

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio**

**November 21, 2023**

**4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Robert Bond, Utilities Committee  
Mr. Stanley Czeck  
Mr. Mark McGrail  
Mr. Tom Czoka  
Mr. Tom Cowie, Imperial Communities

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH  
LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and  
for the State of Ohio on this 21st of November, 2023.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. We call this meeting to order. Thanks for joining us. Would you stand with me for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL:**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Chris Peterson's on his way, he'll be a little bit late. So we'll go ahead and dive in and he can jump in when he gets here. Cindy, roll call please.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Christopher Peterson.

(No response.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Kevin Campbell.

MR. CAMPBELL: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.

MR SULLIVAN: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren Biggs.

MR. BIGGS: Here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present.

Chris Kogelnik.

MR. KOGELNIK: Present.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Matt Ries.

ATTY. RIES: Present.

**APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:**

**October 12, 2023**

**October 17, 2023**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. We've got approval and correction of minutes from October 12 and October 17 of this year.

MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion to approve October 12.

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

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

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make a motion to approve the October 17, 2023.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second that.

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

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

MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you again for that went into the minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MR. CAMPBELL: Any correspondence Cindy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MR. CAMPBELL: Any Public Comments at this point?

All right. Thank you for public that is here.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A Resolution recommending that the Council of the Village of Lordstown approve Change Order No. 2 in the credit amount of \$590,960.52 of CB&I Storage Tank Solutions, LLC in connection with the State Route 45 corridor improvements elevated water tank project**

MR. CAMPBELL: New Business. First item, Resolution recommending that the Council of the Village of Lordstown approve Change Order No. 2 in the credit amount of \$590,960.52 of CB&I Storage Tank Solutions, LLC in connection with the State Route 45 corridor elevated water tank project. And do we have any questions? This is -- I guess explain a little bit what this is from then.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Within the contract there was, I believe, a \$600,000 contingency line item in there; and they

only used a little over \$9,000 for it. So that is the credit back. We just recently -- today we received the final invoice for the project. I believe it was like \$7,600. So we'll be closing the project out.

MR. SULLIVAN: Do you want a motion?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, we need a motion for the resolution, Mike.

**MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion to accept the resolution.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second that. All in favor?**

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed.**

**(No response.)**

MR. CAMPBELL: I assume we have something to sign for that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Just the one sheet?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Uh-huh. The change order itself, Kevin, is signed by the Mayor.

**2. A Resolution adopting Revised Rules and Regulations governing water use and service for the Village of Lordstown.**

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Number 2, a Resolution adopting Revised Rules and Regulations governing water use and

service for the Village of Lordstown. Was this something that we were working towards, because of our rates and structures we're working on that? So I know that we're still gonna have a meeting with Council, some things to work out on that. So unless -- I think I'd like to table it at this point unless there's something we need to pass on this and move on or --

MR. SULLIVAN: Or could we pass it on the 6th when we meet?

MR. CAMPBELL: I would assume so.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Its in direct correlation to your water rate increase. It was just cleaning up a definition within the Rules and Regulations itself. So until you pass the new water rate, whatever it is, the language -- those can be passed at the same time.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's what I figured. Okay. What's the resolution number on that last one, do you know? Never mind.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I didn't bring it down with me, I apologize.

**3. A Resolution increasing rates and charges for consumers of the water utility service within and outside the Village of Lordstown and declaring an emergency**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 3, a Resolution increasing

rates and charges for the consumers of the water utility service within and outside the Village of Lordstown and declaring an emergency. Again, we're having a meeting the 6th with the Council, on that so let's table that until --

**4. A Resolution approving the waterline cross connect under State Route 45 from the Warren pipeline for Clean Energy Future - Trumbull, LLC's Trumbull Energy Center**

MR. CAMPBELL: And then number 4, a Resolution approving the waterline cross connect under State Route 45 from the Warren pipeline for Clean Energy Future - Trumbull, LLC's Trumbull Energy Center. Where are we at with that cross connect?

MR. KOGELNIK: Per the last meeting, I think I stated that the cross connect can proceed. The engineer has addressed almost all of the big issues with that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: So as far as I'm concerned, he can proceed with that.

ATTY. RIES: And this is the redundancy line that was provided by -- in the water supply and water service agreement with TEC and the City of Warren from 2022. So it's already been contractually included in our agreement, it's just a matter of moving forward with it.

MR. CAMPBELL: Basically that means that it's paid for part of the project, it's not coming out of Village funds.

ATTY. RIES: Right, right.

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any problems or issues moving forward with that.

**MR. SULLIVAN: No. I'll make a motion to accept the resolution.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second that. All in favor?**

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?**

**(No response.)**

MR. CAMPBELL: And I assume you have another one to sign.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Antonine Village Phase 2 Expansion Water Line**

MR. CAMPBELL: Old Business. Antonine Village Phase 2 Expansion Water Line. I know that we made a lot of progress with this and they were working hard and heavy at it. I don't know where we're at at this point. Is it buttoned up?

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll let Matt take the lead.

ATTY. RIES: There's no complications with it. Actually wanted to have the resolution here today. And this



has been working with -- the architect's been working with the contractor to get all the documents from the contractor because we want to make sure that the warranties are signed over to us and we want to make sure that there's proper releases of any types of liens from any material suppliers or subcontractors and from the contractor himself. All of the documentation that I have prepared is fully executed and ready to go. When I got it over Monday, I noticed that the contractor signed the certificate but did not attach the actual release or waiver of liens from the subs and materials suppliers; and I said well, we need that before we move forward with anything. So she's gonna get all that -- the architect's gonna get all of that. We just kind of put everything on hold. I know they would like to attend the next BPA hearing and have that next resolution once we get all of the releases, but I couldn't advise to move forward without the releases.

MR. CAMPBELL: I understand. And from the engineering side and construction side are they done?

MR. BIGGS: I'm waiting on as-builts. Nothing to hold that up, I'm waiting on as-builts. And other than that they've done everything they need to do.

MR. CAMPBELL: Great, great. I'm glad that all came together.

ATTY. RIES: The Antonines have signed

everything, we're just waiting on stuff from the contractor. Other than that everything is fully executed and ready to go.

MR. KOGELNIK: The only thing I can recommend the Village is make a notebook of all this. Make two.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah, so the next time --

MR. CAMPBELL: Speaking of that, we'll have records of that. But what needs to go to Mahoning County for their record so they have a copy of something? I assume something would have to go to them.

ATTY. RIES: Well, we already have a Memorandum of Understanding that Mahoning County was a party to that they executed agreeing to all of this. So this is more just a formality of us reviewing, approving and accepting the line.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

ATTY. RIES: So I mean, we can send Mahoning County a copy, but they're not -- this is basically just a certificate of final completion and acknowledging our acceptance of the line.

MR. CAMPBELL: I just thought about as we were digging into that project and the issue like we were trying to get information out of them and that he didn't have anything. So at least they have something at this point if someone came 10, 20, 30 years from now they can find some information on it. And they would probably come to the Village anyway at that

point.

ATTY. RIES: Well, they have the MOU on the Mahoning County side, and we can send them a copy of this too and we have the easements as well.

MR. CAMPBELL: Great. Any questions?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We'll have the records now.

## **2. Trumbull Energy Center - Sanitary Sewer**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Number 2, Trumbull Energy Center Sanitary Sewer.

MR. KOGELNIK: There hasn't been any other updates on that. But I am willing to help the developer to, you know, make or plan out what the Village BPA wants to do, which is to connect to the Hallock Young Road sanitary gravity sewer where the force main from Lift Station 4 connects. So it's just a matter of coordinating with the developer to make that happen, put it on paper. So I'll be in touch with the developer about it.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: Is this for all the water?

MR. KOGELNIK: No, this is just for the admin building.

## **3. Project Funding**

MR. CAMPBELL: Any updates on our project funding?

MR. KOGELNIK: A lot.

MR. CAMPBELL: In a good direction?

MR. KOGELNIK: This has been a busy month, but December is gonna be extremely busy with regards to project funding potentially. This past couple weeks I've been on the phone with U.S.D.A. Long and short of it, U.S.D.A. is not a good fit for the Village. Well there's -- you know, there's some blessing in disguise here. They were very helpful on the phone, I have to say that. And that saves me a lot of time, you know, and hope and that sort of thing. So I went to them for the 24-inch water line and the future Water and Sewer Department building. But like I said, it doesn't fit; and the reason it doesn't fit -- I want you to understand this -- they asked some really good questions relative to residential. U.S.D.A. has a heavy emphasis on residential benefits. So right now we haven't really grown residentially within the Village over the past, you know, several years.

MR. CAMPBELL: I see what you're saying.

MR. KOGELNIK: So one of the questions they had was from all this industry how has Lordstown grown and what is the forecast for growth residentially in the Village. So obviously that question was met with some silence, okay.

Here's the thing. U.S.D.A. heard what you want to do with MVSD potentially. MVSD would be in a better position to apply through U.S.D.A. if MVSD wanted to go that route. So their customer base and what they serve, who they reach, that sort of thing, was more attractive to U.S.D.A. than the Village bringing a water line in because of heavy industry. So that's something to consider. So I'm gonna park that aside, but we've got other stuff coming up in December. I just attended a water -- waste water webinar on Thursday. Darren, were you in on that?

MR. BIGGS: No.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. This is through O.D.O.D., and that's the Office of Department of Development -- I think for Ohio, and it uses ARPA funds. So this is gonna be applicable for your water and sanitary sewer improvement, especially your 24-inch water line. So we need to consider making an application for that, and this is -- I think the application is coming up at the end of December. This is gonna be kind of a big one to put together.

MR. CAMPBELL: Who was the application for?

MR. KOGELNIK: O D.O.D., Office of Department of Development. All right. And then there's another one that's an unusual one that Mike knows about, the capital budget. The capital budget in the past has been all about funding community

projects, work forces development, healthcare, park and rec and that independent kind of thing. They've opened it up for public utility and storm water. So you want to go after that one with regards to your water line and your future building, and you want to make sure that your state representatives know that this is coming. So somebody has to reach out to the state reps and make sure that they're aware that this application is your priority. Now you can submit as many applications as you want, but they encourage you to not submit more than two.

MR. CAMPBELL: Submit all you want, we're only taking two.

MR. SULLIVAN: On a good day what are we looking at?

MR. CAMPBELL: Money-wise.

MR. KOGELNIK: Good question. So with your water line project from the \$4.2 million from the earmark on Joyce were to become real, you're looking at making -- there's another \$10 million you have to make up for the difference to bring that 24-inch water line in. So one tactic you might want to consider is request, you know, half of that, that difference, \$5 million, from capital budget and try and finance the rest. Or you already have a nomination that we made for you through Ohio E.P.A. for WSRLA. So it's kind of like right there for you if all of that were to line up and drop in place.

That's a lot of pipe dream literally, but that is one tactic you can take. Your biggest problem is your Water and Sewer Department building, there's no funding for that. So the likelihood of you getting even a fifth of the financing for that is --

MR. CAMPBELL: Tough.

MR. KOGELNIK: It's gonna be tough. So this is a --

MR. SULLIVAN: Possibility of zero loan on that?

MR. KOGELNIK: Your building?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: No, highly -- in fact, I'll be honest with you. If you had to go out and get a loan, you would go to a bank just like everybody else. The interest rate through the CF program from U.S.D.A., U.S.D.A. will help you to finance that building but you'll pay -- it's all loan and 3.875 percent interest rate. So that's not very attractive. So that's your biggest problem with regard to future funding. Now one thing that I would recommend you do is to evaluate the priorities of the building and the 24-inch water line. One has to come before the other, and I think that has to be the water line because you don't know the real magnitude and need of the building until you have the water line. So you need to give that some thought and consideration, and we can brain-

storm that going into December. But I'm telling you December is gonna be a top-heavy month for me with regard to these applications, I know it. But that's -- that's a summary for number 3 there.

MR. CAMPBELL: Good summary. Any other questions? Thanks, Chris.

MR. BIGGS: Chris, can I ask you a question? You said we should only submit two things and that's what they're recommending, you know, whatnot. And is this gonna be shared with the rest of the Village? Are you gonna be -- when we're prioritizing, do we have to prioritize with the rest of the Village too?

MR. KOGELNIK: I did send that e-mail to Council for the capital budget, yes.

MR. BIGGS: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: There is some things in there for emergency services like police and fire. Who knows, maybe police and fire has got a higher priority than your water line. So respectfully you gotta talk amongst your department heads about all of this. I'm just sitting here from the perspective of the BPA right now.

MR. BOND: I have a question, Chris. This water line, the second water line, is it going to be good to us without another tower as well?



MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, it will be. For example, you know, if something should happen with the existing 24-inch water line, you're down.

MR. BOND: You've got cross connection capability even without a tower?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. And further, for the new booster station to operate correctly it needs two large conduits to pull that -- the volume of that water. Right now we're just we're pulling through a limited straw basically --

MR. CAMPBELL: Plus I would assume once we have that 24 in place it lends to, I guess, the further development of -- say we have the supply to it, we need another tower, it all plays forward. It makes it easier to get the tower -- in my mind, it makes it easier to get stuff lined up to the tower at that point.

MR. KOGELNIK: We did send out a memo just recently regarding the future water tower and the concerns of the volume of storage that are known today. So did everybody get a chance to read that?

MR. CAMPBELL: I skimmed through it, yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's very important with regard to what we're talking about for water storage. In other words, in a nut shell, right now you have more storage today than you thought you were gonna have at this point a few years ago. And

that's heavily based on the outcome of the TEC.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Very good. Number 5, Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation.

MR. KOGELNIK: Number 4.

MR. CAMPBELL: Oh, I skipped over one. Actually I wrote too much.

#### **4. Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line Improvements**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 4, Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line Improvement.

MR. KOGELNIK: That project is done from the standpoint of CT and the design, so we're -- we're waiting for funding to come in. This one did have an ARPA request to Trumbull County, right Cindy? This one and the next one, the booster station. So we need to keep reminding the County Commissioners how important number 4 is.

MR. SULLIVAN: What do we look like on funding?

MR. KOGELNIK: I think we requested the full amount.

MR. CAMPBELL: I think we did.

MR. SULLIVAN: What's it look like?

MR. KOGELNIK: I couldn't tell you. I mean, that's a decision for the Commissioners. That's so political, I couldn't even guess.

## **5. Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation**

MR. CAMPBELL: Is there anything on the Salt Springs Booster Station then?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. So the Salt Springs booster station, about a month ago we were just about ready to plow through the ecological elements of the project where wetlands mitigation and that sort of thing. I put the brakes on that because I want to make sure that we have the easements and right-of-ways addressed. Right now I'm concerned because the existing road right-of-way or easement are not recorded at the courthouse as far as we can tell, and that easement or right-of-way for the old Pritchard Ohltown Road encompassed the existing water line. And so, you know, our new booster station easement is a rectangle and it's supposed to attach to that right-of-way. Without knowing where that's at, I don't want to proceed forward until we do. That way I won't have to redo an easement in the future if I have -- if I know what to do now.

MR. CAMPBELL: Understand. Understand.

MR. KOGELNIK: So we were requesting a work authorization to do more investigation at the courthouse by way of a title agency to confirm the absence or presence of that hopeful existing easement or right-of-way. And do you

have a copy of that?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes, it's attached to your -- it was paper-clipped to the back of your packet.

MR. CAMPBELL: This right here?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Not to exceed \$4,000?

MR. KOGELNIK: That sounds right. So aside from that the preliminary design is kind of at a standstill, although we've got a significant amount of that preliminary design done.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Is this something that Chris needs to sign?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well you have to approve it first, and then if you approve it then -- I don't think it matters whether Kevin or Chris signs it; does it, Matt?

MR. CAMPBELL: It was just addressed to Chris, the president. That's all.

ATTY. RIES: If you guys vote on approving, he can be the official signature on that.

MR. CAMPBELL: He can do that. I don't see us not doing it. We need it to be in place for the project. What are your concerns on it, Mike?

MR. SULLIVAN: I think we need to move forward.

**MR. CAMPBELL: All right. I make a motion to**

approve the work authorization not to exceed \$4,000 for the title work and everything needed for the Salt Springs Road booster water station project.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second that.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Anything else on that?

#### **6. City of Niles/Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Water**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 6, City of Niles/Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Water. Do we have any updates on that side of it?

ATTY. RIES: I never heard anything back from Phil Zuzolo. I called him back in August. This seemed to be on their radar for a while and he's never called me back. So I don't know if they're gonna pursue it. I mean, have you heard from anyone in Niles?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No. I did have Becky with the bill -- we justified the rates where that first invoice where they had charged us over. She sent the credit back and we paid the difference. Everything we've been billed, now it's 253 for the whole year. So I told Becky obviously if there's

problem that they won't allow that --

MR. CAMPBELL: To go through. All right.

## **7. Imperial Sewer Agreement**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 7, Imperial Sewer Agreement. I know that we have an -- I guess we tried two or three times to have a meeting lined up. And I think the next line-up is December 6.

MR. SULLIVAN: What is that Cindy, at 5:00?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: 4:00.

MR. SULLIVAN: I thought it was at 4:00.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm pretty sure it was at 4:00.

## **8. Rate Study - Water**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 8, Rate Study for Water. I know we've been working hard and heavy on that. Is there any updates on that? I'll meet with Council also on the 6th to discuss some of the topics around --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The rate study itself is complete minus the --

MR. CAMPBELL: Decisions.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Only thing you would do there is adjustments of your expenses or something like that. But as far as CT is concerned with the rate study --

MR. CAMPBELL: Thanks, Bob, for all your work, and all yours.

MR. KOGELNIK: He'll like to hear that.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's one thing about the rate study, it seems like it's never done.

### **9. Utility Department Building**

MR. CAMPBELL: Anyway, number 9, Utility Department Building. I think we've touched upon this a little on funding aspects, and we're gonna keep it on here until we hopefully have some resolution or direction moving with it.

### **10. I&I**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 10, I&I.

MR. KOGELNIK: No activity this past month.

### **11. CEF-L Valve Replacement Along 24" Water Transmission Line**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 11, CEF-L valve replacement along the 24-inch water line transmission. We're keeping this one on here to keep track of maybe an opportunity that arises as we touch that project and we can talk with LEC maybe about something along those lines. It's sitting in there for a hopeful future.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MR. CAMPBELL: Down to our Public Comments for second section.

MR. BOND: Yes. On your first item there, that \$590,000 change order, how does that affect your budget if any? Was that money encumbered before?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That money was deposited on behalf of Ultium by Ultium General Motors or LG with the Village. That is money that will -- ultimately has not been spent that will go back to --

MR. BOND: To Ultium. Thank you.

MR. CAMPBELL: I know we tried making sure if there was anything we could use out of that and we did. It wasn't much obviously, but it's done now.

MR. BOND: Yep.

MR. CAMPBELL: Any other public comments?

Thanks, Bob.

**REPORTS:**

**1. Solicitor's Report**

MR. CAMPBELL: Reports. Solicitor's Report.

ATTY. RIES: No report.

MR. CAMPBELL: Thanks, Matt. Anything for Solicitor?



MR. SULLIVAN: No.

## **2. Engineer's Report**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 2, Engineer's Report.

Anything additional, Chris?

MR. KOGELNIK: Last meeting the Board asked me for a quote for the survey work for the 24-inch water line. So our surveyors plus our geospatial people, geospatial street aerial photogrammetry and survey, street ground survey work. You're looking at probably \$50,000 apiece for the 24-inch water line.

MR. CAMPBELL: What do you mean by apiece?

MR. KOGELNIK: For geospatial establishing targets on the ground, making 150 foot swaths along the proposed water line, and then attaching that data to the ground survey data.

MR. CAMPBELL: So each one of those is 50k?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, yeah. So you might -- the Village might want to coordinate with MVSD because this -- you know, MVSD did -- they -- well, they did want to do all of that work already themselves initially. So you might want to touch base with them if any cost sharing, now is the time to start talking about that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: But the geospatial work, the aerial photogrammetry, if it's gonna be done, it's gonna be done when there's no leaves, okay. And so you have now, and typically November and April are the better months for doing this, March and April. So I would talk with them about that. But that's just a real quick summary. I can send you the written quotes that we do have.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I know we were looking at that because to get money you need to have stuff ready to hand the people.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. One other thing that you might want to thing think about. We have a record drawing of the existing 24-inch water line.

(At this time, Howard Sheely enters the meeting.)

MR. KOGELNIK: We can now put that 24-inch line into the existing road right-of-way without getting any easements. The likelihood of that happening is a snowball's chance in hell. So what we should be doing is taking the record drawings, incorporating the 2006 and 2007 sanitary sewer information that the Village built, putting that on those drawings, and then red-lining that set for the new water line so that we can kind of prove to ourselves yeah, that looks like what we're -- you know, we're aiming for or no, we have a problem with this particular spot at this intersection or whatever.

That's what we should be doing. So that takes time and that takes effort.

MR. CAMPBELL: And money.

MR. KOGELNIK: And so we should be thinking about starting maybe some of that in January. This past month I visited the existing 24-inch water line with Darren. We've got some air release valves -- are you gonna go over that in your report, Darren?

MR. BIGGS: Go ahead.

MR. KOGELNIK: So there's nine air release valves on the existing 24-inch water line. These things are automatic, meaning that if there's air that accumulates a little ball comes up, opens up, basically burps the water line. And underneath the valve, in between the valve body and the water line itself there's a little isolation valve that turns that valve on or off. And those isolation valves have these little quarter turn levers, and all the levers are gone. So the operations staff have to do some herculean effort to stand on their head and attach vise grips to the little two-inch square nut down there and operate the valve like that if they want to do that manually. Right now all the air release valves are frozen, they are in other words seized, rusted shut. Each one of those costs around \$1,500 according to the manufacturer's rep. There's nine of them. And it's not just

purchasing those; they have to be taken off, that little isolation valve has to be shut, the valve has to be taken off and a new one put on. But that's not even it because there's a discharge hole that comes off of that valve where the air is expelled from, and that discharge has to have the means to prevent any water from inside that pit from being sucked back into the water line to prevent any contamination to your water. And so today's standards require that some sort of double-check valve or something like that be attached. So --

MR. CAMPBELL: This isn't sounding cheap.

MR. KOGELNIK: We have some thinking to do in other words. And those valves -- or these pits in which these valve assemblies are located, they're only like three foot in diameter. So there's absolutely no real estate inside there to get a human body to turn these valves on or off, and it's just completely impractical for the operations staff to do that. So I -- we need to do some homework as to how we're gonna address that. And it's not gonna happen overnight.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Any other bad news?

MR. KOGELNIK: No.

MR. CAMPBELL: We're gonna move on then.

### **3. Utility Committee Report**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Number 3, Utility

Committee Report.

MR. BOND: No report this evening.

MR. CAMPBELL: No report. Thanks for joining us.

#### **4. Clerk's Report**

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 4, Cindy, Clerk's Report.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No report.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Any questions for our Clerk, Mike?

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you, Cindy.

#### **5. Superintendent's Report**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right, Darren, Superintendent's Report. What have you got?

MR. BIGGS: A couple quick things. We'll need approval -- we had a bore for a service line that broke on Tod Avenue. It was \$1,200, if I can get approval for that.

**MR. CAMPBELL: I will make a motion to approve the bore expense for \$1,200.**

MR. SULLIVAN: I second it.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

**(No response.)**

MR. CAMPBELL: There you go.

MR. BIGGS: I got a paper from CT that we put together, and they had some questions on restoration of the two pump stations. For discussion later, but I'll get it all to you so that when we get a chance in one of our meetings. However, we would like to leave those if and when the pump stations move. So just a heads-up, look forward to getting that and let me know if you don't get it. Ultium fired up their big fire pump and everything went smooth, we were able to handle it. It wasn't a problem on our end, never even knew they were there.

MR. CAMPBELL: Really? Good.

MR. BIGGS: If you were watching it, yeah, you did. I didn't have anything crazy going on, I coordinated with them and everything went smooth with that. We had a break on Lydia also, I need to get some parts. It was, I believe, \$1,141.42. So I'll need approval for that also.

**MR. SULLIVAN: I make a motion to accept the \$1,182.72.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: Did he get it?**

**MR. BIGGS: It was \$1,141.42.**

**MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second. All in favor?**

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?**

**(No response.)**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Thanks for your work on those. What else do you have?

MR. BIGGS: Disinfectant by-products for November we'll pass, same as always. It's time again for the trial meters, the \$10 to be able to read the cell meters that we have. So I'll need approval for \$200 to be able to continue using those.

MR. CAMPBELL: Those are the meters that we put out to test bore sensitive meters?

MR. SULLIVAN: But he needs approval for what, \$200?

MR. BIGGS: That covers the cell service for a whole year.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. But why would you need approval for that?

MR. BIGGS: Because it was a trial thing. I don't want to make that choice. It's not about the money, Mike. It was a trial, and if we want to continue the trial I guess is what I'm getting at. You continue the trial, that's what we'll pay for it. That's why.

MR. CAMPBELL: I think it's worth it to continue on with it. I mean, eventually it's another project; but I

think it's beneficial for the Village if we can get a way to get lined up to do it. So I agree to move forward. Do you?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Continue on.

MR. BIGGS: The last thing I have is I think we're gonna have to have some kind of meetings with Warren to figure out how Lordstown fits in with what they got going on. We used to be able to go down there and get their meter reader, which is different than ours, so that I could get what their meters are reading for my reports, compare bills, whatnot. They will not allow us to use those anymore. I have made four phone calls down there, and they will not call me back. So I'm not sure where we're at with that, what's going on.

MR. KOGELNIK: I can -- let me call Franco.

MR. BIGGS: I called him three times. That's about as far as I go before I hand it off.

MR. CAMPBELL: If you want to make an effort, we appreciate it.

MR. KOGELNIK: We're doing all that.

MR. CAMPBELL: I agree, so.

MR. BIGGS: I'm not sure why they changed. I didn't know what was going on. I thought I would pass it along. I'm not sure where we stand with Warren now.

MR. CAMPBELL: See what you come up with. What



else do you have?

MR. BIGGS: That's it.

MR. CAMPBELL: Any questions for our Superintendent? No?

**QUARTERLY APPROVAL OF BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:**

**January, April, July, and October**

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. We're down to the quarterly billing. Well, there's nothing for this month so we're good on that.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

MR. CAMPBELL: Any Member Comments? Sorry I skipped that. Member Comments. Do you have anything, Mike?

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: Nobody opposes, we're good to go.

Thanks everybody for their time.

**(Meeting ends at 4:43 p.m.)**

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF OHIO            )  
TRUMBULL COUNTY        )    SS.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Niles, Ohio on this 2nd day of December, 2023.

---

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

