

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
May 14, 2021
11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Kevin Campbell, President
Mr. Michael Sullivan, Vice-President
Mr. Thomas Dietz, Board Member
Mr. Darren Biggs, Supt. of Utilities
Mr. Christopher Kogelnik, Engineer

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Bill Blank, Council Clerk
Ms. Becky Conn
Ms. Cinthia Slusarczyk

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 14th of May, 2021.

MR. CAMPBELL: I want to go ahead and call the meeting to order. It's 11:00. Would you please stand with me for the Pledge of Allegiance -- I mean the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

LORD'S PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. I'll do the roll call. Kevin Campbell, present. Tom Dietz.

MR. DIETZ: Here.

MR. CAMPBELL: Michael Sullivan. He's absent. Darren Biggs.

MR. BIGGS: Here. Cinthia Slusarczyk. I guess -- what did we do last time?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm public. I signed in as public.

MR. CAMPBELL: And Chris is on his way. I'll make a motion to excuse Mike Sullivan.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second.

(Mike Sullivan and Chris Kogelnik enter.)

APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. We have no correction of minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MR. CAMPBELL: No correspondence other than what's already on our agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: Any Public Comments at this point? I don't believe we have any public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution recommending that Village Council authorize the Village of Lordstown to settle a pending dispute with the City of Warren, Ohio involving an agreement to extend sewer outlet privileges for the

Village of Lordstown Sanitary Sewer District.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. We're down onto our New Business. Number 1 is a Resolution recommending that Village Council authorize the Village of Lordstown to settle a pending dispute with the City of Warren, Ohio involving an agreement to extend sewer outlet privileges for the Village of Lordstown Sanitary Sewer District. They want to move forward with this. We did spend the time with arbitration, and I guess even afterwards a little back and forth these got finished up. Did you guys have a chance to review. We talked about it at our last meeting, but at that point Warren hadn't signed it so we weren't ready to move on it. But now that Warren's signed it, we're ready to move forward.

MR. DIETZ: Do you want a motion on it?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: What is the basics?

MR. CAMPBELL: We -- what we ended up doing was since -- within I think two years we're gonna be stuck without an agreement, and at that point they could put us to their full outside rate. They -- that was their main goal was to try to get us to that full outside rate anyway. So we worked out back and forth. Basically we're extending us working into the full outside rate over I think close to a ten-year period. So it bought us time to look into that, maybe some other things the Village is working on.

MR. SULLIVAN: So the agreement is good for 10 years?

MR. CAMPBELL: The agreement is good for 5 that we committed that we have to be in it. Then we can give a one-year notice starting Year 5 that we want out. We can jump out early after the 5 years.

MR. SULLIVAN: Or they could.

MR. CAMPBELL: I would doubt that they would want to get out, but we'd have to give them a one-year notice that we want out.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But it is a 10-year period.

MR. CAMPBELL: It is up to a 10-year period, correct. If we didn't notify them within a year or we didn't notify them at all then yeah, it's gonna go for 10 years.

MR. DIETZ: You said jump out of it. Then where would we go.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, depending on how things go for the Village, there might be some other opportunity down the road, we don't know. We didn't want to have to pigeonhole ourselves into another corner where you get stuck with this agreement and go back to them and beg and plead and try to get out of an agreement if we wanted to do something different.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Any motions to passage of the Resolution?

MR. DIETZ: I'll make a motion to pass it.

MR. SULLIVAN: I will second it.

MR. CAMPBELL: So we have these assigned, but we don't have the numbers for them.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Becky does. This will be 2021-12.

MS. CONN: The last one was 12.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The last one was 12, so this will be 13.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: Motion carries. It's Resolution 2021-13. And then these are the ones that we need to sign?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. But she's gonna have to get you a clean one because they carried over to a third page with just a title.

MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, okay. There's nothing to sign at this point then.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

MR. SULLIVAN: So we need to go up and sign them.

MR. CAMPBELL: When they're reprinted or ready to go. Does that work for Council though, right?

MR. BLANK: I'm not gonna attach it to ours. If they ask, I'll tell them you passed yours.

2. A Resolution recommending that the Council of the Village of Lordstown approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,600.00 for H&H Land Clearing, LLC of Middlefield, Ohio in connection with the State Route 45 corridor improvements site work, tree removal plan improvements, Phase 1 project.

MR. CAMPBELL: A second one. A Resolution recommending that the Council of the Village of Lordstown approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,600.00 for H&H Land Clearing, LLC of Middlefield, Ohio in connection with the State Route 45 corridor improvements, site work, tree removal plan improvements, Phase 1 project.

MR. BLANK: That's completed, right Chris?

MR. KOGELNIK: The work?

MR. BLANK: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes.

MR. BLANK: So there won't be any more change orders.

MR. KOGELNIK: That project is essentially done.

MR. CAMPBELL: Go ahead, make a motion.

MR. DIETZ: I got a question.

MR. CAMPBELL: Go ahead.

MR. DIETZ: Did it take more time than what he had originally bid on it?

MR. KOGELNIK: On the construction or --

MR. DIETZ: The clearing.

MR. KOGELNIK: The clearing of the trees?

MR. DIETZ: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't recall the time component, no Tom. I just remember there was an additional small area that had to be cleared. So it might have involved more time, but I don't -- if that's what your question is.

MR. SULLIVAN: What was the final acreage? There was a couple different numbers going back and forth.

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't know what final acreage was either.

MR. BLANK: Wasn't it like 4.3 something?

MR. SULLIVAN: It was like 7 when they were talking about the bidding.

MR. BLANK: They cut it down.

MR. KOGELNIK: The total acreage of the new parcel is a little bit -- I think it's 4.5 plus.

MR. BLANK: For the property we thought.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, 4.5 acres plus. I don't have the exact

figure.

MR. SULLIVAN: Fuzzy called me the other day and wanted to know. I told him I'd get back with him with the number.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: In response to Tom's question of it extended the contract, in Section 2 it clearly states the change order also adds 12 days to the original contract and date of April 16 to allow adequate time to make the needed changes. The trees were down in time, but for them to get them out of there and do what they had to do it added 12 days.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right.

MR. SULLIVAN: So it's at 4.5 plus. What does that mean?

MR. KOGELNIK: That means there's 4.52.

MR. CAMPBELL: A little bit more than four-and-a-half acres.

MR. SULLIVAN: But it's close to that. Yeah, it's not the 7 acres.

MR. CAMPBELL: No, no.

MR. BLANK: It's not even 5, it's 4-something.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's more than 4. All right. Any other questions?

MR. SULLIVAN: Make a motion to accept.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. I'll second that. All in favor? (All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed? (No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: And that will be Resolution 2021-14. And this one's the same thing, we need to get a clean copy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, it can be signed. Do you want to pass the one you have or would you like. --

MR. CAMPBELL: No. This one's fine, I'll sign it.

3. State Route 45 Waterline Improvements Phase 2

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 3, State Route 45 Waterline Improvements Phase 2. Chris, you can give us some updates on that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Today at 2:00 we're opening the bids for the water booster station. I think the value that we've estimated is around \$1.25 million, so we do have a couple decisions that the Board of Public Affairs I think needs to lead off on deciding. So number one, we have a project that is the second section of the water line within this project that comes up underneath the railroad tracks and crosses up to our new property and then goes behind the property and is going to eventually connect into the existing 24-inch water line. That project needs to be awarded and the notice of commencement issued immediately. And why I say immediately is there's a time component to make that award. And we just received a letter today from that contractor's material supply people, and you know what it said. Price hikes are coming for materials and there is limited availability for materials. So we definitely need to get under contract with, you know, the contractor as soon as possible. That's with Shivers on the water line. And then on the other construction project, the tank, the Board of Public Affairs has a decision to make on that one. And we had purposefully staged the bid proposal form on that one to have a 3 million gallon contract -- 3 million gallon tank contract and a 4 million gallon tank contract. Of course, the design calls for 3 million gallons because that's what we have designed based on the flow rates projected. But because we're dealing with less acreage that's

available at that site, four-and-a-half as compared to 8.1. We were seeking 8.1 initially through the master agreement. But now that we have four-and-a-half, we cannot position the three 3 million gallon tanks on there in the long run, the future. And so the Village has a decision to make. You've got two contracts that you can decide one or the other. Contract A calls for a 3 million gallon tank for a certain price, and Contract B calls for a 4 million gallon tank at a certain price. With the 4 million gallon tank, you have economy of scale that you could take advantage of now; but you would have to pay for the extra million gallons. Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: The project pays for the --

MR. KOGELNIK: The project would pay for the 3 million gallon tank. So the conundrum becomes, number one, the time with which to make a decision is like short. And the other thing is you probably don't have the added money just in your pockets to say yeah, we'll pay for the extra million gallons.

MR. SULLIVAN: Which is how much?

MR. KOGELNIK: I can't remember what the difference was. Do you, Kevin?

MR. CAMPBELL: I think you said 2.3 million or something like that.

MR. KOGELNIK: So that's the issue right there. You couldn't go out and get a grant to cover that right now, not in this time frame. It's likely you could go out and get a loan if you wanted to. So you have a choice. You can just say well that was a good attempt, but we can't swing it and we're gonna have to go with the 3 million. Or you're gonna make a decision to, you know, get some interim financing so that you can pay for the extra million and then have, you know, the project pay for the three. So you have a choice to make. And then if you -- I'd recommend you make that choice and tell Council what your choice is.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Well, what was the first part of that you needed a decision tonight for?

MR. KOGELNIK: You need a decision on Shivers contract if you haven't already made a decision on that contract to move forward. And that's the water line that goes underneath the railroad, behind the new parcel, and then wraps around the north side of the parcel crossing State Route 45 and connecting to the existing 24-inch water line. So you need to --

MR. SULLIVAN: And does the project pick that up?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, all of that. So we've submitted our bid review and Shivers checks out, so you need to make a decision as to whether or not you're going to enter into the contract with Shivers for that water line if you haven't already. I don't think you have.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, I didn't see -- usually we get your recommendation and then we send it to Paul for legislation. I haven't seen that part.

MR. CAMPBELL: I haven't seen it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So if you do your recommendation, send it to Paul and get that --

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Can we pass it based on --

MR. BLANK: No, you don't want to pass it, we've got another problem. You can't pass it yet. We got a finance problem.

MR. SULLIVAN: And with the --

MR. CAMPBELL: With this project?

MR. BLANK: Yeah. We have no money to cover these projects that he bid out and the guy's fighting over it. So until we get the money or get it resolved, you guys can't pass any of these. That's in his court as far as I'm concerned. We're gonna meet Monday in Council on it. If he wants -- what he wants is for him to do the project and at the end send me an invoice and I'll pay it. I can't encumber funds I don't have. Like when he bids it out, I gotta put it in for 1.3 million, and I can't encumber that. I tried to explain it to him. The master funding agreement is screwed up, and I don't know why because Paul was sitting here and all the big shots. I explained to him how we have to work. They work off a purchase order. That purchase order isn't money. I don't give a damn about his purchase order. We're going to wait until Monday and see what Paul wants to do about it.

MR. SULLIVAN: We'll meet Tuesday.

MR. BLANK: He won't have an answer. He has to get a hold of John and see what he has to do about that. Now you're talking about 10, 11 million dollars for those three, and we need the money before we can pass legislation and encumber it.

MR. KOGELNIK: From what I understand -- let me just -- what I'm gonna say is not gonna make a difference in the outcome, but I know that we can get over this because everything, every dollar that has been spent on this project is trackable by a document, okay. So it's just a matter of aligning the process. And the process is already written in the master agreement, much to Bill's dislike. So you Ultium has already put forth a certain amount of money with which certain things in the project that were completely, you know, understood at the beginning have been paid for out of that 2 million or so dollars. Now it comes time when that 2 million dollars has been expended; and we've got these new projects that have been opened for bidding, and we now realize we have to award the contract. And Bill normally has all the money in the bank and then he can bill the project. So that's the problem right now.

MR. BLANK: If they would have done what LEC did, we would be in great shape. But they didn't want to operate.

MR. KOGELNIK: I just got off a half hour call with Ultium. There isn't an issue with them funding these projects, it's just is that two parties can't agree on how to -- what comes first, and you gotta get over that.

MR. BLANK: Why, they'll fund them as long as they don't go belly-up, and that ain't gonna happen like the pandemic did. But if I accept that and something happens, the Village is bankrupt big time. And I'm not doing it.

MR. KOGELNIK: So --

MR. BLANK: And that means what you're talking about was supposed to go to engineering, I think it was two million 065. That wouldn't solve the problem anyway.

MR. KOGELNIK: It really wouldn't, right.

MR. BLANK: He's not wrong, what the guy's saying. He said all that money was supposed to go to engineering. Really, how are we supposed to pay for Bova's contract for Phase 1? If all that money went to that, how were we supposed to pay that?

MR. KOGELNIK: There's an answer to that though; but that's not process about which we discussed that, okay. That money was supposed to go to engineering permits and property, all right. And then while we were aligning the bids with this project, we were supposed to be forecasting to Ultium what the bid prices were gonna be

for the construction projects, Bova's contract, the tree clearing contract, the water booster station, the tank.

MR. BLANK: But he still made it clear he was gonna pay at the end of these projects, not at the beginning. He was not funding these before I encumbered the money.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's what I'm not sure of.

MR. BLANK: He said he will pay after you submit the invoice, that project's done, that phase, and we'll put the money in there. And we're not doing that after the fact, but that's what he wants to do.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay Bill, that's fine. And you'll have to decide with Paul and the rest.

MR. BLANK: I would say right now it's Paul's problem and John's problem.

MR. KOGELNIK: But you can do something and you have the -- you have no problem doing that. I would share with John Carl your executed completed payment application that was final with Bova. That's public record.

MR. BLANK: I understand that. And he also said I would send you money for that. That's not gonna help. That little bit of money for that project isn't going to do anything for us.

MR. KOGELNIK: You're right, it won't.

MR. BLANK: He did say that I'll put that money in there for that project.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm just trying to tell you how you can catch -- you can incrementally get -- align the expenses with the funding, okay, and then catch up with that. You're gonna have to do that no matter what.

MR. BLANK: I'll give them everything. But I don't want the money for those projects already paid for. That little bit of money isn't going to do anything for these three things that you're bidding out. It won't encumber a third of them.

MR. KOGELNIK: I realize that.

MR. BLANK: He said send the invoice and I'll put the money in there. I don't want the money in there for land clearing twice, for Bova twice. It's already been paid for. We'll get it straightened out how he wants it. If he funds the money, it's a little easier to get it straight out.

MR. KOGELNIK: One thing he did say to you and to me, if you give me the bid opening price or the bid opening bid review letter from CT, he would treat that as an invoice. That bid review letter is a legal public document.

MR. BLANK: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: And those have already been distributed.

MR. BLANK: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: You can send that to him, he can treat that as an invoice and then give you the money for that project, and then your issue is resolved.

MR. SULLIVAN: But what we're doing here today is we're just telling you go ahead and go out for bid, correct?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes.

MR. BLANK: He's already bid it out.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's out for bid.

MR. KOGELNIK: You did say -- what you're trying to do -- let me rewind. For your question, the Shivers contract, what you're deciding on today is whether or not to enter into a contract to build

the second section of water line, all right. And then the tank project, you have a decision to make which option you want to go with. That's all that you are -- what we're talking about here is a separate matter in that those projects, they need to be funded; and normally Bill has the money right there and then he can say okay, contractor.

MR. SULLIVAN: Even the \$3 million?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes. The problem is that General Motors has not put the money right here like Bill was expecting them to. But what they're saying now is that okay, send us the bid review letter that says the contractor's as-bid price is this, and they would treat that as an invoice. And then their process is they would create a P.O. and then issue the funds.

MR. BLANK: I'm gonna call John when we're done and ask him if we get a letter from you stating we're accepting whoever gets the tank for \$6.3 million, are you gonna put \$6.3 million in off our letter. I would be shocked if he does because that's not an invoice.

MR. KOGELNIK: You and I are on the same page there.

MR. BLANK: I know. I'm saying it's not an invoice.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm trying to reconcile this problem, because if you don't reconcile that this project will have a major issue.

MR. BLANK: It's not me holding it up, it's him. Release the damn money.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll be honest with you, Bill, he's reading the contract.

MR. BLANK: I said I agree with what's in the contract. I didn't agree with what was put in there. Paul was sitting there and all those big-wigs including John -- I don't remember if you were here or not -- and I made it clear how we operate for state audit purposes. I'm not an attorney. I didn't sit there and dissect that stupid ordinance. I didn't know. Chris called me at home last Friday night and told me about that language in there.

MR. KOGELNIK: I think we can get beyond that, I really do.

MR. BLANK: I said he's not wrong, but it doesn't work for me. John's sticking to it.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's fine, Bill. I think we can get beyond this. I think it's going to take some communication and agreement.

MR. BLANK: If he says you bid out Phase 2 and you bid out the tower and you're gonna get a letter of recommendation and the cost.

MR. KOGELNIK: You already have that letter. Send it to him.

MR. BLANK: I don't have that letter.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, you do.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Bova's done.

MR. KOGELNIK: You have the bid review letter for Shivers.

MR. BLANK: I don't have it for the water tower.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Because they haven't decided on what size water tower they are going to construct yet. You gave us the tallies of the two and said --

MR. KOGELNIK: That's true.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So you have not recommended because they need to decide that.

MR. KOGELNIK: All right. I will make sure that one goes across all these people here. You have the one for Shivers though, you can do that. Today you can send that document to John Carl.

MR. BLANK: I'm gonna call him first, and I'm gonna ask if he's gonna accept all three of them. And if he does, then we'll get letters, you know, for after that to do whenever you guys get this together, whoever's gonna get the bid, and I'll send all three at one time. Problem solved if he'll put money in there. Will surprise me if he does. Then they can have an emergency meeting and pass Phase 2 and the tank.

MR. KOGELNIK: That sounds like a step forward.

MR. BLANK: And we can get it done. And Council can have an emergency meeting also to get it.

MR. SULLIVAN: Couldn't we pass it today?

MR. BLANK: Basically, if we get the funds. Yeah, you could do that if the minutes states that.

MR. SULLIVAN: So then we won't have to come back for another special meeting.

MR. BLANK: You guys should have legislation for that, not motions.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We need a letter from Chris, correct, for the Board to accept this bid and then Paul makes the resolution. When you're messing with that kind of money, you have to have legislation to support it. You did not have that legislation today, so technically you cannot do that.

MR. BLANK: No, you gotta have the legislation.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You have to have a paper trail.

MR. SULLIVAN: The only thing we can do is say we want the 3 million.

MR. CAMPBELL: We can decide on the tank size, is that what you're saying?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. BLANK: Yes. And then, so Chris will know what direction he is going.

MR. SULLIVAN: I take from what Bill's saying we need to go with the 3 million because we don't have a million-and-a-half to pay for the other.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, would the 4 million tank support the needs of the potential future development of TEC?

MR. KOGELNIK: No.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Then what --

MR. BLANK: I already asked them that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: What gain besides having extra capacity for other --

MR. BIGGS: Because of the next tank also. There was a thing that was supposed to be roughly 8 million gallons, 9 million, so three 3-million gallon tanks. We can't do the three anymore. We still need that much. So instead you're either gonna have six there or eight. Eight is close to what we're looking for if we can get two 4-million gallon tanks instead of three 3-million. I said I'd rather have two instead of three anyway. More maintenance issues and more operational problems. To get closer to what is proposed, we're gonna need -- we're gonna need closer to eight rather than the six we can put up there. That's the difference. But Ultium is only saying we need three and we don't agree. Whatever they are -- however they are doing it, we need the four. That's where we picked up the extra million.

MR. BLANK: Cindy, I asked Chris if it would take care of TEC and he could pay; but he said it won't solve their problem at this time.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: At this point in time, TEC has not committed to the Board. If they come to you after this project is awarded and they want water, could we have that project fund the 4 million gallon next tower?

MR. KOGELNIK: That sounds completely logical. That sounds like that's the most sense I've heard in a while in regard to that.

MR. CAMPBELL: But so you're saying stick with the three, and if TEC comes on board get a four?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You don't have the funds to finance the 4 million gallon tower. So if there was time to go for money, yeah, go for it, I would say go for four. But if you award this project today for the 3 million for Ultium, then TEC comes and wants water then that project, like Ultium, would have to fund the 4 million gallon tower.

MR. KOGELNIK: She's right.

MR. CAMPBELL: It makes things cleaner from that aspect.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But the Board only ends up with 7 million gallons.

MR. BIGGS: Who's gonna say TEC is gonna put up four or three million, saying that we don't need that much. And that's why we're only doing the three right now instead of four. They might just say hey, I only need one.

MR. BLANK: Darren's right, they are not gonna pay for four if they need one.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The same with the pump station; they don't need that, it don't matter. It's what the design and we say to supply water. It's dictated by the Board and the engineer what we need to do. Just like they don't want to have redundant water. It doesn't matter, the E.P.A. says you have to have it, he's gonna design it that way and they're gonna pay for it, it has to be done that way. Just because they don't want it doesn't mean that's the way they're gonna get it, you're required to have it.

MR. KOGELNIK: So in the worst case scenario, the 3 million gallon tank is decided on; and if TEC were to come into the village, then they would have to secure the property and build their own tank for their own needs.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: For the Board, not the tank for them to have.

MR. KOGELNIK: Correct. I misspoke.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes. But -- yes. Their project would require the construction of the 4 million gallon tank.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes.

MR. DIETZ: Chris, could we have them, TEC, put up a 5 million gallon tank? That would give us the 8 if we wanted.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Maybe at that time you would be able to split the funding on, you know, the difference.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, the big thing here is that she and -- Cindy was -- I think that was appropriate, what you said. You don't even have the decision-making in place for TEC. So you're -- our master water plan is good and, logical as it sounds, it doesn't have the backing of committed projects. And without the committed projects, it's just a forecast of what could be if the time were right. But our time right now is off because TEC hasn't even submitted a land development plan.

MR. SULLIVAN: So we gotta go with 3 million.

MR. KOGELNIK: So you have to go with the three if you're cornered into a decision today unfortunately.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, definitely time's of the essence for Ultium.

MR. KOGELNIK: You would be going out on a limb significantly.

MR. CAMPBELL: A big limb.

MR. KOGELNIK: And saying okay, I'm gonna go out and get a loan for two-and-a-half million bucks to do it.

MR. SULLIVAN: And then you don't need it.

MR. KOGELNIK: Now there are ways you can do that right now. You can contact the water tank manufacturer, he's even offering their own financing to you. But again, you're gambling. You're expecting or anticipating that TEC would come in and use that.

MR. SULLIVAN: If TEC doesn't come --

MR. KOGELNIK: So it's -- it's something that you probably wouldn't want to do, as much as I hate saying that because --

MR. BIGGS: Well, let me add to this since he gave his opinion too. Ideally you're supposed to store what you could use in a day, correct Chris? So in a 3 million gallon tank, is that what we could use here in Lordstown in a day with the bids that we have now?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes.

MR. BIGGS: We would actually use more than that, wouldn't we, between two businesses. So that's not ideal either. So as an engineering aspect of that, that's not ideal to have the 3 million.

MR. KOGELNIK: You could argue that point.

MR. BIGGS: The engineers come up with this stuff. I mean, this is just what I'm saying. That's what you look for. So I mean, don't forget that point.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. That's -- you have an unusually good situation happening in the village where you're an attractant to where industry wants to land. So I can easily see State Route 45 one day with a lot more industry along it. I don't know what you want in terms of your Village. That's what we were trying to suggest you guys do with a comprehensive plan. I'm not gonna go there, but you have an issue right now where you Ultium's average day flow approaches two million gallons a day, Ultium's peak day flow approaches three. That's why the 3 million gallon tank is there. Now why I said argue is because on an average day they could be drawing under two million gallons a day and not using the other one-plus million gallons in that tank. Where does that go? Well, you do have other businesses coming on. M&M is gonna take on a pretty good amount of water for their process and --

MR. SULLIVAN: What's that plastic plant?

MR. KOGELNIK: Plastics plant, so forth and so on. So you do have -- you could say that we're -- today we need a 4 million gallon tank. You could. Do you want us to project that for you and then send you out our review.

MR. CAMPBELL: Ultimately I think the bigger question is the funding aspect to supply it. I mean, do we want to jeopardize the whole project for that aspect of it when we know Ultium's -- we're under a time crunch for a lot of aspects.

MR. KOGELNIK: Does your question mean, Kevin, that --

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't want to jeopardize the whole project for the part that we may need, you know. We know we need this part. We know we gotta get it going and the funds for it. We're gonna jeopardize the whole project for something we may need. And yes, we have to have some figures to prove it. But there's a lot on line here.

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, you would either be making a commitment to decide on the 3 million gallon or you would make a commitment to somehow fund through a loan the additional million gallons.

MR. SULLIVAN: When you say that, are these the corporate loans, are they the same as everywhere else, running about one-and-a-half to two percent?

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't know what the tank manufacturer would offer, but I can't imagine it's gonna be a palatable two percent, especially in today's world where I just told you what's going on with material prices. If you want us to check, we can. OWDA offers some pretty good rates normally, and you can get an OWDA loan very quickly. If you want us to check, we'll check that. I hear what you're saying loud and clear, Kevin, you don't want to jeopardize the project. The whole point of talking about this right now is to make an informed decision in as quick a time frame as possible so that you don't.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. Well, from the Clerk's side of --

MR. BLANK: I don't see how you can afford the payment, I don't care if it's zero percent interest.

MR. KOGELNIK: I mean, you heard what I said. I wish that we could do the 4 million gallon based only on what the master water plan said. I want everybody to understand that. I wish we could do that. But Cindy's synopsis there can't be ignored.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, the Council would have to approve whatever direction we went regardless. I mean, we're talking loans and money. I don't even know if it would make it through Council if we decided to move forward and try to get a 4 million gallon tank. They are the ones that would have to approve get a loan.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: OWDA is through water funding. It wouldn't be on the general funds, it would be based on the water funds.

MR. BLANK: Yes, that would come out of your money. But you still don't have the money to pay it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm not -- I'm saying it's not based on approval of Council.

MR. CAMPBELL: Doesn't Council still have to sign off on it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't believe so.

MR. BLANK: I would say they do. We have had them before, and Council passed legislation and they had applied for them.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But it was before the Water Department was self-sufficient, and that's how -- where all the money came from.

MR. CAMPBELL: When Bill told me we were on the building issue -- not Bill, sorry. When Paul discussed with me options about a new building, he said that you guys could go and encumber the loan but Council would still have to approve you guys doing that. That's what he flat out told me. And that was a month ago, so it was fairly recent.

MR. BIGGS: Is that because we owe them money, is that why he's throwing it out again? That's what it sounds like, you can't do anything if you owe them money.

MR. KOGELNIK: Is that something you want to check on?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Truthfully, if the 4 million gallon tower could be justified now and if the tower company says we'll do a loan, what is their loan, A, what is the number, what is the interest rate, and what is OWDA. If it's we got a tower up there now that we're paying \$150,000 a year for maintenance on that, okay; if we're not

gonna use that tower in the future there's \$150,000. There's ways to look at it. Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I think that tower's still gonna be used though. Isn't it part of a buffer system?

MR. KOGELNIK: It will.

MR. BIGGS: I believe it's only gonna be used in construction. It's gonna be too small, it won't be used for anything as far as I know.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They said the altitude of the new tank will be too high.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's got an end life, it's not going to be staying there.

MR. BIGGS: We'll be using it during this whole construction thing for a few things.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll tell you what, if you're serious about that we can figure out what OWDA would cover and what the terms would be if a tank manufacturer would make the offer. The tank manufacturer even offered to throw in some accessories if you wanted to go with the 4 million gallon.

MR. BLANK: I thought time was of the essence. This is gonna delay that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think they can have those numbers --

MR. KOGELNIK: We're trying to do that, Bill. That discussion about the loans could happen.

MR. BLANK: In a week?

MR. KOGELNIK: That's what I'm saying, that's why we're talking about it.

MR. BLANK: I'm saying in a week.

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't know if it can be done in a week, I will find out. But if the mechanism is through the Board of Public Affairs and you're willing to entertain a loan for that two-and-a-half million dollars, you may want to consider that based on need.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, and if the loan doesn't come due until the construction is done and we have time to do a rate increase as part of our rate study, all of that stuff, that's gonna be factored in.

MR. KOGELNIK: Interesting.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And the OWDA offers 10 or 20 year loans. So even at 10 years plus your interest, I think it's probable. I mean, it's not because you don't have the companies, it's because we do have new growth. I don't want to pay interest on anything, but if -- even if TEC comes down the road, we could still have them put in that other 4 million gallon tower because we're just at that figure on your 4 million gallons right now. Darren said we have to have four. We can argue that we need that now. That's not for TEC, so that's still an option. But I think you do need to have black and white figures to make a decision on. You can't say oh, it will be too high without seeing those.

MR. KOGELNIK: Make a decision now as to whether or not you want us to complete the bid review letter based on 3 million gallons or if you want us to complete the bid review letter -- or not complete the bid review letter right now, investigate the loan option also that may exist today, get you those answers by Monday of next week so that -- I'm sorry, Tuesday of next week giving us Monday, so that you can then make a decision potentially on Wednesday.

MR. CAMPBELL: What do you gentlemen think?

MR. SULLIVAN: I think we ought to do Option 2.

MR. CAMPBELL: Which is make a loan. You're looking at a 4 million gallon tank is what you're saying?

MR. SULLIVAN: Just the information.

MR. KOGELNIK: If the criteria is correct.

MR. DIETZ: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: You agree with it?

MR. DIETZ: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make a motion that we have CT put together something to project a 4 million gallon tank with loan options and we can look at figures and make a decision at that point. Do I have a second?

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. I guess we'll know a little bit more once you scrape some of that together. I guess the big things in my mind, Chris, is definitely the interest rate, but also when do we have to start paying back. Because if we have a time frame to build up funds and do a rate study to support it, it makes more sense to do it.

MR. KOGELNIK: So your question midstream through that discussion was whether or not the loan can start the end of construction. All right, I'll ask.

MR. CAMPBELL: Just an idea. All right.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's all I had. Sorry that went off like that.

MR. CAMPBELL: No, no, it was all good.

MR. BLANK: Chris, find out the payment too please because the biggest question --

MR. KOGELNIK: And penalty for paying early and all that stuff.

MR. DIETZ: Which one would be best.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. So was there anything else under Item 3, the State Route 45 water line improvements?

MR. DIETZ: Which would be best the tower people or --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They're gonna open that today, Kevin.

MR. CAMPBELL: I just want to make sure that on the third item, State Route 45 water line improvements Phase 2, is there anything else we need to do for that at this meeting?

MR. KOGELNIK: One second, Kevin. I don't believe so.

4. Water Tower Bids

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. And our next one was water tower bids, which we already jumped in so that's off.

5. Cassen Trucking, PPE Submission

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 5, Cassen Trucking, PPE Submission. What updates do we have on that? Where are we at, what do we need?

MR. KOGELNIK: I don't know.

MR. BIGGS: They want the water turned on over there. And for some reason I'm not real sure why, but they're not allowed to turn it on.

MR. SULLIVAN: From the County.

MR. BIGGS: No, from Becky up in the office. I don't know

what's going on.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, it's not Becky. When Cassens purchased the property it was owned by Jerry Henn, and Jerry Henn was selling it. And there's buildings removed and constructed. During that process they were made to take some of the buildings down and get them -- they had subdivided and had different parcels, so a new tap was required to be put in. I believe it's serviced, or what we acknowledged in the software, was for an address of 1757 Hallock Young Road. During that whole conflict, Kevin, at the end it says that if there's any future changes -- there's another building on the same parcel with 1757, that building is 1777, to which -- correct me if I'm wrong, Darren -- that building allows for a fire service line to go over there because it was expressed to the Board that there is no purpose in that building, it's just for fire services. There would be no sinks, no toilets, no nothing. The County sent us a paper saying hey, they applied for a sanitary sewer permit because there's sanitary sewer outside use out of there, and Cassens -- Henn said no, it just for fire service line. They did that in error. So the Board ruled that you would allow the fire service line from 57 to go to 77; but if there was to ever be any changes, anything else done or water needs in 77, it had to come back to the Board. Becky is not the Board, I am not the Board. They knew that, they got the letter. Regardless, the rules were changed also in the meantime to clarify or enforce that. It says if you want to supply another premise, if it's more than one commercial building on the lot, it has to be approved first. So they have to have your approval before they can supply that second building with water, plain and simple. I don't know. Like I said, there's a tap at the road. I believe the tap is on that parcel.

MR. BIGGS: It's on 57.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But 57 and 77 are still on the same parcel.

MR. BIGGS: Oh yeah, correct, right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So there's a tap there. So when you come off, you have a service line that goes to 57. But from the building, not from the branch, not from your service line it goes from building to building. That does not match with what has to be done. It says from the tap you have a service line going into 57. They would need a line going into 77 for water supply. And that fire service line, from what happened in the past, would have to be terminated and it would be supplied through the line that services 77. That line would have to have its own shut-off, back-flow, blah-blah-blah. So the 57 feeding 77 is not permitted by your rules and regs. Can they supply it from the tap, yes. With your permission another service line could be installed, metered, and back flow prevented.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But the PPE is what he's finally submitted. This is March 9, but I think we got it on April 20 something. There's no plot plan, there's no design. And you made Gary Diorio from MS Consultants submit all that stuff before so you had record of what was being done on that parcel because previously they couldn't even tell you where water came; they had to literally go into the buildings, turn water on, turn water off to see if it was supplied by that tap. So there's still no submission of design for that service. There you go. So if he has it --

MR. BIGGS: I had that before the PPE.

MR. CAMPBELL: But this thing is getting confusing.

MR. BIGGS: That is that packet I brought you a while ago. I knew you had a conversation, and I want to make sure you know and that I wasn't missing anything before we moved ahead with that. That's what it was all about. There's a tap, there's one tap there, 10-inch fire line that goes to the one building. Before it reaches the other building it branches off and goes to the other building and supports that one with fire, okay. So that's where you got the two on one tap. They tap that line to make their domestic for the 1777. That's what they are wanting to do. Do you remember?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I remember us discussing that. And we discussed similar situations that were set up in the same aspect, not on that property but --

MR. BIGGS: Correct, right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And previous to you changing the rules and regulations, you edited the rules and regs in '18. And all those other ones were pre-existing.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So the rules have changed since then as well.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So it still needs the Board's approval.

MR. CAMPBELL: So at this point you need approval for what needs to be done; is that a correct statement?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. Whatever it is that he's requesting, it has to be approved by the Board.

MR. CAMPBELL: So what is his -- did he have an official -- I've talked with Dan, but I keep getting more bits and pieces of what's needed, what's out there, what's gonna be happening.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And that's why you had them submit a design that you looked at and you've seen it and you approved.

MR. CAMPBELL: So besides what Darren and I looked at, was there anything else that they submitted to us that we can review as a Board to give thumbs up, thumbs down?

MR. BIGGS: Nothing.

MR. CAMPBELL: And I don't think these gentleman have seen the aspects of that, have you?

MR. BIGGS: Well, it's just a generic thing, it's an engineering thing. He took some pictures of it and showed where it was going and then basically the pictures where the set-up is. And that was -- I want to explain to you when they were coming off the fire line. Either they come off their own fire line or we got another tap at the road. I don't want another tap, they got a 10-inch line there. That's the discussion we discussed.

MR. SULLIVAN: And Cassens would pay for it.

MR. BIGGS: They did it all, it's already done. They paid for everything.

MR. CAMPBELL: But until the Board approves what they've done --

MR. BIGGS: It's all been on their time, everything. That's the --

MR. SULLIVAN: We should go ahead and approve it.

MR. DIETZ: Do you approve what they did?

MR. BIGGS: Yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: To Cindy's point, it doesn't align with our rules and regulations. That's where they need our permission to go forward just so we understand. I guess the best way to phrase where

we're at it's been done, it's been done in the past, it doesn't meet our current rules and regulations. The Board would have to say you approve this moving forward.

MR. SULLIVAN: Make an exception.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And I would like you to also state it's approved based on the understanding that it's one parcel.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's a good point.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Because -- if we can go off record or --
(A discussion is had off the record.)

MR. DIETZ: Could we phrase it if the parcel is sold it has to --

MR. SULLIVAN: Come back to the Board.

MR. DIETZ: Come back to the Board.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, yeah, absolutely.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. Make that motion.

MR. DIETZ: I'll make that a motion.

MR. CAMPBELL: Who made it, Mike, Tom? One of the two made it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Tom.

MR. CAMPBELL: The second?

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second it.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: Motion carries. So now at this point the physical work is done, the account signed -- I know there was discussions about the account.

MR. BLANK: Didn't they sign up? They're signed up now.

MS. CONN: They signed up. They came in and made their --

MR. DIETZ: Do you think we should make them aware of the motion?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I think a letter should be sent to them, here's where we're at, it's approved. Realize if this is sold in a separate parcel it's gonna have to be severed and a separate tap put in, whatever we want to phrase it as. I guess the proper terms along those lines and make sure it's stated, and we have proof in the record on that account we've told them. Whoever is in charge at the next point, if it gets sold they can worry about it. Thank you everybody.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Meter Bypassed (Act 78.3)

MR. CAMPBELL: Old Business. We had this meter that was bypassed, the 78.3. I guess we want to check on that because I think where we left it was we were gonna let the orders -- the situation that it was that the resident's gonna be living in the home, get them up and functional and worry about -- I think Paul needed to send a letter.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You were gonna talk to Paul. Because we didn't -- I -- I don't think it's appropriate for the Water Department employees to engage in that issue. It's a violation of the bylaws. He's the Solicitor, he should -- you know, between you and the Board and the Solicitor is where this has to be rectified.

MR. CAMPBELL: So that hasn't been done yet if I'm correct.

MR. DIETZ: We do have a reading of when they started using water?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't know if they got a reading at that

point in time, in other words. I think Darren would.

MR. CAMPBELL: As of right now the account is functioning with the person who needs the water in the home; is that a correct statement?

MR. BIGGS: That's correct. The reading when we put that back on, I think so. I don't remember.

MR. CAMPBELL: We have the information.

MR. BIGGS: I think there was because it was actually close to their normal usage. So we did get one when we hooked it back up.

MS. CONN: That is correct.

MR. CAMPBELL: I guess we'll pursue the other avenue to Paul and get the letter to the person we believe who has violated our bylaws.

2. Rate Study - Water

MR. CAMPBELL: Water Rate Study, number 2. I know that I discussed with Chris and Bob yesterday trying to get up to speed with where we're at and what we need to move forward. And obviously we just complicated it a little bit more depending on where the tank situation goes. With TEC being hopefully in the situation of our rate study, that definitely affects our numbers of what our rates would be. We can all understand that aspect of it. So what -- Bob basically had two spreadsheets going. One was basically with TEC, one was without TEC. And the idea was floated that we come up with a rate with TEC in our rate study, to present that to TEC and give them a deadline to say all right, here's what your rate would be, you have until, I don't know, October 1 of this year to commit and sign up, and at the end we'll have a rate and move forward with it. If they don't, whatever we come up with we can say all right, you missed the window, we have to go through this other rate study without you in it and the rate's gonna be higher, and you have to live with that rate if you come in at a later date. I think that was the bulk of the idea we came up with. Bob was also wanting to get some sanity check on the figures, so he wanted to have a work session more with Cindy with the Board to look at these numbers in a little more detail to make sure they represent what we want them to represent I guess is the best way to put it. So we can try to do that. I don't know if you gentlemen are around next week. I know we want to get this pushed as fast as we can so we have a number to move forward with. I guess anything you want to add to that?

MR. KOGELNIK: No.

MR. CAMPBELL: So at this point, what's the Board feel about that approach to our water rate study?

MR. SULLIVAN: I think it's a good approach.

MR. DIETZ: All right.

MR. CAMPBELL: I guess we'll try to schedule. I think Bob said you're off next week, but he's still around.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Chris is off next week. So I can get with Bob and the Board and -- are you around next week Cindy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm in town, yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Because I know that --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I see the doctor on Wednesday, so hopefully I'll know for sure what's happening after Wednesday.

MR. CAMPBELL: It would be more of just an intellectual aspect, get the spreadsheets, and then Bob can feel comfortable with what he's done. You know, he didn't want to start, I guess, laying

figures out there without being, you know, some of the stuff confirmed. And I can understand that, this is -- these are big numbers that affect the longevity of our department. All right. So I thought you were going on vacation, Mike. You're gonna be here?

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll be here.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll work at getting a date set between all of us. Chris, we'll invite you if you want to attend. But I think Bob can be here in your place. Any other questions on that at this point? All right.

3. Lordstown Motors Draft Agreement with the City of Warren

MR. CAMPBELL: Lordstown Motors Draft Agreement with the City of Warren. I don't believe there's been any further development on this. It's been on the list.

4. ODFL Draft Agreement with the City of Warren

MR. CAMPBELL: Old Dominion Draft Agreement with Warren, same issue.

MR. SULLIVAN: So we still don't have anything with Warren.

MR. CAMPBELL: Nope. Nope.

5. Gresham Smith - Batter Plant nka Ultium

MR. CAMPBELL: And then the Gresham Smith, the Ultium Battery -- is there anything else we wanted to --

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. We have asked Gresham Smith a couple times now for the testing of the sanitary sewer going out to the Trumbull County interceptor sewer. Of course, they have to test that. And Darren and I have to be participating in that test just to see if it's going good. Plus there's a couple meter manholes along there, we want to see it start up successfully. So we're still communicating with them. Darren and I were out there probably three weeks ago when that should have happened, but I think they ran into an issue with one of the meter manholes. The fiberglass on the body of the meter of the manhole itself broke and they had a leak in it. So they wanted to fix that. I don't know if that was the reason for the delay. So we're still trying to line that up for testing, okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: You had talked several times about the manhole at the corner of Hallock Young and 45, trying to get that back from the County.

MR. KOGELNIK: Not the manhole, the whole system. Right, yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: Did you ever talk to --

MR. KOGELNIK: No.

MR. SULLIVAN: -- the County?

MR. KOGELNIK: I didn't talk anymore with the County about that, but I have since then sent out to a few people on Council. And I think I sent that to you, did I not? It was a schematic of the State Route 45 sanitary sewer system.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Recently?

MR. KOGELNIK: A couple weeks ago.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't recall that. I would have to go back and look.

MR. KOGELNIK: So I really -- to think that the Village has some options here if you were to acquire that system back from the County, and some of them are pretty unique given the circumstances that

we're under right now. As with anything in the Village, it seems like everything is moving. There's no fixed variable so to speak. So you got some decisions that you need to make there. I'll send the schematic over to Cindy so that she and Kevin can start looking at it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Bill, was it you that -- just for clarification, did you tell me that they actually never accepted South Tod sewer with the Tait that was like a package?

MR. BLANK: No, I don't know if they did or not.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think since our conversation about acquiring that, I talked and I --

MR. BLANK: Up here, Cindy.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah, South Tod.

MR. BLANK: Last I heard they didn't, but I'm not 100 percent sure. Arno would know. But last I heard they didn't.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: At that time, I think you picked up the phone and might be called Randy Smith and that's what you were --

MR. BLANK: I didn't think they did.

MR. KOGELNIK: What does that mean, Cindy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That means who owns it.

MR. KOGELNIK: Do you mean that they never accepted it so you still own it?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But they have the customers, they're billing the customers.

MR. KOGELNIK: That sounds like -- I don't even want to go there right now.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, exactly. The South Tod Avenue sewer system minus the Henn or the Cassen property corner was constructed as part of the east side sewer system, but the flows enter Trumbull County's system.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. I don't have an answer for that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I agree. I don't either.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Anything else for Ultium.

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

6. Utility Department Building

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Utility Department Building. There haven't been any further developments floating around out there.

MR. SULLIVAN: Nobody has come and gave us a couple million.

MR. CAMPBELL: Unless they want to live in the water tank that we're gonna build.

7. I&I

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 7, I&I.

MR. KOGELNIK: Haven't really moved that much on that given all the activity. Darren did give me a bunch of information on a thumb drive to look through, of which I'm still going through that. So really haven't done much there yet.

8. Sanitary Sewer Rate Review

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 8, Sanitary Sewer Rate Review. I know that we kicked off that -- I think that CT was, at the last meeting or meeting before that, to start that ball rolling for --

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. I thought you wanted to get the water rate study done.

MR. CAMPBELL: We do. We want it all done.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, yes. I hear you loud and clear.
MR. CAMPBELL: I gotcha.

9. Warren Water

MR. CAMPBELL: And then number 9, Warren Water, which is, I guess, an all-inclusive, you know, that we need to get something -- it would be nice to get some kind of bulk water rate set up. I'm not sure how to kick that ball.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I asked you at last month's meeting that once I returned I would like to --

MR. CAMPBELL: Have meetings with them.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Start poking them to get something going. The timing is important.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I agree. I think now is an opportune time to try to get something worked into there. So yep, very good.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: Any public comments at this point? I don't believe so.

REPORTS:

1. Solicitor's Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Reports. Solicitor's Report. There's nothing there.

2. Engineer's Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Engineer's Report. Anything else, Chris?

MR. KOGELNIK: No.

MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, Chris.

3. Utility Committee Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Utility Committee was, there anything from them?

4. Clerk's Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Our Clerk's still recovering, thanks for attending and helping through both clerks and Clerk's Report. We got it all today.

MR. BLANK: Just give it all to Cindy.

5. Superintendent's Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Superintendent's Report, Darren.

MR. BIGGS: Just a couple things. Just to make everybody aware, Bob is going out now also.

MR. SULLIVAN: He left the permanent part-time?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MR. BIGGS: Correct, correct. So that's where we're at. Actually yesterday or -- yeah, yesterday and all next week, whatever, it would be me and Vinny handling everything. Yeah. We have --

MR. CAMPBELL: We got one you said in --

MR. BIGGS: About four hours it closes. We actually have two resumes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, that proves our point also.

MR. BIGGS: Very much so. Like the other times did. And did you guys get my e-mail?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes. And I think we ought to make it into a

resolution and bring it to -- did you get it?

MR. DIETZ: I got so many emails, I don't -- explain it.

MR. SULLIVAN: He broke down what he thought that the pay rate should be where we could keep --

MR. DIETZ: He sent it today. I haven't been on --

MR. BIGGS: It's been quite a while, Tom.

MR. CAMPBELL: Darren did a nice job. He put together an overview of some comparisons and a project plan for the department to move forward which I thought was inclusive. So that goes to prove it's not just us but this area there's a lot of opportunities for some people to work, and they're having trouble getting people to work, you know. Whatever issues there may be. But still, when there's competition for people to work and there's money out there, they're gonna go where the most work is and the most money is.

MR. SULLIVAN: And what he sent us, all those other departments, none of them had water and sewer, they were either water or sewer.

MR. BIGGS: That's correct. I separated it because that's hard to find anyway. They're getting paid a lot more for just doing one.

MR. CAMPBELL: They're getting paid a higher rate for just having to cover one utility.

MR. BIGGS: And those are all local. I didn't have go anywhere else. That's all local.

MR. SULLIVAN: I think we need to have that as a resolution for our Tuesday meeting.

MR. CAMPBELL: Are we still having a Tuesday meeting?

MS.SLUSARCZYK: No. The Tuesday meeting was canceled, this is your monthly meeting. You could put on another meeting for next week, but I don't think --

MR. SULLIVAN: After Council we'll probably have to meet.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm planning on a work session for the water rate study. If it ends up being more, we can administer to it. I want to start with -- I need to get a figure lock-down on that so we can present at least to TEC and see if they are in the picture. They are really waiting on a number from us. So we had to get something to say here's an option, you're in or out. Here's the deadline and times we're comfortable. I want to focus on getting that knocked out and we have some other items, we'll definitely tack that on.

MR. SULLIVAN: So are you gonna advertise for a permanent part-time?

MR. BIGGS: No. I can't get full-time. I mean, I got some summer help coming in, I got one here now. Well he's on vacation already, but another one coming in when school is out. I'd like to find a third, give us a hand to get us through this. But I mean, it won't be enough.

MR. SULLIVAN: It won't be part-time?

MR. BIGGS: What I was looking at, Mike, is out of the summer help guys, the ones that do want to stay and act like they want to stay, I'd rather pick one of them rather than just hire one. That's where I'm at right now. So if that works --

MR. CAMPBELL: You want to weed through them. Yeah, yeah.

MR. BIGGS: Yes. So they'll all be summer help right now is where I'm at with that.

MR. SULLIVAN: So are you at the point that you can't handle what you got, you gotta --

MR. BIGGS: I've been at this point for years, Mike. For years. Now it's just getting further and further.

MR. SULLIVAN: What are you doing, out-sourcing work.

MR. BIGGS: We're just doing what we can.

MR. SULLIVAN: Just not getting done.

MR. BIGGS: Not getting sleep or not getting done. We're doing everything we can.

MR. SULLIVAN: I know that.

MR. BIGGS: We're trying, let's put it that way. Our heads are above water; but it's gonna catch up to us real quick, let's put it that way.

MR. CAMPBELL: You're very limited on the people.

MR. BIGGS: And with the -- I don't know if I need to ask you guys or need official permission or whatever, what if we extended the deadline for resumes?

MR. CAMPBELL: I think it's a great idea.

MR. BIGGS: I think we kind of have to.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I would have to revise --

MR. BIGGS: Whatever we need to do.

MR. CAMPBELL: What are you thinking for time? How much -- do you want to do another two weeks, a month, what are you --

MR. BIGGS: I would think two weeks would be good.

MR. BLANK: Did you put the hourly rate in the ad and you're looking at changing hourly rate?

MR. BIGGS: That won't happen until we hire.

MR. CAMPBELL: He needs people.

MR. BIGGS: That would be ideal, yes. I would love to see that happen. But I know --

MR. BLANK: Maybe if you run an ad again maybe you shouldn't put a dollar amount in.

MR. BIGGS: I don't want everybody --

MR. CAMPBELL: He gets a bunch of people just wasting his time.

MR. BIGGS: I want them to know what they are getting into.

MR. SULLIVAN: Like Bill is saying, so if we don't put it in and --

MR. BLANK: If you find someone you want, you can say here's what we're looking at.

MR. BIGGS: I'm not gonna promise anybody that. I know all too well how that works.

MR. BLANK: But if you put a deadline in, you have to re-advertise.

MR. BIGGS: That's fine. I'll take a look at what we got today, and obviously if they're not there or more to choose from and that's what we wanted, we can re-advertise. We need -- just give me a direction, I guess.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Why don't you get that information, they wanted it for a resolution, get the resolution on the work session for next week so the Board can see it, and then get it to the stumbling block through Council.

MR. BIGGS: Do you hear that, Becky? Make it happen.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Same thing you had so they can put figures to it.

MR. BIGGS: I don't know if they agree to everything. That was just a suggestion.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, but --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Put it to something for them to agree to or disagree to.

MR. CAMPBELL: Officially in meeting so we can officially say -- yeah, we'll have it hammered out and say yes, we agree to this or we're agreeing to doing this and we can have it passed and moved on.

MR. BIGGS: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Do you want additional motion -- do you want a motion for -- to re-advertise at this point? Is that what you would like?

MR. BIGGS: I'm thinking that would be a good idea.

MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion that we re- advertise for another two weeks.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second it.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. So I guess pick, you know, what dates you want and do it for a couple weeks and see if we can get --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I just want to speak out loud. We're gonna pay \$400 to re-advertise for the \$18, which got you two. Could we not wait one more week, see where things fall?

MR. CAMPBELL: We can wait.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And then at least he can say --

MR. BIGGS: I was just trying to get permission now. We don't have to do it on Monday. I'll review what's there. If it's satisfactory -- but instead of me having to ask again, I got permission and that's all I was going with that. We'll see what happens.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I just don't want to pay \$400 at \$18 and run the ad and now say it's \$21 an hour.

MR. SULLIVAN: I kind of take it that you weren't excited about the two that you got.

MR. BIGGS: The one not so much. The other one I haven't even looked at yet, it came today. I haven't even had a chance, Mike. That's what I said. And maybe there will be 20 more coming in in the next three hours, I don't know. Right?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, yeah, that could happen.

MR. DIETZ: Well the government is getting out of the federal money for unemployment.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, he's stopping that July 1.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You gotta think about that. Those people were making \$50,000 a year last year. Your guys are out there working and not making \$50,000 a year. I mean, so I could see why those people aren't coming and beating down the door. You aren't getting any applications until July.

MR. BIGGS: That was a problem even before the handouts, before Covid the applications weren't coming in. We can't blame it on that. They are not beating down our door.

MR. DIETZ: We're not paying enough.

MR. SULLIVAN: Or once they come and get their license they're gone.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, no one stayed.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Any Member Comments at this

point?

MR. DIETZ: I made mine.

MR. CAMPBELL: You did. All right.

QUARTERLY APPROVAL OF BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: Quarterly Billing Adjustments for April. Were they finished? I didn't -- I don't think we --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: They're not compiled for the Board to review at this time.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right, we'll catch up with them.

ADJOURNMENT:

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll take a motion for adjournment.

MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.

MR. DIETZ: I'll second.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Meeting adjourned. Thanks everybody.

(The meeting is adjourned at 12:15 p.m.)

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TRUMBULL COUNTY) SS.

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