tell them again and again and lose information in translation.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It makes better decisions.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes.

MR. GIBBS: And my last question, is the TEC agreement with Warren finalized?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yea, unfortunately it is. That was finalized in July of 2022.

MR. PETERSON: 2022.

MR. GIBBS: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: However, there's no shovel in the ground yet.

MR. GIBBS: Have you had any communications with the City of Warren's Water Department and where they are with, other than you said --

MR. KOGELNIK: The only was with Warren's engineers, Stantec, because of my role as a plan reviewer for that project. And the only thing I can tell you is I've reviewed both designs. The one review for the connector off of State Route 45, that review is done and I haven't seen the water permit yet from Ohio E.P.A.

MR. PETERSON: I haven't seen it either.

MR. KOGELNIK: But anyways, this one should be ready to go to construction here. Now the design for the main 24-inch, it's fairly done. The Village has requested a few changes, but they are minor.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Chris, did you mention setting a tentative date for a meeting? Do you want to do that now?

MR. PETERSON: I would love to do that now because everybody is in the room now except for, obviously, Niles. How far in the future do you think we should look?

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MR. KOGELNIK: Well, did they say something like in the event March 25 they couldn't make a decision that they were going to delay it until like April 4 or 8? I can't remember which.

MR. PETERSON: I thought it was further in April than that. Maybe I'm wrong.

MR. KOGELNIK: I heard them speculating that, but I didn't get any feedback.

MR. PETERSON: Do you want to set it for the end of April?

MR. KOGELNIK: You should know by then. But you don't know if that's too late also.

MR. CAMPBELL: There ain't that many of us that can't get a call from you.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We can get a meeting scheduled in 24 hours if --

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. So generally speaking, if we can have a meeting in the middle of April. When's your meeting for BPA?

MR. PETERSON: 16th.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's a Tuesday.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: Is there a meeting on the 15th for Council?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: Can we have a meeting on Monday in the afternoon? Mayor is limited to afternoon hours.

MS. BLANK: And I teach, so I can't --

MR. KOGELNIK: When's the best you can meet?

MS. BLANK: I mean, I barely made it 4:15 today. So you have --

MAYOR WOODWARD: You have your BPA meeting at 4:00. Do you want to have it after your BPA meeting same day?

MR. PETERSON: On the --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: 16th. A straight meeting or just part --

MR. KOGELNIK: You could adjourn the meeting, couldn't you?

MR. PETERSON: We can adjourn the regular meeting and have the special meeting for just that.

ATTY. RIES: As long as you're advertising it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Correct. But the only obstacle there is time. If you're not finished with your regular meeting and you scheduled it for 5:00 --

MR. PETERSON: I just gotta be done by 5:00.

MR. CZECK: We can make that happen.

MR. PETERSON: We can make that happen on your end.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's your only obstacle.

MR. KOGELNIK: And so if we had -- I don't know, I don't think we're gonna be ready for, you know, putting pen to paper on that day. It's just probably impossible.

MR. CAMPBELL: Whenever you get ready, Chris, just give Cindy a call and she can let us know.

MR. KOGELNIK: But the best we can go probably is to have a meeting at that time, and then we can be ready for the next regular Council meeting because Council has to approve this.

MR. PETERSON: So the 16th.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: 5:00 p.m.

MR. PETERSON: That will work. Anything else? Seeing none

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Village of Lordstown Board of Trustees of Public Affairs

March 21,

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Public Comment.  
(No response.)

MEMBER COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Member Comments. The one thing I had is at our last regular meeting we approved a tap machine for Darren, and when he went to call to order it the price went up because the quote had expired. So, the new amount for that would be \$3,574.36. **I guess I'll make a motion we pay for the increase.**

MR. CZECK: I'll second it.

MR. PETERSON: Second. All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

MR. PETERSON: And I'll make a motion we adjourn.

MR. CZECK: Second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

(Meeting ends at 5:20 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF OHIO )  
TRUMBULL COUNTY ) SS.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Niles, Ohio on this 8th day of April, 2024.

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

Submitted:

Approved By:

Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk

Christopher Peterson, President