

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
March 30, 2023
4:00 p.m. to 5:39 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Bill Blank, Village Clerk
Mr. Robert Bond, Council/Utilities
Mr. Howard Sheely, Council/Utilities
Mr. Jamie Moseley, Council/Utilities
Mr. Arno Hill, Mayor

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 30th of March, 2023.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

MR. PETERSON: I'd like to welcome everybody. Roll call please.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Kevin Campbell.

MR. CAMPBELL: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Mike Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren Biggs.

MR. BIGGS: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present. Chris Kogelnik.

MR. KOGELNIK: Present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MR. PETERSON: Any correspondence?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Any Public Comments?

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project(s) Funding

MR. PETERSON: Okay. We'll get right into New Business. Item number 1 is the project funding.

MR. KOGELNIK: Do you want to lead off, or do you want me to do that?

MR. PETERSON: Go for it.

MR. KOGELNIK: We've been talking about project funding for a while now. And what we've done over the past month or so is pretty good for the Village because the four projects that were named

as priorities in the master water plan all to one level or another have some funding that has been attributed to them right now. And those projects are the Hallock Young water line between State Route 45 and Ellsworth Bailey, the Pritchard-Ohltown water booster station, the redundant 24-inch water line from Niles, and also the future 4 million gallon holding tank for water. So that's good. As you guys probably saw, it was difficult at times to move things forward and get everything lined up for that. But we've kind of had to do that because there's opportunities that present themselves throughout the course of a year. Some of these you gotta jump on them because they are new opportunities where at a time the government is basically trying to print money, economics, and have that accessible for infrastructure. And so we want to get in line to get our municipal clients that funding so they can have the infrastructure that you're wanting. And then there's -- like I was telling you, there's programatic type funds out there such as OPWC that come about at a predictable time of the year, and it's kind of expected what to do with those. So those are the ones where you can really get entrenched in and understand okay, I know I can count on OPWC for funding on this particular project at this particular time and all we have to do is prioritize. So but I have to go back to what we've done over the past month, and that has been almost purely reactionary because of the opportunities that are politically oriented through the senator's office and the congressman's office, and those are mostly just nominations of funding for projects. You don't get the money from the congressman's office or the senator's office, they allocate your request into a specific fund that's correct for that project. So for your water projects, those funds would most likely come from Ohio E.P.A., WSRLA or the STAG Water. And so those are federal funds, and so those are gonna have their own hoops that you have gotta jump through to get the money. And those requests that we did, it does not guarantee you anything. It just gets your foot in the door so that you can have a chance that they can move your requested project up the ladder and into the right federal account. They call all of these things accounts. So the STAG account is one account. There are just -- there's probably like 30 or 40 different accounts if you look at their spreadsheet. So this opportunity though has been available for the past few years. It's getting harder and harder, more challenging and more challenging every time. And by that I mean they are requiring this, they're requiring that, they're requiring all these letters of support, they're requiring you to have some skin in the game with regard to the funding, they're requiring you to have your engineering and any other due diligence work already done, all right. So you have to understand what eligibility criteria each funding opportunity offers you. A lot of these these days are economically driven more than anything. However, we learned this past request through Congressman Joyce's office, they actually called us and said hey, don't spend so much time focusing on the benefits economically. This opportunity, they told us, is mainly driven on any deficiencies regarding the Safe Drinking Water Act, okay. That was huge information that we were able to glean off of them. And so you get to know these people who are, you know, reviewing your application or your request and you get to understand okay, what are they paying attention to, how can we make, you know, this project interesting for them so that they can move it up the ladder. That's the beauty of working with these congressmen and senators offices. Now that normally is not me the consultant, that is normally you guys. So you should be talking regularly, I'm talking maybe -- maybe three or four times a year, not a big deal, with the congressman's office

and with these politically operated offices so that they can understand oh, Lordstown's gonna be coming in for a request from us and it's a significant project and it's got all these jobs attached to it, it's gonna address Safe Drinking Water Acts that they have. I can tell you after talking with Darren, you know, your operator, that you've got some safe drinking water issues. You can't at times maintain adequate pressure in your distribution systems, at times he's having problems keeping the Ellsworth-Bailey tank full. So you are walking on thin ice right now with respect to normal operations, and we were able to speak to that in that particular application. So today's presentation, I don't want to go into too much detail but we need some help from you guys. So you know, somebody needs to be working with the businesses and the industries to get letters of support. Chris was quick to help out with them. Darren was actually quick to help out with Foxconn. So we did get some letters of support ushered through to the congressman's office. I wouldn't stop. Just because we get those kinds of requests I would still continue to ask those people hey, can you give us a letter of support for our projects because that's gonna mean the world to everybody when we go to make another application. And if they can keep it rather vague rather than specific, that's what we need. Why is Lordstown's water improvements or whatever projects Lordstown has valuable to them, that's what you want to ask them. And if you need for me to, I'll draft a letter for them to edit and we did that. I don't know how many letters I did. I probably did ten of them for you guys. So all I'm asking you is make that link so that we can communicate with them and get that letter of support, all right. The other thing that I'd ask you is it's great that I think Bob and, you know, Howard and Jamie are now coming to some of these BPA meetings because in the past it's been difficult to get both the BPA and Council shaking their heads up and down about all the projects. I'll be honest with you, if we have projects where the two entities are in disagreement about or something like that, these people reviewing your applications are savvy enough to understand that and that's usually a non-starter. So we have to be agreeing on what we're, you know, thinking is a priority project before it goes on that list. And then ones it gets on a list like that, we're all assuming it's agreed, you know, internally. And it's just a matter of getting the external people, the businesses, the industries, the MVSDs of the world, the Eastgate's, the Regional Chamber's to say okay, yeah we'll give you a letter of support. So but that's very important to get your assistance on that. Now this is a quick spreadsheet. Can everybody see this, or do you want me to zoom in or zoom out?

MR. BLANK: We all have one.

MR. KOGELNIK: This spreadsheet, as I was talking to Bill, I know Bill read it. I got the first comment, and he's like why are you dialing in these figures like this. And evidently he didn't read the e-mail that said arbitrary round figures. So I put that information -- this only took me like about 20 minutes. And the reason why it only took me about 20 minutes because I know the projects, I know the roundabout figures. This was just to show you at this meeting how such a form like this can be filled out. What this is supposed to help is Bill and Cindy so that they can understand okay, we got these projects, they're lined up in 2023, 2024, and we know what our possible expenditures are gonna be. Oh, but wait a second, we got a deficit in our budget or we got a surplus in our budget. We can either pay for it or we won't pay for it and we're gonna need external funding support. This helps you to see that a little bit better. And the more time you can give me in between now and when the project is supposed to land, the better chances I can

get funding -- we, CT, can get funding for you. I can't say that any more clear. So the more time is the better. Give me more time. Now that doesn't mean that we can't go after short-term applications. We just did that with the congressman's office and whatnot. And we just did it for Darren, we got lucky with Ohio E.P.A. for that generator so he gets a new generator for his Pritchard-Ohltown booster station, okay. So those are the kinds of success stories that are good. But I wouldn't depend on them because it was like we saw an opportunity, we just jumped on it. That's not good. We should be able to understand okay, they're gonna -- these opportunities are gonna come about here and there, let's just get the issues or the priorities aligned so that when they do come up we know how to drag-and-drop them into the spreadsheet. Now I've also put all kinds of acronyms in through here of funding codes. And these are kind of the more traditional ones, so there might even be a few more that come about that aren't in here right now. But at least it gives you some sense that okay, we're utilizing all these potential external funding opportunities. And then the status A for applying, C for construction, et cetera. And then what this does is just, you know, you're plugging in these figures from this column E going that way so that you can figure in, you know, your expenditures there. Like for example, I noticed on a couple of these roadway projects I entered some numbers way beyond 2024. And you shouldn't do that for a roadway project, you should only have at the most two years of expenditures on a roadway project. So and then, you know, you want to list out your priorities, like I said. You don't have to have all the projects on here, but what you should have on here are your bigger projects. And so fortunately with what the Village does have is you have a master water plan that's got a capital improvement plan in it, so it's almost already done. All this is a summary, you know. So you can -- like I said, I only spent about 20 minutes on this. What you should be doing is spending more time on it and really, you know, saying okay, updating this, taking projects off that are no longer priorities, or updating the list and adding projects on it, okay. Because you want to have a good forecast so that Bill and Cindy can depend on seeing where the numbers are gonna land. That's the purpose of this, a road map. And in fact, in our District 6 for OPWC -- that's our district number, Mahoning and Trumbull County -- this spreadsheet was required by all the communities if you were gonna submit an OPWC application. It's no longer required, which is B.S. because I don't know how communities do things now, they must just all be reactionary. You used to have to do -- this was a summary sheet. This is called a CIR, Community Improvement Report or Capital Improvement Report. And what -- behind all of this there was a more detailed spreadsheet, one for road, one for water, one for waste water, one for storm water; and you would break all of your infrastructure down pipe by pipe, manhole by manhole, water tank by water tank, So that you can prove to OPWC hey, we do have all these assets and they have this ranking in condition and that's why we're replacing XYZ water line at this time or this sanitary sewer line at this time. This doesn't even have that, this is just the summary report. So that's one way I'm telling you that you could drill down into all that detail if you wanted to. Fortunately, right now in Lordstown we seem to have our fingers on the pulse of just about every issue that there is, right. We're -- that's good in a way because it keeps our familiarity with your infrastructure needs up-to-date. But it doesn't need to be that way is what I'm trying to tell you. If you get more organized at this, this all becomes a little bit more cookbook rather than let jump on this and spend all this time talking about, you know, a

spreadsheet like this and that sort of thing. So if you have somebody amongst the BPA and Council that can manage your infrastructure in that regard and then tell the consultant hey, this is what we've got coming up, we've got two years to figure that out. On a federal aid route you should be definitely doing that. That doesn't have anything to do with BPA, but that's all Council. So these -- this is a real good one for you guys to understand because I'm gonna go back to it. On a federal aid route the Village has the ability like on State Route 45, Salt Springs Road, Ellsworth-Bailey, to go after 80 percent funding through ODOT, STAG and get the other 20 percent paid for by OPWC. Beautiful. You should be doing that and knowing exactly when those pavements are gonna fail so you can put that on this spreadsheet and say like 2026 Salt Springs Road, we already know Salt Springs Road is shot. So what we should be trying to do is line up 2025 or 2026 on Salt Springs Road east to the corporate boundary with the MVSD water line coming in, take care of both projects at one time, maximize your leveraging potential for funding, now you're talking. And you don't even have to stop there. You can, you know, go after other sources of funding to help offset because those sorts of funding I'm talking about for your road can go as your local match. That's where you really start to get smart. So like I said, I gave you an example of a roadway project. Well, I'll give you an example of a water project. So you have already footed the bill for the design on the Hallock Young water line project. You just positioned yourself by talking with me all of last year about that project and getting us hired to do that project so that -- and just yesterday the ARC application rolled out. We're on time. That's an example of that. And meanwhile, CT's funding experts have applied for an Ohio E.P.A. WSRLA loan in addition for the balance of that project. So the balance of that funding is covered which is a beautiful thing. Now what I would do is hey, you know, but wait a second. I got three quarters of this project that is gonna be funding through a loan, can we get more grant funding to offset the loan so that we don't have to pay so much on the loan. You should be thinking like that, you know. But there's -- the opportunities to do that might be limited on this project because what you're going after is getting the \$500,000 grant through ARC which is federal. You can't match federal and federal. So you gotta understand the eligibility criteria. One funding opportunity that I would hope that the Village starts to get more, you know, acclimated with is OPWC. OPWC refurbishes and replaces existing infrastructure, it does not build new. So if you got an existing water line or existing sanitary sewer line, existing pump station, if you have a valve replacement program, OPWC is the name of the game. And depending on how many customers are attached to a given water line or set of valves or something like that, that increases your probability to get a higher percentage of grant. Okay. If it's just a water line out in the middle of nowhere where, you know, there's no customers, you might not get anything from OPWC except a loan. Now you can get a very low interest loan through OPWC for 20 years. I think you can get up to zero percent which is great, it really is. So the spreadsheet though helps to you understand okay, even with a zero percent loan can we still afford to do that. You'll be able to know that once you start to realize the revenue coming in from the new water rate structure, right. So that's what this spreadsheet does, it's pretty simple. And you know, it's dependent on you as to how detailed you want to get with it. I wouldn't get too detailed with it knowing, you know, what we know in Lordstown right now. I would try as best I could with the summary spreadsheet; and then I would reflect back on what was written in

the master water plan to say okay, are we going in the right direction with this. And then once you get, you know, good at this, I would start to get a little bit more detail with this. I just gave Ron Hickox an example for storm water culverts. What Ron should be doing is tallying up his big storm sewer infrastructure, not the small stuff the big stuff, like the crossing on State Route 45. He should have a tally all of those storm sewers and their lengths and their diameters so that he can understand what it might cost to replace them. And then he should start figuring out, you know, over the next five years is he gonna have any replacements because on those he can go after OPWC and a couple other funding opportunities on that. So the ability for you to see the infrastructure and its condition now and put it into some sort of plan is paramount. That's all I can say on that. Now going into more detail, we could also prepare a formal capital improvements plan that, you know, assesses each piece of infrastructure, et cetera. The capital improvements plan would sort of mimic what we did for you in your master water plan in that capital improvement. You know, we spoke to the condition of the assets, we spoke to the issues, we spoke to the ability of those assets to provide water to future development or new development. And so that's what we could do. I eventually would want to do that for the Village. I don't think it appropriate though right now. I'm trying to keep this as simple as possible just to show you what this spreadsheet could do. And it's up to you. But, yes.

MAYOR HILL: One thing which you and I have had discussion about in the past which could go on this spreadsheet, you know the Village has basically run all the sewer lines ourselves. And you know, you pointed out I think it was 2016 or 2017 we had five pockets without sewer in the Village. And that's one thing which I would like to see due to previous Council saying that everybody was gonna get sewer. That would be nice to get that thrown in there somewhere because you and I have talked, you said small percent loans or possibly grants, but possibly it would be real cheap loans. I know the prices are going up with the rising interest rates, but that's one thing I would like to see on that list you have. Now I don't know how everybody else feels, but I brought it up to Council and it's gone nowhere at warp speed.

MR. KOGELNIK: Actually I failed to put that on the list and I should have. But again, I only -- this was a 20-minute effort. Actually that project is one of your priority projects because former House Bill 168 a couple years ago -- you might have remembered that -- it was a hurry-up and it was embarrassing. We could do a lot better than that. And House Bill 168 was applicable to I think at the time sanitary and water. I don't know about storm water, but I think it was sanitary and water. That project with the five pockets was in there. So that this project was just re-nominated under House Bill 45 as your priority. So I want you to know it's there. Now House Bill 45 -- or House Bill 168 initially came out and said that they could fund up to I think fifty percent of the project up to a certain amount or something like that. And you might remember when we were talking about House Bill 168 we had like oh, I want to say four or five projects. And we actually had the water booster station at the top.

MR. BIGGS: Well, there was more than that on there that we had put on there. What happened was it went to Trumbull County, I believe to distribute. We got granted that same thing that the Mayor just answered or questioned about; the BPA said yeah, sounds good. It went to Council because the BPA couldn't do anything and it died. We had a grant for that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yep, yep. And so somehow that project

for the five sanitary sewer extensions got on the list. And so Randy Smith, the Trumbull County Engineer, called me back -- oh it was -- what was it, a couple months ago?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think in January.

MR. KOGELNIK: And he says hey, House Bill 45 is coming out to take the place of 168, and we're asking the communities that didn't get funded on the first go-around with House Bill 168 if they wanted to do, you know, House Bill 45. And so we said yeah. And we worked -- I worked with Jamie on the phone and Howard Sheely, and we did get that put together. But that was another one where if you don't have everything right at your fingertips you're gonna lose an opportunity. Fortunately, you had the Trumbull County Engineer looking over your shoulder and trying to, you know, do the best for the Village, which you have to thank him for that. And you know, you had our ability to talk internally, which we did, and we got it put on there.

MAYOR HILL: One other thing. The line to get another sewer is coming up Bailey Road from like Bailey Road Baptist Church to tie into our Pritchard-Ohltown line. And Ronnie and I -- Ron Radtka and I will be talking to Jackson about a JEDD for that area. But you know, everybody says you have to have redundancy, that seems to be a big word of the day or word of the year or word of the decade or whatever; but it would be nice to get that one put on there too.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, it definitely will be. You know, I didn't even put that on here I don't think.

MAYOR HILL: It's not on there. Those are two projects I think Council should be looking at.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yep.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Would Lordstown go after funding for that because it's outside the Village?

MAYOR HILL: We would probably try to go ourselves and/or Jackson and/or Youngstown City because that would be a Youngstown City water line, correct?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Mahoning County Sanitary Engineers.

MAYOR HILL: Sanitary Engineer. But we can sometimes -- and Chris, correct me if I'm wrong -- sometimes if you show cooperation with other entities you get bonus points.

MR. KOGELNIK: Right. Oh, you do. Believe me, everybody is trying to champion you guys with Jackson Township. Really that's the case. And it's more than a word in redundancy. If you ever -- if you know the operator over there at Mahoning County and you've experienced a water outage or a major water line break like he has, their water tower can go empty like in a heartbeat. So having a redundant water supply is kind of like priceless in that situation. And there isn't one. And Ohio E.P.A. knows there is no contingency line in between there, all right.

MAYOR HILL: That might be one of our priorities if we can get something with North Jackson.

MR. KOGELNIK: It is. And so you stated it yourself, if you show cooperation you're more apt to, you know, get favorable results on a funding effort, all right. And what I would have is I'd have the Trustees come to a few BPA meetings that, you know, you are talking about this upgrade to the Pritchard-Ohltown booster station or you're wanting them to know because you can't make the County of Mahoning do what they need to do for redundancy. You can only tell them hey here's an offer, there's a possibility here for us to do that, because you have to push water to them.

MAYOR HILL: You're also saying sometimes that the Bailey Road tower doesn't hold water or, you know, sometimes you have time filling it. Well, having another source coming from that way

would have to benefit us also.

MR. KOGELNIK: They can't push water to you, they're too low. Yeah. So but you can push water to them. So we have that ability, and you're giving yourself that ability by that replacement of the booster station there. I'm not gonna get into details about what you should do and what you shouldn't do for water and sewer, I'm just telling you that you have a tool here that you can use to help see your destiny a little bit more clear.

MR. CAMPBELL: Is there a way -- I guess maybe it's a little more advantageous to us to mark what projects would work well together. Like you already mentioned you have the 24 and Salt Springs. Is there a way to track like -- looking at this project, make sure you look at this one, if you look at this project? I mean, right now they are listed but there's no way of marking -- I don't know how to do that --

MR. KOGELNIK: You can color code them.

MR. CAMPBELL: -- together. Something like that would probably be nice to keep in mind.

MR. KOGELNIK: And like I was saying, there's times when you're gonna be digging, you're gonna be excavating a new water line or sewer line through the road. Why would you do that if the road is in good condition? That's usually a no-no. So you want to stay and stage these things. We got that working real well in Conneaut right now. We do a road program. We don't do the road program unless we're looking at water, sanitary and storm. It's that effective. So you should be looking at this from that perspective. And on Salt Springs Road I'm definitely thinking like that. You know, why are we gonna -- we're gonna to have to rip out that entire road to put a 24-inch water line in there, and this road is on the verge right now that a resurfacing is just not gonna cut it. So that's what I got to tell you and share with you. Like I said, I'm here to help make this thing go. I'm gonna be making application for ARC here very soon for Hallock Young.

MR. SULLIVAN: Chris, just on Hallock Young, that's what, 2.5?

MR. KOGELNIK: Right now we have it at 2.1.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. We're looking at \$500,000.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yep.

MR. SULLIVAN: So we're looking at over a million in a small --

MR. KOGELNIK: Loan, yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: So what would that be, would it go to the BPA or to Council?

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm expecting that your two organizations, BPA and Council, can work that out. That's not for me to figure out.

MR. BIGGS: BPA can't take out a loan.

MR. PETERSON: We would have to get approval of Village Council.

MR. SULLIVAN: I know they have to approve it. But who's gonna pay for it.

MR. PETERSON: Usually -- Chris, correct me if I'm wrong -- if I'm right it's paid off water revenue, which means you need a rate adjustment is normally how it works.

MR. KOGELNIK: It's not gonna come out of the BPA most likely. But you know just -- as the consultant just give me the engineering and the funding applications, you know, and I'll do my job. I can't -- I don't do government.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So you say.

MR. KOGELNIK: So -- but I can go on and on about, you

know, what should or could go on that list for priorities. I mean, I'll bet you we can probably stay here until 7:00 tonight to figure out priorities. That is not the purpose of this particular meeting.

MAYOR HILL: I will say one thing, I do appreciate that because I know in talking with Jimmy before, Jimmy says if we can get a ton of money from somebody else and we only gotta kick in a little why aren't we going for it. Right, Jamie?

MR. MOSELEY: I do it all the time.

MR. KOGELNIK: In Lowellville, little Lowellville, they have a footprint that probably is a fraction of yours. We're so proud of how much money we go after and get that -- and we try and compare it for every dollar. There's times when that has been near 8 or 9 dollars for every dollar that they contribute. Yeah, it really is. So you can't do that without being savvy and really thinking and talking amongst, you know, each other. Otherwise it's just -- that kind of stuff just doesn't happen.

MAYOR HILL: Jimmy does a good job over there.

MR. KOGELNIK: He really does. And you know, I don't expect for all communities to be like that. It's like he will tell everybody, I just want to go -- I want to go on this. It's more or less just his road. The better outcomes are when everybody contributes something. That's the better outcome. But I'm telling you right now, at my company we have some really sophisticated people that go out there, all sorts of grants and loans. But we're also getting more ingrained to understand that we're not gonna put our effort into a community that is gonna, you know, not have agreeable projects because it's just gonna be a wasted effort on our part and they're not gonna get the funding. So you guys have to agree on what your priorities are and get that on the list and then --

MR. SULLIVAN: But you're saying you can't mix and match federal and state?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, you can match federal and state. You can't match federal and federal. You can match state.

MR. PETERSON: You can't get federal money to match federal money is what he's saying.

MR. KOGELNIK: So -- and in Lowellville we don't go after funding from typically one funding source. If we do, it's kind of like that's it. There's an expectation to win.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. I just remember when I was on the Road Committee and we -- I think we did 80 percent federal and 20 percent. You got 100 percent of it paid for.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. And this lady that I'm gonna be working with, Kathy Zook, she's great, she really is. In Lowellville we had the only two ARC-funded local access road projects in the entire this part of the state. The only way we knew about that, we talked with her. We said, you know, what can we do. And she says hey, well this opportunity is out there, you got anything for it. And that's all that Mayor Iudiciani had to hear, you know. So we have this grand road going up to a new industry for a new industry to site in on there. You have the industry, they don't. You could easily be doing some of these. I'm just telling you. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. PETERSON: Does anybody have any questions for Chris? Anybody? Anybody out there even -- I do. In addition to this, just so everybody understands, this does not cover -- is there any lines close to failure that we have to worry about in the next five years?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, I believe so.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. BIGGS: We got the one on Lipkey that's already

failing. And I believe the Niles line coming from Salt Springs -- I don't remember, was it put in in the fifties or somewhere around there?

MR. SULLIVAN: The 24?

MR. BIGGS: No.

MR. PETERSON: Are you talking about the 10-inch?

MR. BIGGS: The Niles. Not the 24, Mike, but that one there. That was part of what I wanted replaced when the 24 came down there, I'd like to see that one gone. So I just have a feeling, I don't know I can't say. It's as expected.

MR. SULLIVAN: So if we got the 24-inch we wouldn't need the 10?

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

MR. PETERSON: Was that expected in -- to take that 10-inch out?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah. When it was planned the new 24 coming down tied to the other 24 because it would be on the opposite side of the road, at that time the old Niles line would come out. Everything that is hooked to the hydrant and the couple residents we had would be hooked into ours that we have going down there, not the 24 but the 12 I believe that's running down there. That's what the plan was. That's what we were hoping was gonna happen.

MR. SULLIVAN: Chris, wouldn't that Hallock Young line, isn't that where the JEDD would come off of for Bailey Road and 45.

MR. KOGELNIK: Where the JEDD would come off of --

MAYOR HILL: The JEDD right now -- we originally were approached south of Ross' going down to the turnpike, that little triangle. Well, those people aren't really pushing that hot-to-trot but we would like to get a JEDD for them, Bailey Road from Pritchard-Ohltown ideally down to 76. Now we had a proposal, you know, we had some language going back and forth with Jackson and I and Jackson and Lordstown, and we're going to be setting a meeting with them in the next week or two. I just talked to one of the trustees the other day, and they want to start a dialogue. Where it's gonna go I can't say. But like I brought up earlier, and Chris and I have had discussions, if we can get that water line for redundancy. The more clear objectives you have, the easier it is to get funding. Am I correct with that, Chris?

MR. KOGELNIK: Support, objectives, priority. Skin in the game.

MAYOR HILL: Now that's actually Mahoning County running that so, you know, we would have to get a dialogue with Mahoning County, which I think they would be amenable to that. But if we went with the JEDD, that would have to be Jackson Township because they're the ones who would be voting on it. And just like everything else, everything in the world is political and sometimes it isn't pleasant. But if you're out, open and honest, and you tell everybody what the benefits are and, you know, are they bringing business in and we can work a JEDD with them, everybody can be a winner. And that's what Ronnie Radtka and I are looking at.

MR. PETERSON: Any other lines?

MR. BLANK: Which is, Chris, that 24-inch water line. How far up Salt Springs is that? Halfway to Highland?

MR. BIGGS: Not all the way. All the way -- all the way to the tower, six-and-a-half miles.

MR. BLANK: Taking Salt Springs Road all the way up.

MR. BIGGS: Just like the old one.

MR. BLANK: When you said tearing the road up, I didn't know where it was gonna cross. It's going all the way up.

MR. KOGELNIK: So this is something that I think that

you guys, the BPA and Council, should be talking about.

(Mayor Arno Hill leaves the meeting at this time.)

MR. KOGELNIK: Because MVSD, as you remember, they put out the request for qualifications for engineering on that. So they're ready and willing to go on this, and it's all predicated on funding. Initially they want to -- I think they said something to the effect that they would help fund a lot of that. We didn't know how much. We still don't know how much. What you do have is the construction cost estimate for that water line. What you should be doing is reviewing with MVSD what potential cost shares you might have. You're in a possibility where you have that ability to start talking about that with MVSD. I'm sorry, that would be Council.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And that's why I said as you're saying this, I'm thinking perhaps --

MR. SULLIVAN: Because it's outside.

MR. KOGELNIK: Correct, Mike. That has to be Council. So you guys have the -- you have the requirement to do that, to coordinate with MVSD.

MR. MOSELEY: Well, they want to run the line and pave the road and tear it back up. That's kind of dumb to me. I mean, how soon do they want to run that line and get that done?

MR. KOGELNIK: How soon can you afford to be without water.

MR. MOSELEY: Well, you can't.

MR. KOGELNIK: Right.

MR. MOSELEY: I mean, I own property over there in that Niles part and that line pops constantly. So you should sell them water too off that line.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, I'm just telling you that line -- that redundant water line's purpose is for redundancy but also to be able to allow that new booster station to pull the capacity it needs into it. So your booster station will not function properly without that line. It serves two purposes.

MR. BLANK: The thing with these loans too like for them, they took that one out for that line going from 45. I mean, how many loans can they take out after this? With the 24-inch water line --

MR. KOGELNIK: Well Ohio E.P.A. loans, they pretty much will not turn you down for projects.

MR. BLANK: Understand. If they're zero percent, we have to make the payment is what I'm saying. We can't have a bunch of loans out that you can't make the payment.

MR. KOGELNIK: That is what this could help you to do, to see when you can and when you can't.

MR. BLANK: Some of these projects -- I don't care if he's sitting here, you can call him if he wants. He gets pissed these people don't move on stuff, and I understand that. But like the JEDD, if I was Councilman, what's in it for anybody, what are we getting. I'm not gonna get involved in a damn JEDD unless I know we're getting something out of it.

MR. KOGELNIK: It's low priority right now.

MR. BLANK: What are you gonna jump for if you don't know what you're getting. If it's gonna cost you money, why are you doing it.

MR. KOGELNIK: Obviously the most important thing that we're talking about today is to agree on what priorities there are.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Prioritize the list.

MR. BLANK: More for them than Council.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll be honest with you, that water booster station right now and the 24-inch water line should be at the top of your list.

MR. BLANK: That's what I said. There's more right now for them than it is Council.

MR. KOGELNIK: It doesn't -- that's just the way it is right now. In the future it could be the other way around.

MR. BLANK: I'm in favor of stuff, but I'm not in favor of losing money.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It is to the benefit of the water contribution system, then as the water distribution system; but we can't go to MVSD and discuss that with them. That's why I pushed for this meeting because these six people should have the same meeting every single month. They should -- if we go to their meeting or they go to ours, it needs to happen. The communication -- we need the water booster station, we know that. But we can't go to MVSD and talk about it. The 24-inch line is --

MR. BLANK: Find out what your local share is and you gotta find out your water rates and make the payments and still run your department.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And we have that in our water rate study. They want a figure. But if I don't know what funding I'm getting I can't build a water rate. I am telling you what a loan was going to cost. We have to notify what that line's gonna cost us.

MR. PETERSON: I think everybody is getting sticker shock I guess would be the right word, yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm glad you brought that up. So in a way what I think, if I could be -- if I can ask this in an open frame, we've estimated a lot of projects for you. Normally they're way up here when we first estimate them and it is sticker shock. And sometimes inevitably throughout the course of the project that number comes down. Why does it do that? Because we become more familiar with the true needs of the project and the true cost of the project. At the very beginning nobody has a good clear understanding of what's being built, how it's gonna be built and all of the details. That's why things start off up here (gesturing) and the intention is to drive that cost down to where it's understandable.

MR. BLANK: Isn't there enough big money out there like they can get, or he just goes around and campaigns that?

MR. KOGELNIK: We just applied for that. That's the big -- the \$5 million from Congressman Joyce's office is one of the biggest purses you can go after.

MR. BLANK: Is that federal money, \$500,000? Can you get more?

MR. KOGELNIK: Five million.

MR. BLANK: I'm talking about for that water line.

MR. KOGELNIK: Can you go after more on that one? Potentially you can. But right now this is probably the most practical so 00

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And that's a \$2 million project. I'd rather -- not rather, but take and get 50 percent of the \$10 million project and pick that to death because it's also next in line.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. So --

MR. PETERSON: You have to pick and choose where you get money, because after you get money it might be a little bit until you get more money from that particular --

MR. KOGELNIK: Yep. So if you could just, like Cindy was thinking, pick which project you really want to focus in on

getting funding for. And then there's gonna be inevitably a project. You just gotta pay the -- you know, the rate through the tier.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And Chris, correct me, we put in funding requests for the Ellsworth -- or Hallock Young water line; and we also put in funding requests for the \$5 million. We have two requests out there, right?

MR. KOGELNIK: Correct on the latter. On the Hallock Young water line, what we've put in for is just the nomination through Ohio E.P.A. WSRLA. So the \$5 million for that project would be a loan and the \$500,000 would be a grant.

MR. BLANK: Chris, how come like when you get 80/20 for federal money for -- how come we can't get any of that stuff for water and sewer?

MR. KOGELNIK: You could have. Remember the big U.S.E.D.A. request that we made for the 3-million-gallon water tank for Ultium, that was intended to be 80/20.

MR. BLANK: Oh, really.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. And I mean, I don't like talking about that application because I think -- in my opinion I don't think we got treated fairly on that.

MR. BLANK: Then so can't we like -- I mean, is there anything out there like for that 24-inch line in that?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. We could have went after the 24-inch water line for that. But at the time Ultium's needs surpassed everybody in the Village for whatever reason.

MR. BLANK: I'm saying for the one now.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, the build grant will allow you to do that. It's an arduous process. You're competing with everybody in the United States. They don't pick just, you know, every project. So that was another thing is the level of competition. With OPWC we know we're gonna get a few projects funded through them, it's pretty understood. And with ARC with Kathy, I mean if -- she doesn't spend time on projects that don't get funded. So I'm looking forward to that.

MR. BLANK: So I guess --

MR. SULLIVAN: I was wondering, you're saying we wouldn't make any money on a JEDD. We know how much.

MR. BLANK: I didn't say you wouldn't make any money. I said you need to know if you're gonna make any money.

MR. SULLIVAN: I agree with that.

MR. BLANK: You don't just introduce something that's going to cost you money. If he wants a commitment, he'll get one when you know what you're going to get out of it.

MR. KOGELNIK: I would spend a little money on a study to make sure you know what you're gonna get on that. Otherwise, talking JEDD is talking JEDD so -- but that's your prerogative there in communicating with the other county. So I tell you what, I really do commend the BPA because if it wasn't for the BPA a lot of these ideas that we're talking about for funding, they wouldn't have -- the rubber wouldn't have met the road.

MR. BLANK: Let me ask you this just on that 24-inch water line. Where are we at so as far as they know so Cindy can afford the payment on them? How much is that line by the way?

MR. KOGELNIK: It's gonna be about \$13 million.

MR. BLANK: How much of that do you think would be funded roughly?

MR. KOGELNIK: My guess -- based on what MVSD has talked to us very loosely about, my guess is 50/50.

MR. BOND: You're saying you think MVSD will cover 50

percent?

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm guessing. Is your guess better than mine?

MR. BOND: No.

MR. BLANK: And then they get grant money to cover the biggest share of our 50 percent?

MR. PETERSON: Remember, they are going to be looking for grant money too.

MR. KOGELNIK: MVSD is a very intelligent organization. They not only know grants, they know their infrastructure better than anybody. So you have a good partner in other words. And you know, if they're willing to operate your 24-inch water line you even have a better partner.

MR. BLANK: I'm not arguing anything except the payments is all I'm arguing. I'm not paying \$150 a month for water so them guys up on the hill got water.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's fine, Bill. But you guys need to address your arguments. Your arguments should not just keep going on and just be arguments, they should result in a answer.

MR. BLANK: I don't know what that will be.

MR. PETERSON: So Chris, going forward we obviously know there's funding opportunities.

MR. KOGELNIK: Uh-huh.

MR. PETERSON: What can we do on our end to prepare for the funding opportunities to the best of -- I realize that some of them will be last minute, but anything we can do to have everything prepared so we're not chasing our tails.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, identifying your priorities and talking with them, with your Council, about that and making sure that there's no, you know, problems getting those figured out. And then after that, you know, helping to get -- to collect letters of support and then getting the right people like Bob Bond and Howard Sheely and those people to coordinate with the political figureheads in, you know, the region, the senators, the congressman, et cetera, so that they can expect when you're gonna be making a fiscal year 24 C.D.S. or C.P.F. allocation request. That's what you need to do. The consultant can't do that. The consultant has all that they can do to align the project needs with the application that's in front of them. And then, you know, both you and the Council can be requesting letters of support from the target entities. I mean, I seriously would be talking with Mahoning County Commissioners about that. You know, it might not be a need. However, it won't cost the Village anything for the County to build a water line to the Village, and it wouldn't cost the Village anything to upgrade that booster pump station for the pumps that need to push the water to the County. They should -- the County should pay for that.

MR. SULLIVAN: Mahoning County.

MR. KOGELNIK: You should start thinking about that. You should start asking me well, what part of the booster station should we be looking at asking Mahoning County to pay for. Right now we don't have that dialogue going on.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well even the water line on Pritchard-Ohlton, is it large enough?

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, the water model suggests that I believe it is. You think right now the water line -- or was it 16, Darren?

MR. BIGGS: I believe 16.

MR. KOGELNIK: I think we got more than enough there. I think the only problem with that water line, correct me if I'm wrong, was it AC or was it ductile?

MR. BIGGS: I don't know why I'm thinking it's ductile.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well if it's ductile, then you got a long -- you got a big water line in there that's gonna be in there for a while so, you know, let's make use of it.

MR. MOSELEY: If you can get them to pay for the line

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MR. KOGELNIK: I would not expect the Village to spend anything on that line going into North Jackson.

MR. MOSELEY: Just giving the opportunity to put water and sewer.

MR. BIGGS: This has all been talked about before.

When we were gonna move the Salt Springs one which is bigger, it's really old and failing over there to replace that, it was gonna be replaced there on 45 right there where that water line goes across, right at the line. And then with that we would be able to push down 45 or Bailey and still be able to do what it needs to do with filling the tank. We would be ready for that if anything came. Jackson came to us and said hey, interconnection or hey, we can't supply them because we stopped at the cemetery, we stop at the church. Do you know what I mean, we have businesses coming. We can talk. Now we're ready to go instead of how can we, being behind the 8-ball. That was the whole plan two years ago when we were talking about this. That was the reason for doing all this. It helped us with a lot of little issues. So that's the plan anyway, regardless of the JEDD or however that plays out. We just want to be ready for anything.

MR. KOGELNIK: And one of the variables in Mahoning County has just been resolved. I think they've decided to keep the North Jackson Metro Water District rather than sell it. So you know, maybe they have solid ground underneath their feet to say okay, we're gonna be here and we're gonna own this and we're gonna need an emergency connection. But you won't know until you start talking with them. So the County Commissioners normally meet every Thursday, and I think that was the County Engineer who was calling me regarding another issue. But I think they were at that meeting today. So you have some -- I think we've talked about some responsibilities here about what do you do, what you can do, how you can help. But if this is just on BPA's shoulders and me, it's probably gonna be half the effort and half the prize. So you can make it easy, you know, if you just do it every so often. You don't have to have Herculean efforts all the time. So you know -- and these, just coming to the meetings and talking about it and agreeing to the priorities is half the battle I think, is it not?

MR. PETERSON: Absolutely. I just -- I guess my biggest -- I just want to keep forward motion going so we're getting these projects knocked out, getting as much funding, we're not putting this on the residents.

MR. BIGGS: Chris, if I may with that, that's one of my biggest things that I'd like to see tonight or even else. Pick the thing that we want done next -- that we need done next, let's put it that way, and then figure out how we can do it. Obviously, it starts with the rate study, get that passed. Nobody has a clue, that could go on for another two years. We gotta get that straightened out. Then we can look into funding and how we're doing it and whose responsibility. Do we need the Utility Committee to talk to somebody, me to, the Village Engineer, you guys? I think we need to pick a priority and get to the end angle on there. That's what I would like to see. I know we have some that are, let's say, critical. Pick one. How do we get --

MR. PETERSON: I think everybody sees a big list and they don't know where to start.

MR. BIGGS: Let's pick one and start knocking them off. That's what I'd like to see. Forgive me if I overstepped on this one, but I think that's where we need to be.

MR. PETERSON: That's why we're sitting here.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well I think, Chris, it's you that's leading the BPA and it's obviously you guys that are leading the Council. And so you do -- you just need to choose a direction. Don't be afraid because the list is a lot. I can erase what's on this list in a heartbeat.

MR. BLANK: You won't get anything done unless these guys keep coming to your meetings, I can tell you that. You won't get anything done. You can speak at Council all he wants.

MR. KOGELNIK: So to have a good picture you need to have, you know, an updated cost estimate for these projects, you need to have a good concept plan. And why you're doing that is you're trying to avoid risk.

MR. PETERSON: I know for WSRLA, do we need to look at design loans to have the project in design to have principal forgiveness through there?

MR. KOGELNIK: You don't know if you can get principal forgiveness just because you've applied for a design loan; is that the question?

MR. PETERSON: I did.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, we have to find out because I don't know if the community of Lordstown is eligible for principal forgiveness. We can look. That's a good question.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, because the last project I put in for I think \$3.2 million, half of it was principal forgiveness.

MR. KOGELNIK: Do you guys know what principal forgiveness is? It's a grant.

MR. PETERSON: Principal forgiveness is a grant.

MR. BLANK: And Chris, aren't you guys working on that water line now for the loop there? So that's your number one thing right now, right?

MR. KOGELNIK: It is, yeah. Correct.

MR. PETERSON: Usually they have to be in design. The project has to be in design or design has to almost be finished to get principal forgiveness.

MR. KOGELNIK: But Bill is correct, that's our number one priority right now.

MR. SULLIVAN: What's that?

MR. KOGELNIK: The Hallock Young water line. Now on that one, what you should be doing is deciding -- the BPA needs to decide this -- is how to serve Foxconn. Because right now there's a water line there, they're connected to it. How do you want to connect Foxconn to your new water line because there's a meter there, there's a back-flow prevention assembly. You need to flush those things out. If you want our advice on how to connect those things, we can do that. And if I were smart enough, I would try and drop that into the application if I could to get some of that paid for if Foxconn isn't going to be expected to pay for all of that hardware so to speak.

MR. PETERSON: I think I have to work something up. Do you guys agree.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: But to do that though, you have to communicate with Foxconn because that's -- you only go out to a certain spot, you go to the right-of-way, and then after that it's the customer.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, correct. When you were talking about

where to connect and how to, you know, do that you should figure it in, are you talking where Warren connects at, is that what you're -- well, before that we gotta figure out if we're gonna get Warren to supply them or we're -- before we start designing that. I mean, if no decision is made there's no point in designing.

MR. PETERSON: Yes. If Warren's going to the water line we're supplying it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's already been resolved through --

MR. KOGELNIK: You think? How is that memorialized?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's not.

MR. KOGELNIK: I think you need to memorialize that somehow. Maybe you want to talk with the Solicitor just to make sure you got belts and suspenders around that decision, right. So those kinds of things are things I think that the BPA and Council can continue to work on together. And I, for one, am thinking that you're gonna have some pretty good success stories in the future if you were to undertake some collaboration like that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We -- so we established the Hallock Young Road water line is our first priority. So what's the second?

MR. PETERSON: I'd say the 24. Darren?

MR. BIGGS: Unfortunately, yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: Bob, what do you think?

MR. BOND: Well, when I look at those top once you got there I think your 24-inch probably is your second priority.

MR. SULLIVAN: But I get concerned what Bill's saying is if we end up with a million-and-a-half loan on Hallock Young, we end with a six million on Salt Springs, what are our water rates gonna be.

MR. BLANK: Here's just an example what we're paying now. We have a loan we're paying \$680,000 a year. And that's on that loan for that east side sewer.

MR. BOND: No, that money is all in --

MR. BLANK: Understand. So that's my concern, how much can you guys afford to pay.

MR. BOND: Well, your loan payments are more than you can realistically afford. There's a tipping point there. And I agree with Bill on that.

MR. KOGELNIK: So a decision on priority isn't just a decision on need, it's a decision on how you can pay for it too. I'm not suggesting that you prioritize just purely on need.

MR. BIGGS: I'd have to disagree with that. It's gotta be -- it has to be on need. I don't care if it costs more.

MR. PETERSON: I understand what Darren's saying, but I'm thinking like he thinks up is --

MR. BIGGS: It has to be on need.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The 24-inch water line. Our water booster station is dependent on that line. It's already built and in place.

MR. BOND: When you get that next 24-inch in, what good is it gonna be without the other water tower?

MR. BIGGS: Right now we have the booster station that, with it running the 55 percent one pump taking to fill our tower now, it lowers the suction side of it down to almost 20. We get below 20, we can't ever do that. One pump over there running 55 percent is running real close to that. We need to be able to get it -- that new tank filled up or this one filled up. We can't get the water fast enough to get to that booster station to do what it needs to do.

MR. BOND: This would take care of that problem --

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

MR. BOND: Whether or not you get a water tower?

MR. BIGGS: This is before the tower, the other tower.

MR. BOND: Much more than we need the water tower.

MR. PETERSON: You couldn't build the water tower before you put the 24 in. You don't have the --

MR. BOND: I want to make sure the 24-inch does some good if you don't have the tower.

MR. KOGELNIK: Oh, yeah.

MR. BIGGS: But it's still needed for what we're getting now.

MR. KOGELNIK: Think of it this way, Bob; if you don't have redundancy, you should have storage.

MR. BOND: Right. They replace each other, I understand what you're saying there.

MR. KOGELNIK: So in this case you already built the booster, it can't work properly without the bigger straw.

MR. BOND: Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: But if we think those are the top two priorities, I think the next step would be meeting with Mahoning Valley --

MR. KOGELNIK: It could be.

MR. SULLIVAN: How many nickels are you gonna put in the game, and they might be able to get these grants easier than us.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well look, you know, you've already shared with them, I've shared with them, that the Village has requested funds from Congressman Joyce's office and we have nominated the project through Ohio E.P.A. WSRLA. All they are doing in the background is applauding you. So I would go up to them and say look, we've done all the leg work here. You want to be a part of us, how much.

MR. BOND: They can get a grant through this project as well.

MR. KOGELNIK: It might be possible that they can. But then you start to get into who's doing what.

MR. PETERSON: Fighting over the money.

MR. KOGELNIK: Because what it gets down to -- and I will say this to you. On most all funding opportunities if you don't own the land, you don't have a funded project. So if you don't have a public right-of-way or an easement, it's out, it's typically not a funded project. All right. So for MVSD to bring, you know, a new 24-inch water line into the Village, all of that right-of-way easement would have to be evaluated just to make sure that, you know, it's available and accessible. And then once they got to the State Route 45 site, if they wanted to build their own water tower you could -- you'd have to allow them an easement on which to put the tower on your new property.

MR. BIGGS: And just to kind of what you were saying and him, let's look at it before. They wanted to build that 24 tie-in and do everything and, you know --

MR. BOND: Take over maintenance.

MR. BIGGS: For them to do that, that would be their line because they want maintenance of the old one and the new one. So that would have nothing to do with us, they take all the responsibility. So as far as funding goes and that, basically we would be helping, you know, each other. But I don't know how much we get involved. What they needed was -- it wouldn't even be an easement or whatever else, they have to own property up there to be able to run that line. They can't just run it into another district, they have to go from their property to their property. Okay. Does

that make sense?

MR. BOND: With an easement in between you're telling me where they have to --

MR. BIGGS: I don't know about an easement. It's in the right-of-way.

MR. KOGELNIK: If it can fit in the right-of-way, then they don't have to have their own exclusive easement inside your right-of-way. But I'm not gonna pretend to have all the answers for that. This is something that's -- it's big. This will be the first ever extension of MVSD's district if they were to do this, which is kind of significant. So they're gonna be very careful about how they do it.

MR. BOND: Well, I understand that. I was surprised when they made that offer when they were out here.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. You couldn't have a better potential partner.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, yeah. And we told them no, now we're gonna ask them to pay for it.

MR. KOGELNIK: You're the one that's got all the industry landing here. It's not gonna -- those industries will not operate on air.

MR. PETERSON: I know, Bob, you opened the dialogue with them today. So there's communication started at least at a minimum.

MR. SULLIVAN: With who?

MR. PETERSON: MVSD.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I think that ought to be our next step is have another joint meeting with Utility meeting and invite them.

MR. PETERSON: Invite MVSD. Bob?

MR. BOND: I'm sorry, I didn't quite hear you. Have a joint meeting with Utility?

MR. SULLIVAN: And invite MVSD.

MR. BOND: I don't have any problem with it. No, that sounds good.

MR. SULLIVAN: That way we can figure out where the nickels are anyway.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, I would set up an agenda.

MR. PETERSON: Right, wrong or indifferent, at least we know where we stand.

MR. BOND: We -- just let us know and we'll be --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: What's a date? It always starts with a date. Everybody is in the same room, so that makes my life easier.

MR. BOND: Do you have a date for that other meeting?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm still waiting for Darren. Niles meeting.

MR. BIGGS: Who needs to set up that meeting?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I can do it for Bob if he --

MR. BIGGS: They have to set up that meeting, correct?

MR. PETERSON: It would be a Utility meeting, correct? Well I guess it could be a BPA meeting because they are inviting them.

(Bill Blank leaves the meeting at this time.)

MR. PETERSON: I know you had told him the first week of May. Do you want to wait that long?

MR. BOND: Well, we can do it before then.

MR. PETERSON: I'm good with that.

MR. SULLIVAN: Why don't we call them and see when they're available and then set the date to that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Is everybody gonna be in town over the

next couple of weeks? Is there any date to avoid?

MR. BOND: The week of the 10th.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The beginning of the week.

MR. BOND: I'm free.

MR. PETERSON: The week of the 10th? I'm available.

MR. BOND: The week of the 10th will work.

(A discussion regarding dates is had off the record.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So the 10th, we'll focus on April 10.
4/10, Monday.

MR. BOND: You're not available the 11th or 12th or
13th?

MR. PETERSON: What's that? I'm not available the 11th
or 12th.

MR. BOND: 13th?

MR. PETERSON: 13th would be the awesomest day.

MR. CAMPBELL: I can do either the 10th or the 13th.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's our meeting, it would have to be
here.

MR. SULLIVAN: Do you want the 13th, Bob?

MR. PETERSON: Are you good on the 10th or the 13th?

MR. CAMPBELL: Either one.

MR. BOND: Can we schedule it for 4:00 so these guys can
be here?

MR. PETERSON: As long as MVSD is good with it. Chris,
are you available?

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll make myself available.

MR. SULLIVAN: And Bob, if you want to bring somebody
else from Council that's fine. The more people buying in the better
off we are.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, absolutely.

MR. BOND: What date is that?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The 13th is Thursday, April 13.

MR. BOND: I'll wait to put it in here until I see if
that will work for and Drew as well.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Do I have permission to contact them
for this meeting to coordinate this meeting.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. Somebody should -- you should
define who's gonna be talking with Meander. It should be one of
these guys.

MR. PETERSON: Are you okay with that, Bob? You're
gonna be talking with Meander at the meeting.

MR. BOND: Yeah, I can say that. Maybe the 10th would
work as well.

MR. PETERSON: Correct. Cindy not available on the
10th, so push for the thirteen.

MR. SULLIVAN: 13th. And if that don't work, the 14th.

MR. PETERSON: I can't do the 14th.

MR. SULLIVAN: And I think they want it as much as we
do or more.

MR. PETERSON: I think they'll be fine too. Are you
good with that, Bob? You'll communicate with them then?

MR. BOND: Yes, I'll get a hold of them.

MR. PETERSON: Cool. Anything else on funding, or
Chris, can you think of anything else or --

MR. KOGELNIK: Not right now.

MR. BOND: Are you still wanting to merge that with your
meeting then and I'll contact him, or how are we doing that?

MR. PETERSON: We can do the meeting. You can just

contact them and invite them to the meeting.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Then let me know and I'll schedule it as a --

MR. KOGELNIK: One other real small thing for funding. I'd recommend that you guys consider putting the master water plan on your website as a link. You might want to think about it. You don't have to act on it but think about it.

MR. PETERSON: Is that okay with --

MR. BIGGS: What are we putting on there?

MR. KOGELNIK: Your master water plan.

MR. BIGGS: Showing what everything is? That's what I'm asking.

MR. PETERSON: Just priorities, right.

MR. KOGELNIK: The reason why I'm saying that, these federal agencies, federal, are asking what website they can read up on, you know, your projects.

MR. PETERSON: What our plans are.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm not saying that just to be promotional or something like that. They're asking to see that. And you know, if there was a news release about your project they want to see that. So that would be probably the most practical way to --

MR. CAMPBELL: You're talking projects and stuff, not just --

MR. BIGGS: I'm just wanting to know what we're putting on the website.

MR. CAMPBELL: We don't have our water like where everything is at.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's fine, pare it down to what you want.

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't think that's a safe thing to put on a site.

MR. KOGELNIK: The master water plan is only like 35 or 40 pages. Take out what you don't want to have in there and consider putting the rest on the website.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay, boss, you got it.

MR. KOGELNIK: I mean, I can help you work knowing the sensitivity that you guys just expressed.

MR. PETERSON: Darren, it will go to you first before it goes on there.

MR. BIGGS: Sure, that's fine.

MR. PETERSON: Is everybody okay with us moving forward with that?

MR. CAMPBELL: Uh-huh.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Anything else on project funding?

MR. KOGELNIK: No.

MR. PETERSON: I think we got a good start. When I say start, I mean very beginning.

MR. SULLIVAN: A till in the water.

MR. PETERSON: Hopefully we meet with them and we can get something going. Is there anything on the Hallock Young project that we --

MR. KOGELNIK: No, but it will be coming back to you probably at the next meeting with legislation so that we can, you know, officially make the application to ARC.

(At this time, Howard Sheely and Jamie Moseley leave the meeting.)

2. Trumbull Energy Center - Sanitary Sewer

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Anything else? Okay. Item number 2, the Trumbull Energy Center Sanitary Sewer.

MR. KOGELNIK: At the last meeting I had suggested that the sewer from the control building of the new Trumbull Energy Center get connected to Trumbull County sanitary sewer on State Route 45. Since then we've talked a little bit more in detail amongst ourselves and I've changed my mind about that. I think we should connect it somehow to the east side sanitary sewer system. There's two options, one is more practical than the other; and the more practical one would be out on Hallock Young Road due south of the control building. The less practical one would be to somehow meander a service lateral from the control building around a whole bunch of features that are gonna be constructed by Trumbull Energy Center and connect it to the new sanitary sewer that we installed for LEC. So I've asked through e-mail what you guys want to do, which option you want to connect to.

MR. PETERSON: Your yellow dot that you said, I couldn't find it. I was gonna e-mail you back and I forgot.

MR. KOGELNIK: The yellow dot is your terminal manhole on Hallock Young Road where the Lift Station No. 4 force main comes into the manhole and it turns into gravity. That's the ripest of the ripe right there. And so any additional flow you could probably get through that spot is probably gonna help you. But this is not gonna be a whole lot of flow from that control building.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: In fact, it might even be as ripe as the Lift Station No. 4 because it's gonna be from a grinder pump. So it's up to you.

MR. PETERSON: I'm okay with Hallock Young as long as everybody else is.

MR. SULLIVAN: If that's the easiest, then I assume if it's the easiest it would be the most cost-effective.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, it doesn't matter to you because you're not paying a nickel for that. You're gonna get a new sewer customer that -- it's gonna be a small sewer customer. But it's just a matter of, you know, where Darren wants the point of connection to be and so on. So it makes sense to place it on Hallock Young Road right there.

MR. PETERSON: With TEC having ownership of the line to the main, correct?

MR. KOGELNIK: It would just be a lateral.

MR. PETERSON: It's not like LEC where we own a main in the middle of the woods.

MR. KOGELNIK: It would just be a sewer lateral. So we would have to draw that on a map so they can understand how they are gonna cross underneath Hallock Young Road and connect to that existing sanitary sewer, and they have to do it according to the standards that you have.

MR. PETERSON: Do you need a motion on that, or do you want to wait and draw it up first.

MR. KOGELNIK: We should probably draw it up first.

MR. PETERSON: Draw it up first, okay. There's nothing to decide on it?

MR. BIGGS: Me and Chris talked about it already. We talked about besides going to Trumbull County, I just wanted to kick around the other two points. I agree with Chris, we both agreed on that Hallock Young right there. One of the things with that is someone's gonna have to tell, you know, Steve Remillard that because he's asking.

MR. KOGELNIK: I will do that after the work is done.

MR. BIGGS: That's find, just let him know. And none of those are big deals, I'm just playing it out. But we have to figure out away to bill it.

MR. KOGELNIK: Uh-huh.

MR. BIGGS: So we think we got a plan on it, but we'll have to discuss that. I don't know if you want to do that now or do it later. We've got time because it's not our water -- where normally we could do it off the water, it's not. So how are we gonna --

MR. PETERSON: Somehow we're gonna have to meter the water that goes into the sewer because it's not our -- the main meter coming in the building is not -- we're not charging sewer on all of it, we're just charging sewer on the flow that enters the control building I guess it would be.

MR. CAMPBELL: Can't they have a meter for the line that goes into the control? Main line coming in, have another meter that goes into the office?

MR. BIGGS: That's a thought. But I want to bring it up because it would be you guys' decision. If we could fit in where there's a natural meter for that building because that's where everything is going to be mostly used at, I think that would be the easy answer.

MR. KOGELNIK: It's gonna be a domestic flow so, Kevin, I think that's the most logical.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Are you saying inside the building?

MR. BIGGS: We'll meter the water coming in, Cindy, to that building alone if it doesn't go anywhere else. Then you can bill off the water for wastewater only.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. BIGGS: Like a normal home.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But so, from the building to Hallock Young Road if there's I&I it's on us?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yep.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: And it's gonna be a pressure line from the building to Hallock Young Road, meaning it shouldn't have any joints with which to have a leak come from.

MR. PETERSON: It's not gonna be gravity-fed, it's gonna be off of a pump.

MR. KOGELNIK: In fact, it's probably only gonna be like that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Then is it our responsibility for the grinder and stuff? I'm just asking because those are questions that are gonna come up.

MR. BIGGS: No.

MR. PETERSON: I wouldn't do that. I would say it's all theirs.

MR. KOGELNIK: And we can spell that out as like a resolution that the BPA finally decides on.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, the billing would be the same as what's written into our rules then. You bill off the water meter.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, I think that's why Kevin was --

MR. CAMPBELL: That's why I thought to do it that way, just line up with what we got.

MR. PETERSON: The only difference would be the grinder pump would be their responsibility.

MR. KOGELNIK: Uh-huh.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Anything else regarding that? Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Seeing none, any additional Public Comments? There's nobody out there. Bob.

MR. BOND: I think you covered quite a bit.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Member Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MR. PETERSON: Motion to adjourn.

MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: All opposed?

(No response.)

(Meeting ends at 5:39 p.m.)

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TRUMBULL COUNTY) SS.

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