

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 3, 2026  
3:00 p.m. to 4:15 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:** Mr. Mark McGrail, Utilities Committee  
Mr. Tom Cowie, Imperial Communities  
Ms. Roxanna Holton  
Mr. Mark Holton

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 3rd of March, 2026.

MR. PETERSON: I'd like to call this regular Board meeting of March 3 to order. Please stand for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

MR. PETERSON: Welcome everyone. Roll call please.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris 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: And Matt Ries.  
ATTY. RIES: Present.

**APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

**February 3, 2026**

**February 18, 2026**

**February 23, 2026**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Approval of minutes. Did everybody get a chance to review the February 3 minutes?

MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.

MR. PETERSON: Second?

MR. CZECK: Second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed.

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed. February 18 minutes, I'll make the motion.

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MR. CZECK: Second.  
MR. PETERSON: All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)  
MR. PETERSON: Opposed.  
(No response.)  
MR. PETERSON: Motion passed. February 23, 2026.  
MR. CZECK: So moved.  
MR. SULLIVAN: Second.  
MR. PETERSON: All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)  
MR. PETERSON: Opposed.  
(No response.)  
MR. PETERSON: Motion is passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Any Public Comments? Yes.  
MS. HOLTON: Roxanna Holton. 3259 Lyntz Road. I am here -- sorry I missed the last meeting, but I am here asking for information again about 6345 Tod Avenue and the hook-up for the water. I have yet to hear anything from anybody, where we are.  
MR. PETERSON: Darren, I believe you discussed that at the last meeting, correct?  
MR. BIGGS: Well, we got the three quotes on there. I believe that -- I have not got a hold of anybody to do the work just because I knew it would be a discussion on that is if we're going to contract it or not. That's where we left it.  
MR. PETERSON: Okay.  
MR. BIGGS: There's been no official -- I guess -- we've talked, correct, yeah.  
MR. PETERSON: Did you have the quote numbers?  
MR. BIGGS: I do.  
MR. PETERSON: Do you want to give them to her?  
MR. BIGGS: Yeah. It was \$14,500, \$15,500, and \$13,500 to do everything out there.  
MR. PETERSON: Everything out there?  
MR. BIGGS: Yeah.  
MS. HOLTON: Okay. And have you decided, I mean, whose expense is this? We addressed this before and nobody told me.  
MR. PETERSON: That would normally be the property owner's expense, correct, per our rules and regs?  
MS. HOLTON: And why is that? Normally I thought the property owners just purchased a tap. This should have been done in 1990 when the building was built.  
ATTY. RIES: You're talking about like on your private property?  
MS. HOLTON: Uh-huh.  
ATTY. RIES: I mean, that would still be under our rules and regulations, the owner's expense. It should have been done back in 1990, but that liability -- I guess that obligation would pass on to the next property owner.  
MS. HOLTON: Everything out on the road is my responsibility?  
ATTY. RIES: On your property is your responsibility.  
MS. HOLTON: No, my property is installed. I'm just going to install the tap I haven't purchased yet. And the rest of the work from the tap to the line, why is that my responsibility?  
ATTY. RIES: That's -- I mean, that's under our rules and regs, right? That's how it's always been done? Yeah. That's just how our rules and regs are written.  
MS. HOLTON: Okay. All right.

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MR. PETERSON: Do you guys have anything? Mike? Okay.

MR. BIGGS: The address, should I --

MR. PETERSON: I would get her the quotes. Yeah. I would get her the quotes, give her the quotes and go from there.

MR. BIGGS: Okay.

MR. PETERSON: I would say. Do you guys agree?

MR. CZECK: Yeah. Even though you're tying into our main line would we -- I don't know how that was done in the past, if it would be pass-through through us even though it would -- they would be paying for it. I'm not sure what past practice was on that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Contractors have always invoiced us, and then we bill the customer.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, I guess let me add to that though. What she's trying to say is that the water line is in the middle of 45, Matt.

It's not on the edge of the right-of-way, it is in the middle of the road. And so, she has to then as the owner -- or the contractor will then have to go past the private property line into the right-of-way in order to connect to the water line that's in -- it's in the -- I think it's in the inside travel lane.

MR. PETERSON: I think it's in the inside travel lane, correct.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, you want to make the property owner responsible for digging go up the road in the right-of-way to connect to the water line? That's -- I think that you need some clarification on that one.

MS. HOLTON: That's my dispute right now. I'm ready to go.

ATTY. RIES: All right. Go ahead, Chris.

MR. KOGELNIK: Is that why the Village does what they do in terms of staging the work, so that the Village hires a contractor to do the work in the public right-of-way and then defers the cost of all of that to the private residents?

ATTY. RIES: It would be our assets and our property, so we would want to control the general -- the contractors.

MR. KOGELNIK: Because I mean, the way you asked that question is perfectly logical. But it would -- and I thought that was why Darren was seeking the quotes so that he could ask the relevant questions about how the contractor would work in the public road right-of-way. Correct?

MR. BIGGS: To clarify anything with that, we do what is called a normal set-up, normal tap. If it's -- if we can get to it, you know, and -- but if it needed a bore underneath that would fall on the resident. Anything out of the ordinary would fall on the resident, which this is closing the lane, setting up the barriers, LSM and tearing that up and putting pavement down. That cost that was given to me would include everything so that the charges that we actually put on to do the work, since we're not should actually come off is the way I see it. So, whatever -- what is there, a tap-in fee?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, the tap-in fee should be -- correct me if I'm wrong. The tap-in fee should be waived because they're paying the contractor. Indirectly, but they're paying the contractor.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I would say it would be part of the work that's hired. It's inclusive.

MR. BIGGS: So, for something like that for the tap saddle, the line going to -- you know, onto the residence, that's something we would normally do. Since we're not, that would be our part of it anyhow should not be going to the resident; but anything out of the ordinary is passed along to the resident. Does that help clarify how this is?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. What's the tap-in fee? Is it a one-inch you guys have?

MS. HOLTON: I think it was going to be -- is it 2000? I can't -

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Are you doing a one-inch tap? I think it's --

MS. HOLTON: Inch-and-a-half.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think it's --

MS. HOLTON: I'm sorry, I didn't purchase it yet. I inquired, and I think I put on there one-inch because we were undecided.

MR. BIGGS: Right, that's what I got is a one-inch. I think you ran, Marko, an inch-and-a-half line; but I got the word that it was going to be a one-inch tap.

MS. HOLTON: Right.

MR. HOLTON: Well -- Mark Holton, spouse of Roxanne. To me it's irrelevant what size the tap is right at this moment. The question is Lordstown has a Water Department, and I think that they're inferior to hooking this up. It's like why do we even have a Water Department when they can't accomplish what their job duties are. So, I'm at liberty now that I got to pay an outside contractor to hook this up and I'm very upset about it, and just because it's a large sum of money. And I was in business at one time, I've retired. And if I knew what I know now, if I would have still been in business I would have done it myself. But I still feel that Lordstown Water Department, why do we -- why does that even exist if they can't do repairs in this Village. You guys I've noticed are subbing out so much, breaks and stuff in this Village, it's costing the Village a considerable amount of money from fire hydrants to water breaks this winter. I know they come, they go; but I know that we've got five or six employees on the Water Department, and I don't think any of them is qualified to change even a fire hydrant. And it upsets me.

MR. PETERSON: Do you guys have anything?

MR. CZECK: You have to go by what is in our rules and regulations --

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CZECK: -- you know. You have to follow precedent. And if you make change for one then change for everybody. That's the only thing I have to say on that.

MS. HOLTON: Okay. We'll deal with it.

MR. HOLTON: Yeah, we'll deal with it. But I would like to have some input, output on what it's going to cost me. I would like to have an exact dollar figure.

MR. CZECK: Yeah. If we know what our cost is for sure then, like I said, if that comes off then it will be reduced.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, we wouldn't -- Darren, you said everything is inclusive, correct?

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

MR. PETERSON: So, we would not charge a normal tap-in fee.

MR. BIGGS: Well, that's my opinion on that. We're not doing the work, so whatever we would normally charge for that. It will run to the property, it will still be a meter pit involved. That part --

MR. SULLIVAN: So, you would give them the three quotes, they would choose one of the three, and that would be the end of it for them and us?

MR. BIGGS: I could do that because all three of them are reputable that -- I would be okay with that. Yeah, that wouldn't matter to me if they had a preference of a different contractor, no.

MR. CZECK: I think what Darren was saying though, if our costs for him to do it, if he could do it, was \$2,000, then we'd take that off of what -- because that would normally be under us, that part --

MR. PETERSON: Correct, a normal residential tap. If they're taking a one-and-a-half that's what, commercial size to me.

MR. CZECK: Whatever that cost is, I agree that we should take that off.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MR. CZECK: Then we just have to figure out what that is, so --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Question. If the bill is -- they select a contract for at \$13,500, you're saying you would reduce that, pay the cost of the tap?

MR. CZECK: By the cost of what if we did it ourselves.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well then, you would be not charging for the cost of the tap at all, because typically on a residential experience where they cannot make the tap the customer would make pay for the tap-in fee, the cost of the copper pipe, all those expenses. So, if you're not charging the cost of the tap because we didn't make the tap as it's included in the \$13,500, there would be no additional charges except for the meter pit. Correct?

MR. BIGGS: On my end I believe you to be correct. I don't know what -- is there a tap-in fee, connection fee? I don't know everything that you do so I can't answer.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, when it goes underneath the road or the service line, the cost of the copper, those were additional expenses --

MR. BIGGS: That's correct.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: -- that a homeowner would pay. So, if the customer's not paying the cost for under the road and the tap, it's included in the contractor's price, I would say the Water Department wouldn't charge additional for that because they are paying for it with that outside contractor. No tap fee, no copper fee, no price per foot, none of that additional charges. I just need to understand what you're saying, because if you're talking about reducing the cost they wouldn't be paying for the tap at all.

MR. CZECK: Yeah. What I was saying is if our cost -- what our cost would be if we used no contractor --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We don't know that. We wouldn't know what that cost would be.

MR. BIGGS: Do you have a connection fee; is that correct?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: A residential connection fee.

MR. BIGGS: Okay. So that would be the connecting part of it, right, which the contractor's going to do.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, the connection fee is where the tap already exists on the line and the customer -- we are physically just giving them service by connecting it to the main.

MR. BIGGS: So, what's the -- there's a tap-in fee, correct?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: A tap-in fee is where no tap exists.

MR. BIGGS: Okay. So that one we would normally charge. So, this one we would not charge, correct?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's what I think you were trying to say, yes.

MR. BIGGS: Exactly, right.

MR. PETERSON: Correct.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Because it's charged by the -- the work is being charged by the contractor, correct?

MR. BIGGS: Right. So, you'll have -- the additional would be the bore.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The cost of the pipe or the copper.

MR. BIGGS: Right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And the push.

MR. BIGGS: The saddle, the curb box, the quotes have everything there 100 percent. This is --

MR. SULLIVAN: That's all in the quotes as -- that you got?

MR. BIGGS: That's correct. That's correct, where normally we would provide those. So, I mean, however we do that I just -- it shouldn't be. We can't double bill that. Whether I have just given them those and they take it off of their quote, you know, would be fine too because we would normal we supply the tap and the curb box and even the, you know, underneath. If they have everything, I just don't have to order it and whatever it would cost.

MR. PETERSON: It's just a pass-through you.

MR. BIGGS: Would come off, right. But still, we should be paying the contractor for it or supplying it I guess is what I'm saying because we would normally do that for anybody.

MR. HOLTON: I got a question. If -- from the tap to the meter

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underneath the road, can it be installed with plastic, or are you going to use copper?

MR. BIGGS: Either one.

MR. HOLTON: Because I have the pipe, but it's plastic. As long as the Village is okay with it.

MR. BIGGS: From what I'm understanding we're back and forth under the road. I just like to use copper. From what I understand, the plastic now is holding up better than most of the copper that they're selling now, so.

MR. PETERSON: It just has to be CTS, copper tube size.

MR. HOLTON: It's CTS.

MR. BIGGS: And 150 PSI. But I wouldn't have any problem with plastic, no.

MS. HOLTON: Then the pipe's not a problem. It's the tap, it's the meter, it's the boring.

MR. HOLTON: And the boring. And will you be open cutting the whole road or boring it?

MR. BIGGS: Open cut. I believe it's going to be open cut to get to the main, and then the bore from there to make the tap. And then the bore will come from the road right-of-way underneath for the tie-in.

MR. HOLTON: So, you got three estimates?

MR. BIGGS: I got three.

MR. HOLTON: Okay.

MR. BIGGS: I can get you a copy today.

MR. HOLTON: I would appreciate it.

MR. BIGGS: Do you want it now, or I can get it

MS. HOLTON: You can just give it to me.

MR. BIGGS: Can I be dismissed to make some copies?

MR. PETERSON: Go ahead and get it.

MR. CZECK: Any other questions, I guess?

MR. PETERSON: Do you want to just keep going?

MR. CZECK: Yeah, I think so.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. All right. Any other public comments?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Verdantas Work Authorization for Ultium Cells Recommendation for Treatment of Sanitary Effluent Outflow Review**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. First item under New Business, Verdantas work authorization for Ultium Cells recommendation for treatment of sanitary effluent overflow review.

MR. CZECK: I think that cost should be on them, not us.

MR. PETERSON: Correct. Normally, Cindy, do we pay for that and then bill Ultium? Is that how --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: There's no normal. This is our first experience where we have had that expense. But the request from Ultium was for us to approve what the contractor they recommended to them before they will hire the contractor to do the work.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So, if they want our approval on it, first I told them it's an extraordinary expense that we would pass the cost on to Ultium. So, I did not have the expense at that time, I could forward them the work authorization and ask for approval, you know, for them to give me something in writing saying they will cover that. But I have not done that because I wanted to confirm with you first.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. I --

MR. CZECK: Yes, I agree.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. So, I would say we can table that until the next meeting to make sure they are going to pay for it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Could they approve it based on Ultium's acknowledgement of the expense?

ATTY. RIES: Yeah. But I mean, that's leaving how much, what is

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the expense?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: \$7,500.

ATTY. RIES: So, the approval would be they're going to approve basically the work authorization contingent upon acknowledging the expense from Ultium? Yeah, they could because then it's a conditional approval. If Ultium doesn't follow through with it then the approval -- yeah.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. I'll make a motion we approve the Verdantas work authorization contingent on Ultium understanding that they're going to have to pay us back.

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

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

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed.

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

**2. Ultium Cells Recommendation for Treatment of Sanitary Effluent Outflow Review**

MR. PETERSON: All right. Item number 2, Ultium Cells recommendation for treatment sanitary effluent outflow review.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The work authorization, Chris could probably explain what they're asking for.

MR. PETERSON: Go for it.

MR. KOGELNIK: We had some discussions with Ultium's project engineer. I understood that they have an issue with inorganic material getting caught up on the meter which caused a problem reading the meter, and they wanted to screen out that effluent. And in order to do that, there would have to be some improvement to the existing sanitary sewer line. So, I was on the phone with Gary Newbrough, Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer, and I was mentioning this project to him and whether or not the County would allow the grindings to just be macerated like they were proposing and sending that downstream, and the answer was no. And that was their original plan. And so, I immediately got on the phone with the project engineer for their project and let him know so that they wouldn't waste their time and they could focus on what they really needed to do. So, I did that. And in order to build this it's going to take -- it's going to take some significant design work for them because it might have to be contained inside of a new building, and most screening equipment is typically contained inside of a new -- you know, inside of a building because of the weather elements. So that's why the review fee is like it is. We don't know to what extent they're going to have for a new facility and we -- you know, we needed something to review the plans, the specifications. So that's what it is. And we worked with the project engineer to do that; and he stated that okay, let me know if you guys are going to be authorized to do the review and then we would begin.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's where they're at.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: Does anybody have any questions for me?

MR. PETERSON: Any questions for Chris?

MR. CZECK: No.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any other New Business? Seeing none --

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Imperial Sewer and Water Agreements**

**a. A resolution recommending that Village Council approve the settlement of a pending sanitary sewer dispute with Imperial Communities, Inc.**

MR. PETERSON: First item under Old Business, Imperial sewer and water agreements; a resolution recommending that the Village Council approve the settlement of a pending sanitary sewer dispute with Imperial Communities, Inc. Did everybody get a chance to review that? Matt, you're good with everything?

ATTY. RIES: I am based on our discussions, yeah. I mean, I

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prepared what was communicated to me to be included in there through negotiations with their attorneys. I mean, you guys just have to understand that we're basically splitting the baby here, and on a disputed issue, which my understanding is that you guys want to put this behind you and just move forward. So, you know, based on our discussions -- it's been a long time since this has been going on and there are legal defenses we have, but I prepared that based on my understanding that the Board wanted to resolve this and just move forward.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Do you guys have any questions?

MR. CZECK: No.

MR. PETERSON: When can we set a meeting up?

MR. COWIE: I guess as soon as it gets approved by Council. I mean, don't you have to do that process first, you approve it --

MR. PETERSON: We approve it and it would go for third reading.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We just did second reading last night.

MR. COWIE: We're pretty flexible, so any time after all those approvals are done give us a call and we'll be available.

MR. CZECK: I make a motion --

ATTY. RIES: Just to be clear on that, with this agreement -- and I know you guys know this -- there's necessity requirement in the second agreement that they have to meet with you guys and re-negotiate. The only requirement is that they have to sit down with you guys in good faith. That could be a five-minute conversation where we're on opposite sides here and we're just not going to agree on anything and that's the end of it. So, there's no commitment with the second agreement in this. I just want that to be clear.

MR. CZECK: Well, we've hashed this enough.

ATTY. RIES: Okay.

MR. CZECK: I want to make a motion we approve this sewer and

water agreement with Imperial.

MR. PETERSON: Mike? Do you want to second?

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

MR. PETERSON: I'll second it. All in favor?

(Mr. Peterson and Mr. Czeck respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed?

MR. SULLIVAN: (No audible response made).

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed. One abstention. Okay.

ATTY. RIES: What was the abstention? No, he said --

MAYOR WOODWARD: He said no.

MR. PETERSON: Oh yeah, I'm sorry. Yeah, I'm sorry. One nay.

I'm sorry.

## 2. New 24" Water Line

MR. PETERSON: All right. Item number 2, new 24-inch water line. Chris.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm glad to say there's nothing.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: On that subject I'll go ahead and remove it from our report. I'm happy to report that there were three RFQs submitted, the due date was yesterday March 2. RFQs for the water line project were in from Thrasher, LJB, Inc., and Verdantas.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So, I have those packets available. I don't know when the committee would like to meet and who to forward them to since there was a change in Council members. If it's the same group of people, you know, let me know when and where and I can make sure you have these.

MR. PETERSON: Mayor, is it the same group of people?

MAYOR WOODWARD: If the committee -- well no, it wouldn't be.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Because Ernie is gone, so I think we would have to form a new committee.

MR. PETERSON: New committee, yeah.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Or do you want to just replace him with the new

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Utility Committee chairperson?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, you could replace it with -- Mark, are you willing to do that?

MR. McGRAIL: Sure.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I'm fine with that.

MR. PETERSON: Do we want to set up a meeting now? I would love to.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I have my calendar handy.

MR. PETERSON: Can we do it this week? Well, next week is terrible for me, that's why I'm asking.

MR. McGRAIL: Well, Thursday I have an appointment at 3:00.

MR. PETERSON: Thursday I can't do.

MR. McGRAIL: That's what I'm saying I can't do that because at 3:00 --

MR. PETERSON: I could -- do we want to do tomorrow obviously? I could do Friday.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Friday I am available.

MR. PETERSON: What time are you thinking? Like later in the day probably.

MAYOR WOODWARD: What's good for you?

MR. McGRAIL: Friday is a free day.

MR. PETERSON: Like 4:00, would that work?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Let me ask my babysitter. Is that good for you?

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Cindy won't be available on Friday, and she was -- you were with us last time, so --

MAYOR WOODWARD: If it's you just --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Is it the committee, or is it for just -- are you actually going to score?

MR. PETERSON: We would score.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So that would have to be in a meeting, correct?

ATTY. RIES: Yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: Can we do it earlier Friday?

MR. PETERSON: What's that? You're not here at all on Friday?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm not sure what time the surgery is scheduled for.

MR. PETERSON: And you're out for a little while, right?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Tomorrow night, as much as I don't want to say that.

MR. CZECK: Not for me.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I'm available.

MR. PETERSON: Are you okay if we --

MR. CZECK: You can go ahead, that's fine.

MR. PETERSON: Can we do that that quick?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have 24 hours, it would have to be after.

MR. PETERSON: So, it would have to be -- we could do 5:00 because it's going to take you time to go up and send it, right? So 5:00 tomorrow?

MR. SULLIVAN: I can't do it.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Moving on to the next week. Well, you're not here.

MAYOR WOODWARD: If it's just a matter of taking notes, I would have no problem doing that for you.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: She would record the minutes.

(A discussion is had off the record to discuss dates when the court reporter is available.)

MR. PETERSON: Can we do it like 5:00 on Monday?

MAYOR WOODWARD: On Monday the 16th? Do you want to do -- that would save you a trip.

MR. SULLIVAN: I can't say.

MR. PETERSON: You're going to be out for surgery.

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MR. CZECK: That's fine.

MR. PETERSON: As long as I have two of you or -- you know what I mean, me and somebody else. Okay. Are you okay with that? Okay. So, two of us are good. Mark, are you good?

MR. McGRAIL: Yeah.

MAYOR WOODWARD: At what time?

MR. PETERSON: 5:00. And Cindy, you won't be able to be here you don't think, you don't know.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: As of right now I know the 19th unless --

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Let's plan on that. Anything else on the 24? Seeing none --

### **3. Clean Energy Future - Trumbull, LLC - Sanitary Sewers in Lordstown and Ohio E.P.A. PTI**

MR. PETERSON: Clean Energy Future Trumbull, LLC sanitary sewer in Lordstown, Ohio E.P.A. PTI.

MR. KOGELNIK: Was there any other follow-up from Ohio E.P.A. on that since we all submitted our --

MR. PETERSON: I haven't heard anything.

MR. KOGELNIK: -- information.

ATTY. RIES: The public comment period -- the written comment period is closed, so it's just a matter of waiting for a decision at this point. We would have had to decide depending on what that decision is. If we want to move forward with this agreement that's in draft form right now with TEC, which kind of took a side to the E.P.A. hearing, or if we want to, you know, appeal that decision.

MR. PETERSON: I'd say we're just in a holding pattern then.

### **4. Rules and Regulations Governing Water Use and Service**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Rules and regulations governing water use and service. Any updates?

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't have any updates.

### **5. Niles Bulk Water Agreement**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Niles bulk water agreement.

ATTY. RIES: So, I reached out to Phil Zuzolo and the mayor of -- I started off with our meeting with MVSD which we were hoping that they would have attended. Phil and the mayor hadn't spoken to MVSD. So, I said well, go talk to them because it was a good meeting. And I brought Phil up to speed on what was discussed, and I said know, with the second line we're going to open up our new agreement, get this language straightened out. He was okay with that. What I'm going to do is once we get some specifics on the line, I'm just going to red line the agreement and send it over to them. Just things don't move fast. I know the biggest concern is they have to try

to communicate to Council who are not well informed on this -- Niles Council, City Council -- as to why this is a good deal and try to explain it for them, and I don't know that that's always being communicated. City Council always has concerns about possibly losing money, and I said you guys aren't losing money under our interpretation. That it -- their concern is under the second agreement that there may be twice in the last two years where they could have potentially lost money. But I'm going to revise the agreement and send it over to them. But they were not aware of what transpired at the MVSD meeting that we invited them to. So just a matter of kind of pushing things, sliding things under the door with them, I guess.

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

### **6. Trumbull Energy Center - Warren Water Line**

MR. PETERSON: Trumbull Energy Center Warren water line.

MR. KOGELNIK: Matt and I were communicating, and so was Martin and I, regarding the restoration that still needs to happen over top of the existing water line. This is probably going to become very important if we get any kind of really bad weather. So, I think Matt is following up with

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the important people at the City of Warren to get that addressed. There's nothing you can do right now but they should have, you know, over winter temporarily stabilized the area, just like everybody else did. As I was telling Martin Nelder, if another contractor had to do that temporary stabilization over that entire five or six mile long stretch that's a lot of money. They didn't have to do anything.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: In other words, you know, the Village is the loser on that.

ATTY. RIES: So, I'm -- yeah, Chris has given me some of the details of with where this correspondence left off most recently, and I'm going to reach out to Enzo and see if we can move things forward with that.

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

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

MR. PETERSON: Trumbull Energy Center sanitary sewer. I'd say that's pretty much on hold.

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

MR. PETERSON: Proposed Hallock Young Road water line improvement.

ATTY. RIES: So, I drafted the -- I revised the master funding agreement per our previous discussion just to make it our project and streamline things. I met with their attorneys several weeks ago on this and discussed that. They were good with that approach. I revised the agreement and sent it to them several weeks ago, I've sent them several follow-ups. They said we're still moving forward. We have now another in-house attorney giving it -- which gives them four lawyers looking at this. And the Lady

Hallie who I have been mainly communicating with has dedicated to getting back to me this week. But I have been sending -- it should be easier to approve at this point because it's less --

MR. PETERSON: Less on their end.

ATTY. RIES: And it makes it easier for us too.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any questions?

**9. Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation**

MR. PETERSON: All right. Item number 9, Salt Springs Road booster station relocation. Chris.

MR. KOGELNIK: We should be going out for advertisement for construction here any day now. I know that our group was working with U.S. E.P.A. on the front-end documents, but that was it. There shouldn't be anything left in order to move forward. I'll let you know what the advertisement dates are so that you see it hit the paper.

MR. PETERSON: Has the equipment been moved, do we know?

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't think that has --

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

MR. KOGELNIK: Every day I come in here I look. And it seems like they are moving something out there occasionally, but it's --

MR. SULLIVAN: They move it out and back.

MR. KOGELNIK: But it's not coming off the site.

ATTY. RIES: Okay. I'll reach out to them, I'll send them a letter. He -- I'll reach out to them and ask them what the status was. He was supposed to be moving that stuff right before we closed, and that's right before we got hit with that big storm in January. But it should have been off before then, and I know he had trouble getting some of the equipment to operate. They've never -- they've always said that they want it, there's value in it to them, so they want to get it off. But I'll send them a letter. It's just -- I'll let them know. I can even give them a time frame that we're just going to have the equipment moved off at their expense, it could be deemed abandoned. We've owned the property for over a month.

MR. PETERSON: The weather is turning nice now so they should be able to get it off.

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MR. KOGELNIK: We could put a provision in the contract, even if it's under an addendum that the contractor has to pick up and haul that stuff away. We would need to tell the contractor where it's going so that he could bid on it appropriately. So, keep that in mind as the project goes into advertisement. But as Darren stated, there's some urgency here for the Village to just tell the property owner or the owner of the equipment get your stuff off the lot.

MR. CZECK: You should be able to get Mark to go scrap that stuff and make some money.

MR. HOLTON: I don't want to go on record.

MR. PETERSON: I think if you're sending something there should be a timeline just so we keep streamlining -- they can always come back to us

and say we couldn't get it off, we need a two-week extension or something. But I think we just need to keep things moving. Do you want to say 30 days?

MR. CZECK: Yeah, I think we need to set a time because I don't want to be prolonged once we're ready to go.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CZECK: So yeah, 30 days.

ATTY. RIES: Thirty days, okay.

MR. PETERSON: Chris, does that work for you, 30 days?

MR. KOGELNIK: That's more than enough time for what needs to be done.

MR. PETERSON: Start at 30 days and let them come back.

ATTY. RIES: Okay.

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

10. I&I

MR. PETERSON: Item number 10, I&I. Darren, you got any updates on anything on your end?

MR. BIGGS: I think Thursday we're going to put that riser in so I should have a report soon on that, whether we'll buy more or it didn't work. So, we should have something soon.

MR. PETERSON: And the one thing I wanted to mention under I&I, so the residential grinder pumps for some reason fall under the Village's responsibility.

MR. BIGGS: Uh-huh.

MR. PETERSON: And in any town, I've ever dealt with they're the homeowner's because they're on their property, they come off their power. You guys don't have the ability to shut the power off, correct, without going in the residence and physically shutting it off?

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

MR. PETERSON: How do we go about rectifying that problem?

ATTY. RIES: Making it the homeowner's responsibility?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

ATTY. RIES: What is the source for making it -- I have to go back and look at the source for making it the Village's responsibility.

MR. PETERSON: I assume it was when the project happened.

MR. SULLIVAN: I would imagine.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. When the east side sanitary sewer system was bought, Councilman Zoldan challenged that responsibility, and he wanted to make sure that it was the financial responsibility of the Village to maintain them; and I believe Council said they would maintain them.

ATTY. RIES: Well, it would be a matter of re-visiting the ordinance then if that's what Council wants to do. And I would have to make sure that that wasn't a requirement of any --

MR. PETERSON: Any contracts or anything we did for the financing. Mark, I would assume that would go through your committee, correct?

MR. McGRAIL: Uh-huh.

MR. PETERSON: So, do you have a meeting scheduled any time soon?

MR. McGRAIL: Not yet.

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MR. PETERSON: Okay. Do you want to look at everything first?

ATTY. RIES: Let me figure out where that even comes from.

MR. PETERSON: If you guys schedule a meeting and let me know and I'll come.

MR. SULLIVAN: When we put them in, I think they were about \$6,000 to replace.

MR. PETERSON: I'm sure they're not cheap. Darren, is it about \$6,000 to replace one?

MR. BIGGS: Maybe for the pump. Not even the control panel, that's more.

MR. CZECK: How many are there, Darren, do you remember offhand?

MR. BIGGS: Maybe 50.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think it was like 64.

MR. BIGGS: You're thinking there's 64? It might be closer to that. Could be. That's the ones that we even maintained some for the residents here that actually we don't get any revenue off of, it goes to Trumbull County. And I've addressed that a couple times too. We get nothing for it.

MR. PETERSON: They're in the Village, we maintain it, but it's Trumbull County sewer?

MR. BIGGS: That's correct.

MR. SULLIVAN: And Trumbull County says we don't maintain.

MR. PETERSON: I know Trumbull County doesn't because I called and asked.

ATTY. RIES: What time frame did -- like a year or anything did Council approve this that they would be responsible for these grinder pumps, do we know?

MR. PETERSON: It would have been the year sewer was put in, '06.

MR. HOLTON: '06.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's when we started connecting people.

MR. SULLIVAN: Was it about '06?

MR. HOLTON: 2010. Most of these grinder pumps have outside disconnection so they can all be shut off from outside whether the residents own them or not. I installed dozens.

MR. BIGGS: No, they don't.

MR. HOLTON: There's not?

MR. BIGGS: No. Because it has an alarm on there too. There's two different lines that run to those. They still need to get an alarm on those. If there's a problem inside the home it gets tripped, we don't get an alarm. But to get anything else -- we need to get in the house, they're correct.

MR. HOLTON: But the grinder pumps that was installed in the road right-of-way is the responsibility of Lordstown, and the ones next to the home was responsible to the homeowner is the way it was initially set up.

MR. SULLIVAN: Right. There were very few that were at the homeowner's. Those people that were like 300 feet --

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, the homes that set way back off the road.

MR. SULLIVAN: -- they needed pumps to get them --

MR. PETERSON: They needed it to be able to get it up there. Okay. Well, just --

ATTY. RIES: I mean, I'm going to have to dig back.

MR. PETERSON: We'll slowly start looking at it and see. Maybe there was a reason, maybe it was the funding.

ATTY. RIES: We're going to have to start with the ordinance though, that was how it was approved. I'll find that and we'll go from there.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any more questions?

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MR. PETERSON: All right. Additional Public Comments. Does anybody have any public comments? Seeing none --

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**REPORTS:**

**1. Solicitor's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Reports. Solicitor's Report.

ATTY. RIES: No report.

MR. PETERSON: Engineer's Report.

MR. KOGELNIK: I think I've given everything to the Board. The only other item was discussed last night I believe in caucus -- right, Mayor -- regarding the sanitary sewer extensions. Should I describe that?

MAYOR WOODWARD: You can.

MR. KOGELNIK: All right. So, there was -- there is a funding request through Congressman Joyce's office that is due this Friday at 6:00 p.m. called the CPF Fiscal Year 27 Funding Request. The -- and one of the things that the Village may have been interested in was the five or six sanitary sewer extensions throughout the Village that would finish off the sewer service to all the east side area. And so, I asked, you know, the Board last night during caucus whether or not they would be interested in me submitting a request to the congressman's office for that project. The answer was no. Now there was probably good reason for that. Do you want me --

MAYOR WOODWARD: I was going to say I think they're looking at the bigger picture of where expenditures are right now, and I think that they want to concentrate the money that they have to the 24-inch water line and not get caught up in trying to do the sewers right now and then, you know, we make a breakthrough with the 24-inch line and need to spend money and it's been diverted to the sewer.

MR. PETERSON: Diverted to the sewer, okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: There will be another, you know, request in the future.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: And you know, in the meantime what the Village can do is reach out to the health department and find out what the status of those on lot system are if they want to --

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, we can get all of our ducks in a row.

MR. KOGELNIK: So --

MR. PETERSON: Be ready. And we did try to see if the money was available for the 24-inch. So, we did look at that avenue.

MR. KOGELNIK: This is -- I'm sure the congressman's office wants you to take advantage of the money that has been selected or appropriated for you for the 24-inch water line. And it says in the Fiscal Year 26 guidance, because 27 is not available, that this is not for maintenance, okay. And so, we really did look outside the box to see if there was something else here, and we don't have anything that's readily packageable, if I can call it that, to submit on Friday night.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't have anything else.

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

**3. Utility Committee Report**

MR. PETERSON: Utility Committee Report.

MR. McGRAIL: None.

**4. Clerk's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Clerk's Report.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No report.

**5. Superintendent's Report**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Superintendent's Report.

MR. BIGGS: I've ordered some Tyvex suits, straps, chains, and hooks from Granger. The total was \$1,403.94. Can I get approval for that?

**MR. PETERSON: I'll make a motion we approve supplies from Granger for \$1,494.14.**

**MR. BIGGS: \$1,403.94.**

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MR. PETERSON: \$1,403.94, sorry.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second that.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed.

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

MR. BIGGS: We all went for and got our first set of vaccinations today. Just wanted to let everybody know. And there will be a series, but -

MR. PETERSON: For hepatitis --

MR. BIGGS: And tetanus.

MR. PETERSON: -- and tetanus?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah. Everybody finished the excavating class last week. It went good. It was a good class and we're all done with that now. I went to the Finance Committee and just to find out what was going on with our -- basically our resolutions and our ordinances. So, when we do the resolutions that have our pay, benefits and all this stuff in there it's no good. The ordinance supersedes anything with that. So, we have some stuff in there that is not compatible with the ordinance. So next time we need to make sure it gets in the ordinance or vice-versa. For -- bereavement is in the ordinance, it's not in ours, it's not in our resolution. The pays are different in the two. So, we need to keep that in mind when we do that to make sure it either gets in the ordinance or they match, because I got all these new guys and I'm handing them out this part this section's good, this section isn't, go off of this one. It's -- we need to make sure we keep these the same and they're just not. So got to -- in the Finance I got the opinion that the ordinance supersedes any resolution anyhow. So now we got to go by the two is what it is. That was my main point is what do I go by; and as far as I got is the ordinance supersedes any resolution, that's what we got to go by.

ATTY. RIES: In terms of compensation and benefits, if there's a conflict between a resolution and an ordinance the ordinance prevails.

MR. PETERSON: The ordinance. So, anything else would fall under the resolution.

ATTY. RIES: It depends. Yeah. I'm hesitant to say yes to anything else. But if it's something from a monetary standpoint or a benefit standpoint, the ordinance would ultimately -- would ultimately prevail.

MR. PETERSON: So, should we bring a resolution in to match the ordinance?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MR. PETERSON: Does that make sense?

ATTY. RIES: There was some timing issues with why that happened because a resolution was approved which was different from the ordinance that didn't go forward. So, it was a timing situation based on what the ordinance was approved and the resolution. So yeah, it would make sense that they mirror each other so there's not any inconsistencies.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. BIGGS: That's all I have.

MR. PETERSON: That's all I have. Any questions for Darren?

MEMBER COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Member Comments. Any member comments? I would like to call a short executive session to discuss --

ATTY. RIES: Investigation and discipline of an employee.

MR. PETERSON: Investigation and discipline of an employee, thank you.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Inviting?

MR. PETERSON: Inviting the Mayor, the Board, and the Solicitor and the Superintendent. Did you second that?

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MR. CZECK: I second that.  
 MR. PETERSON: Mike, are you good with that?  
 MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.  
 MR. PETERSON: Roll call please.  
 MS. SLUSARCZYK: I need a motion.  
 MR. PETERSON: I made the motion.  
 MS. SLUSARCZYK: Who seconded?  
 MR. PETERSON: Mike second.  
 MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm sorry, I missed it. Chris Peterson.  
 MR. PETERSON: Yes.  
 MS. SLUSARCZYK: Stanley Czeck.  
 MR. CZECK: Yes.  
 MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.  
 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

(The Board enters into executive session at 3:53 p.m.)  
 (The Board returns from executive session at 4:11 p.m.)

MR. PETERSON: Okay. I'll make a motion we come out of executive session.

MR. CZECK: So moved.  
 MR. PETERSON: Stanley second. Roll call. Chris Peterson. Yes. Mike Sullivan.  
 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.  
 MR. PETERSON: Stanley.  
 MR. CZECK: Yes.  
 MR. PETERSON: Okay. Came back at 4:13.

QUARTERLY APPROVAL OF BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

January, April, July, and October

MR. PETERSON: No quarterly billing adjustments.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

(Meeting ends at 4:13 p.m.)

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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 Lordstown Village Council was written by me in the presence of the Members and transcribed by me using computer-aided transcription according to the stenotype notes taken at the time the said meeting took place.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Niles, Ohio on this 9th day of March, 2026.

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 DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public  
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