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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
October 18, 2022
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Kevin Campbell, President
Mr. Christopher Peterson, Vice-President
Mr. Michael Sullivan, Board Member
Mr. Darren Biggs, Supt. of Utilities
Ms. Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk
Mr. Christopher Kogelnik, Engineer
ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Don Reider, Utilities Committee
Mr. Robert Bond, Village Council
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 18th of October, 2022.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm gonna call the meeting to order. Please 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: Cindy, roll call please.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Kevin Campbell.
MR. CAMPBELL: Here.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.
MR. SULLIVAN: Here.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Christopher Peterson.
MR. PETERSON: Here.
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present. Chris Kogelnik.
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.

APPROVAL AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

MR. CAMPBELL: Approval and Correction of Minutes. We got minutes from September 20 of 2022. Did you guys get a chance to review or any changes or correction to those?
MR. SULLIVAN: Make a motion to support the minutes.
MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second that. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?
(No response.)
MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you again for all the minute work.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

MR. CAMPBELL: Cindy, any correspondence?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We do have we have one correspondence. It's from the Antonine Sisters dated October 17, 2022. To the Lordstown Board of Public Affairs. It says "Dear President and Members, We, the Antonine Sisters, residing on 2675 North Lipkey Rd., North Jackson, OH, were using the Lordstown water for the Adult Day Care since 1995 and that line was the same for the Assisted Living facility that was built in 2014. Now, we are having a small addition to the Assisted Living, but we need a water line extension. Now a portion of the extension is in the right-of-way and part on our property. We are now requesting that at least the portion of the water line extension be installed and paid for by the County. We would appreciate if the Board can help us with this request. We thank you in advance for your consideration and understanding. Sr. Samia Abour-Shakra.

MR. CAMPBELL: And I believe, I don't know -- Don, did -- I think after you talked to her --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I gave her, yeah, Mr. Reider's phone number to contact him for Utility Committee. She states in the letter she said to be paid for by the County. When she spoke to me on the phone she wished for it to be paid for by the Village. I don't know if she understands. I told her she was within Mahoning County and the Board's ability to work is within the Village itself not outside, so she would have to go to Mahoning County and call Mr. Reider and let him know what her wishes were. And that was my last conversation.

MR. CAMPBELL: So if she hasn't talked to you, I guess heads up.

MR. REIDER: No one has but the one north of us.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: On Hewitt Gifford?

MR. REIDER: I called her and told her she has to get a hold of someone from Warren Township. And I guess she did, she got a hold of -- her last name was Anderson, and she got a hold of Kay Anderson who's a Trustee from Warren Township. And in fact, Kay Anderson called the Mayor yesterday. So that's all I know where it's at.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: In that situation he's discussing is the same thing for request for water to be requested extended to a home on Palmyra but north of Hewitt Gifford. Our line runs along Hewitt Gifford, and Palmyra for that matter, but it stops at the intersection there. So she would like it to be extended. She's the next parcel beyond the corner parcel, and she wants city water. So she came in and several weeks ago and requested that in person, and I sent her to Mr. Reider at that time.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, I know from people that come to the Village requesting that it's a little confusing from their side of what we handle, what they handle, what this Board handles. And I don't really know from the utility side what you

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do at this point. You probably work with the other communities to try to work out something I assume, right? Okay. Any other questions or correspondence.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay, very good. Public Comments. I know that Mr. Cowie here from Imperial had a couple things he wanted to bring up as kind of a clarification from their side, so I said he could go ahead and cover those things now and we can move through those and move on. So unless you guys had something for public comments -- okay.

MR. COWIE: First thing is our bill for our master sewer meter. Probably Cindy's more knowledgeable on that. We've been receiving a credit for the last four billing cycles. They've been deducting the payments of the \$60, \$59 fee plus the account maintenance fee from that credit. But we don't know where that credit is from or how we got a credit, it's never been told to us. Is that part of the meeting that we need to have?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yeah. And that shouldn't be because at the very least she should be zeroing out, there's not to be a credit.

MR. COWIE: That's why we didn't understand. Just wanted to bring it to your attention and if it's something we need to discuss.

MR. CAMPBELL: We'll schedule a meeting and discuss that whole --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I just spoke to Kevin upstairs because this has to be resolved, and they have to know the billing and the parameters from the billing for the sewer rate study that's under way. I told him I can't change anything, we have to honor -- he has to build in that rate study what it is, but he needs an answer to conclude that and change that because that could be a huge difference.

MR. CAMPBELL: So what she said is we need to work out the Imperial issues we have here so they have it for the rate study, which all falls into place.

MR. PETERSON: Do we want to set that meeting up with him?

MR. CAMPBELL: Do you have something in mind as a preference?

MR. COWIE: A date no, I do not.

MR. CAMPBELL: I know you have to work during the day. Would a day meeting be easier?

MR. COWIE: Probably a day if it will work with you guys, or an evening. I can check with --

MR. CAMPBELL: After lunch work better for you?

MR. PETERSON: After lunch would work a lot better for me.

MR. CAMPBELL: We'll shoot for that. Give us a rough

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time and we'll flip a date around.

MR. COWIE: Work a date out through Cindy?

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll start out with -- usually I start out with what I'm available and these guys say when they're available.

MR. PETERSON: Cindy, I'll send you when I'm available because there's a couple days I'm not.

MR. COWIE: Because after November 16 I gotta get a new body part, so --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think we need to go two weeks out because, in all honesty, my grandson's due and I'm probably gonna be out next week if that happens before.

MR. CAMPBELL: Before November 16, and what was yours?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The 25th is the due date.

MR. CAMPBELL: Of October?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Next Tuesday. So that's something not for next week, maybe the week after.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. That works out.

MR. COWIE: Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: How about this week Thursday or Friday.

MR. CAMPBELL: Is that too soon for you to adjust your schedule? Once my week's set it's hard. Thank you because it's the same, I can't move my stuff.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, I'd love to do it but I can't.

MR. COWIE: We'll work that out though. The second thing, we have a home on Cardinal Drive, 3315. That home has been -- the people gave us the title. We made -- we changed the title to a junk status where that home is leaving. Now there was a meter there, and they supposedly finalized their water bill with you guys. And at this point, once they did that there was some stipulations they had to give us the title, finalize the water bill. That home, we have -- I have a paper where it's a junk status now, it has to leave, it's gonna be destroyed. So we need to have the meter removed from there. I didn't know if we needed to set a work order up with you first to get that done. Because the meter was never hooked up when those people were there I don't believe. I was under there, I shut the water off on in our pit so the water is not there. But the meter has to be removed, we'll cap the sewer. And I mean, as per the -- we had that agreement that once we did that then it would, you know, lock it down at that point. So I just want to make you aware. I think Barb had sent a letter over already on that, she faxed something over to you.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I have to check because, in all honesty, Becky is doing the day-to-day things.

MR. COWIE: I have a copy here.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It should all be together upstairs.

MR. COWIE: I just wanted to make you aware of that. We usually don't have this all come up. We don't have a lot of

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homes leaving, but this one it is too far beyond.

MR. CAMPBELL: And it's being closed up and buttoned up properly?

MR. COWIE: We'll cap the sewer off.

MR. CAMPBELL: Water account-wise they came in and closed stuff up?

MR. COWIE: I guess what I'm saying also when it goes from junk status it never really --

MR. CAMPBELL: We still have the --

MR. COWIE: We can't jump title, but it has to go from their name to our name, and a minute later it goes to junk status. So there's never really a possession of --

MR. CAMPBELL: Owning it.

MR. COWIE: It went straight to junk status and we're removing it.

MR. SULLIVAN: When it's junk status, do you send it to the bone yard or --

MR. COWIE: I do have that if you need to see the paper that shows that it's going to --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't think you require that, do you?

MR. COWIE: We do have the paperwork over there that the title has been surrendered to that home.

MR. SULLIVAN: I was just curious what you do with it.

MR. COWIE: You can take it to some of the large building material -- the wood and stuff like that. The metal is scrapped out. So basically disassemble it.

MR. CAMPBELL: And you have the address?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: 3515 Cardinal.

MR. COWIE: Okay. That's it. Thank you.

MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you. So do we want to dig into New Business, or do we want to have Chris go through the engineering aspect because he has to leave at 5:00?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yeah. Go ahead, Chris.

MR. PETERSON: Go ahead, Chris.

MR. CAMPBELL: Then we have some time to go over some things. So I guess we'll start with your report, Mr. Kogelnik, if that's all right.

REPORTS:

2. Engineer's Report

MR. KOGELNIK: Real quick before I get into the report.

MR. CAMPBELL: Sure.

MR. KOGELNIK: In Google Earth, the measured distance from the intersection of Yerke Young Road and Highland, which then turns into Lipkey Road and going south to I think that last hydrant where you wanted to connect on thereabouts is about 1,507 feet. Your ordinance says 1,508 feet on the west side of the road. So from Yerke Young and to that point at that hydrant it

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is on the west side of the road?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Uh-huh.

MR. KOGELNIK: So that ordinance, I guess, is reflective of just that section of water line. But sometime after that the water line must have been extended further south than over to the east side of the road and then south to the Antonine Sisters.

MR. BIGGS: No, it heads east right at the Antonine Sisters.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay, okay. So -- but that happened sometime after that ordinance was written, so what was the date of that ordinance?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: 1979. It's Ordinance No. 87-79.

MR. KOGELNIK: So Darren must be right about the fact that when the Antonine Sisters building expansion occurred was around '96.

MR. BIGGS: I believe so, yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: So sometime around '96 is where you should be looking for your ordinances if you have any. We have -

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: We've looked from today back, and that's the only ordinance on the books for --

MR. KOGELNIK: Would Mahoning County have had to sign that ordinance or anybody else?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I would say absolutely because if you're extending the water line it starts with them coming to the Village and asking to extend the water line. Whether we pay for it or they pay for it is between them and Council and there's no record of it, not even acceptance of that line.

MR. KOGELNIK: So would anybody else possibly have a copy of that newer ordinance?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I thought that Darren said you contacted Mahoning County and they said they didn't have anything.

MR. KOGELNIK: I called them in regards to drawings and they didn't have anything. All that they had were the sewer drawings for the Antonine Sisters, and even those were not accurate. So they were useful in regards to understanding the lay of the land but not the actual position of the existing water line.

MR. CAMPBELL: Bob, did you have something?

MR. BOND: Wasn't that done in two sections, one up to the Shrine and then later added on from there down to the nursing facility?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: See Bob, I swear it was the Lipkey Road extension that's been referred to before. But yet I can't find anything. When I searched all Council minutes by Lipkey, by Mahoning County, by water and water line so I could pick up all the projects, none of them captured except that one from 1979. So Bill even went back and he checked himself as well, and based on those parameters that's what you got.

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MR. SULLIVAN: Back in like 2006 Mary Jane and myself went and met with the Antonine Sisters, and there was a Mahoning County guy there that said you can't even talk about that because we gotta get approval from the nine houses from the Lordstown line to the Antonine Sisters' building. So it was sometime after that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, the adult day care was built in '95, in '96 they began to operate, and then they added the assisted living. And now they want to expand the assisted living. But that was '95 and 2015. And even in her letter she reflects those dates as well.

MR. PETERSON: Could they have potentially worked off a well until they put the assisted living in?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't believe the adult day care - a day care could use well water.

MR. PETERSON: I don't know, I'm just asking.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't --

MR. SULLIVAN: Maybe it was the church that wanted the water at the time.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well I mean, we're definitely in a weird situation with this thing because of --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: By 2006 water was there. We were billing back to 1996, I think we started billing that account in 1996. I think it was January 1 of -- January of '96 or early '96 we started billing that account. And that's where I tried to focus in on '96, '95, '94, even in Council minutes to see if I could find anything. I went back and to read our minutes and in researching BPA's minutes because they're not all on electronic. So I went back there, and the only thing I could find in regards to that '95 was if they were to be charged a tap-in fee. And they discussed it and there was nothing more.

MR. PETERSON: Is there a chance we just missed a step and didn't accept the line, it was put in an --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well if we missed a step it wasn't submitted to us to accept, so there would have been two steps. And Council and the BPA would both have had to -- both of us would have to miss the steps. Many steps were missed if --

MR. CAMPBELL: Well if we have literally no proof that we've accepted it as a Village and it sits in Mahoning County property, isn't it just theirs by default anyway then?

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, what you need to do -- this is very important because you got a water line that fails repeatedly and --

MR. CAMPBELL: And we keep fixing it.

MR. KOGELNIK: And you keep fixing, you keep operating it, that's clear. And so it's important that you get that resolved, no matter how. It doesn't matter really how. There's a couple clear things. Those things I just mentioned, plus the fact that the existing water line resides in the County's road right-of-way, and that this project had to have happened in the late nineties. Therefore, at least the County

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would keep records of the existing water line. The County would require a document, a drawing, so that they can understand what's in their road right-of-way. They're pretty diligent about that and they have been for many years. So I would imagine that if we pressed the County -- Mahoning County they probably would have some other records of that. And Bill Coleman was the administrator at the time.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's correct.

MR. KOGELNIK: And Bill, he's actually still like a consultant for Mahoning County. He may recall that. I have his phone number, I can call him. So what needs to happen so that you guys can confirm your ownership of that line -- because you can't do anything really until you do that. You might not even be able to legally operate inside of that road right-of-way, much less make improvements to it. It's gonna be hard for you to go up to, you know, the Mahoning County Engineer and say hey, we need to do some open cut work here, we might be impacting your road, don't know yet. You need to put a plan together. He's already told me we cannot use his road as a conveyance route for a replaced water line. You're gonna have to drill everything to get to the Antonine Sisters. So one way, shape, or another. And then you also have a natural gas line that probably is in that road right-of-way that has some sort of an impressed current back onto your ductile iron water line which is not helping the corrosion issue with that water line. So you have -- and then on top of that you've got a surge pressure that is caused by potentially Ultium that is translating all the way through the Village. You have the worst of the worst situation happening on that small section of water line. It's the only fortunate thing about that is it's a finite section, it's a small section of water line. You just need to get to it, replace it, and I actually would put a surge relief valve at the end of it. So if you want me to, let me know, I can call Mr. Coleman or make an attempt to do that and find out if he recalls that and if he can advise the County as to where, you know, they might find document that they might have signed for the project --

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm okay with that.

MR. PETERSON: I'm okay with it.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. I'll make that attempt.

MR. CAMPBELL: See if you can dig up and let Cindy know whatever you find out, hopefully something.

MR. KOGELNIK: So going to my report, I'll jump to number two. We've done a lot things on this already for this project, but we're not authorized yet. Do you want me to submit a proposal on that? At this point in time the only thing I know to do is eventually we're gonna -- you have no -- we're, we as a team, are gonna have to replace that water line. I don't know if you're gonna need funding. I know that you are strapped for cash right now, and ideally we would want to go after some form of external funding. And I advised you a couple months ago that the only opportunity right now that would be real quick would

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probably be OWDA funding through a loan. Emergency funding through OPWC is probably not gonna happen because you keep on making repairs to the line, and therefore OPWC is probably gonna interpret that as still an operable line. Nothing catastrophic has happened to it. So you have loan funding through OWDA that you can request.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, I don't see how we can make a decision on that until we know --

MR. KOGELNIK: That is accurate. That's accurate.

MR. CAMPBELL: -- who owns the line.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And he asked for the work authorization to submit one tonight, and I told him to ask you, the Board, because of our financial state. I can't --

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm reluctant to.

MR. PETERSON: I don't think we're in a position to.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'd love to say go ahead and get it ready in case we need it, but -- a couple --

MR. KOGELNIK: Well, you're gonna have to make a decision because it keeps breaking and your only operator is tending to it. Let me know. We're -- I'm gonna do whatever small due diligence efforts I can without over- extending myself on it. But you know what my position is and what we possibly could do, okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris, if you wanted to share Bill's contact, I could try to reach out to save you, you know, extra hours in the project and see if I can get some things from him or Mahoning County in regards to that first.

MR. KOGELNIK: Ultimately I'm gonna ask you to do that. Going back to number one, the MVSD 24-inch diameter redundant water line. We're awaiting direction from you, the BPA, Village Council and the Solicitor. It was my understanding that the two attorneys were communicating as to whether or not they would agree to allowing CT to work on that 24-inch water line. We've been respectful about that. Just understand that we submitted a proposal or a qualified statement to MVSD back in April or May. They made their decision, they've selected us, but they've been waiting. So it's up to you, the Council, and the Solicitor to determine whether or not you want to move forward with that project. The first thing that would have to be done would be, I think, to reconfirm the scope of work. I don't think that's crystal clear yet. And that should be a meeting between you, the BPA, and MVSD. And then the next thing that would probably happen would be for MVSD to get under contract with us. So those are the next steps for that. You're gonna need to make a decision on that.

MR. PETERSON: That's not the way it was portrayed last night in Council meeting.

MR. KOGELNIK: Was there something I missed?

MR. BOND: Yes. May I speak?

MR. CAMPBELL: Sure.

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MR. BOND: The Mayor appointed a committee to negotiate with MVSD about this water line, named me the Chairman, Lamar Liming and Kevin Campbell to be on it.

MR. CAMPBELL: Three-person Board.

MR. BOND: I also talked to the Solicitor last night. And in reference to getting your permission, he's gonna recontact their attorney because we never heard back from them according to Paul. So that's all I can tell you on it at this time.

MR. KOGELNIK: Thanks for clarifying that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Very good.

MR. KOGELNIK: Number three, Woodridge Way extension. On the initial connection we've given instructions to Mr. -- you know, Darren Biggs and his department, and it's my understanding that Lot 17 now has water service temporarily through the connection to the existing main line. And we've submitted a proposal to you for the final steps in that, you know, the final connection and extension. I haven't heard anything back. So I'm not doing anything on that until I hear back from you.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. I think that's appropriate for now with it.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: All right. Hallock Young --

MR. CAMPBELL: Just one thing. So at this point, Darren, it's -- they have water, it's done? Our temporary solution, which ended up being like a grandiose effort, but the temporary solution is in place and working and they are good?

MR. BIGGS: That's correct.

MR. CAMPBELL: And what Chris is requesting is whether or not we want the permanent solution. He put in a request to engineer that and have it ready.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The easement from Eblings has not been received either for us to be able to construct a water line in front of that property.

MR. CAMPBELL: We keep running into problems like that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You gave them 60 days. They're still within that 60 days. It's just we don't have it yet.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Sorry, go ahead.

MR. KOGELNIK: Hallock Young Road water line connector, this is number four. We were authorized and we begun the design on that work, and field surveys are ready to start on the project. Is there any issue with continuing on with that project given the cash flow issue?

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't see a reason to stop at this point but --

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

MR. KOGELNIK: Because we're trying to line this one up over winter to be in ARC funding which is gonna be an April --

MR. CAMPBELL: If you don't have stuff lined up, you don't get any funding.

MR. PETERSON: We're gonna have to keep moving.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: The money for that project, as far as Chris goes, was encumbered as well. That money was already --

MR. CAMPBELL: Does everybody understand that?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. KOGELNIK: Salt Springs booster station. Cindy caught us in time on that one. We haven't begun that at this time and won't --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You did approve the work authorization. But in light of the things I told him, since it's not the priority, it's a project that is not ready to be done --

MR. CAMPBELL: Give us time.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Let's do what's needed first and we'll pick it up, he can pick it up when it's more appropriate.

MR. CAMPBELL: I agree. Gentleman?

MR. PETERSON: Yep.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: Number six, the water rate study. There was a small amount of additional cost that we had incurred in the evaluation of TEC at the end of that project. It was like 1,300 bucks or something like that. I sent Cindy a work authorization for that. And at the last BPA meeting it was requested that I send that off to Bill Siderewicz. So just before this meeting I actually did e-mail it to Bill.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: I'll let you know what he says on it. And then going forward from the discussion we had at the last BPA meeting, there were some next steps that we evaluated on the water rate study; and ultimately you guys need to just increase your rates. But we -- we're gonna give you some advisement on how to do that and we were gonna issue a new work authorization, but we're gonna hold off on that based on what we're talking about here which is a cash flow issue. So if you agree with that, then we're just gonna hold off on that. But if you disagree with that and want to move forward, let me know.

MR. CAMPBELL: Don't we need that?

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

MR. CAMPBELL: We need that to have a figure to --

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm glad you're saying that.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's how I'm feeling about it.

MR. PETERSON: We need to move forward.

MR. CAMPBELL: I guess while you're looking at that -- I know that MVSD is looking to increase their rates over the next three years. What you're gonna provide, is that -- will that be in the picture or without the picture?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I will provide that to them.

MR. KOGELNIK: It's gonna have to be in the picture.

MR. CAMPBELL: It is. I don't know if we take what you got, just Lordstown, its own little bubble, and add in what's coming our way. But if you're looking at the whole picture --

MR. KOGELNIK: We're gonna be comprehensive about that.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: We have MVSD proposed rates for the next three years as well. I had that as part of my report tonight. That is the basis -- that calculation is the calculation of our whole rate study, it builds from that.

MR. KOGELNIK: If you unanimously want to move forward with that, Cindy would you send me an e-mail with those new rates from MVSD and say go. And I'll send you a work authorization not to exceed \$5,000 and we'll proceed.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: All right.

MR. CAMPBELL: Very good.

MR. KOGELNIK: And getting to the end here. Number seven, Ultium water and sewer. We've coordinated both with Darren and with Cindy about the metering for both water and sewer. Ultimately what Cindy and Darren both want is change that meter reading from cubic feet to gallons. So we're already communicating with the manufacturer of the meter to make that happen. We'll let you know when that happens and exactly when it happens. We have no further information from Ultium, although I talked with Tom Gallagher on the phone about them changing their VFD controls on their pumps. I've gotten no response from Tom or Chris Pietro from Ultium about that. So that's the next thing that has to happen in order for us to understand whether or not that makes a positive impact on the pressure wave situation through the water distribution system.

MR. CAMPBELL: Darren, have you had any further contact with them since the last meeting, Ultium?

MR. BIGGS: The only one, only when I inquire about it. We heard nothing. The phone call conversation that was supposed to happen shortly after did not. So I inquired. CT had nothing. I got a hold of Mr. Gallagher, and he said that they were looking into it. Same thing he just explained on about how to adjust the VFDs over there, and I've heard no more. Exactly what Chris just said that was -- I was waiting on the report to hear if anything was happening because I've heard nothing in the meantime.

MR. PETERSON: I think we need to put him on some kind of clock here because it seems like they are just dragging their feet.

MR. KOGELNIK: I told Mr. Gallagher it was of the utmost importance. And I even told him of the gravity of the situation, that we have water lines that are literally popping. And he understood that. He did say that Mr. Pietro has had some health issues and he was being respectful of that. In fact, the one day I called him I think Mr. Pietro was off, off work. So maybe he's reliant on Mr. Pietro, I don't know. But I think that a daily phone call with Mr. Gallagher to let him know how important this is wouldn't hurt. All right.

MR. PETERSON: I still think you need more teeth.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Should we have Paul draft a letter?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, I think we really need to draft

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a letter and stress the importance. I mean, I understand somebody's ill and I get that. But we're gonna have the ill people if these guys are working 100 hours a week trying to fix water lines all over town.

MR. KOGELNIK: You're gonna have more problems than that.

MR. SULLIVAN: And residents not getting water.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: Good. Okay.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. Sanitary sewer rate review. This project is ongoing. We're still in the data collection phase of the project and inserting it into our spreadsheet. So I expect that this project is gonna pick up more traction over this month and probably more communication with you, Cindy. The next item is the new utility building. I'll be honest with you, this project is not going anywhere. And this is -- this is a project that is purely predicated on funding I think. It's obvious -- I want everybody to hear this; it is obvious that this facility, the existing Water and Sewer Department building, is no way in any shape or form adequate to serve a community drawing this amount of water. You can work out of a garage all you want. I'm telling you you're gonna get garage-level service. You need to spend some money on that building. Okay. And the only way to do that really is to raise your rates because your rate structure right now can't even support paying for a water line that's literally a few hundred feet to replace. This is as bad as it gets, and this is where the rubber meets the road. If you can't understand that you need to raise your rates now, you'll never understand.

MR. BOND: How big a diameter is that water line that's breaking?

MR. KOGELNIK: Eight. Okay. The I&I pilot study is ongoing. Flow meters have been installed, so I expect in the next month we're probably -- or two we're probably gonna have data to review and compare with water consumption and rainfall data. So that's good. On the matter of wastewater collection, this really isn't a project but it's something that we've worked on and talked about over time. We've talked about some improvements in the Village, but really nothing has happened. That doesn't mean that it has to happen, but these are -- these -- each one of those improvements that we're talking about deal with the end result being -- attaching new growth and development to it. So they're really not like a water line need to be replaced in order to continue to serve an existing customer, these are for new growth. And you have the ability to possibly go after funding. And we tried to do that with House Bill 168 on those sanitary sewer extension projects, and then the Village pulled that. So you've got five sanitary sewer projects, if not more, that you could be going after funding for in the future that really are going to result with the end being more economic development, more growth, and more sustainability. You're gonna

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need to think about those. There's really no action that you need to take on these, but I think that you should put that on your agenda as something to nip away at as time goes by. There's no way you're gonna, you know, attack all of that at one time.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, and keep the big picture of what needs to be in place.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's all I have. Does the BPA have any questions or comments for me?

MR. CAMPBELL: Looking through the rest of the agenda.

MR. SULLIVAN: So Bob is gonna come with the recommendation then on what the rate should be?

MR. KOGELNIK: Yes. Yep. There would be another meeting, and the additional meeting that you're talking about is included in his scope of work.

MR. SULLIVAN: And that would be a joint meeting with us and Council?

MR. CAMPBELL: It can be. I mean, it's up to us for the water rates.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, the water rates is us.

MR. CAMPBELL: We can invite them, and at least the Utility Department, they want to be part of it. If they don't, we can still move on and do what we need to do with it.

MR. KOGELNIK: That's all I have for the BPA. If you have any other things -- I know I gotta get back to Cindy on the communication with Bill Coleman from Mahoning County.

MR. PETERSON: Is there anything we need from him on Ultium Cells?

MR. KOGELNIK: Pardon me?

MR. PETERSON: The Ultium turn lane improvement.

MR. KOGELNIK: I just gave Council an update on that project. Right now the plans are at 80 percent for the temporary signal. We're waiting on a signal warrant to -- we have to warrant -- we don't have to warrant, ODOT has to warrant whether or not that signal can be placed there; and so we have to first do a good traffic count. So we're coordinating with Ultium to get the best traffic count we can, you know, in your favor, for the signal. And of course, we're going to avoid impacts to the water and sewer -- well, mainly the water. The sewer, in my opinion, like I said, that 6-inch sanitary sewer line, it can be moved this way or that way but not the water line. Is there anything else you needed from me on that signal and drop turn lane?

MR. PETERSON: Huh-uh, no.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. I guess we gave you a little bit of time.

MR. KOGELNIK: Thank you.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Before he's through, I will be asking the Board to proceed with the trash contract. We have to put that out to bid again. I'm assuming that's the path you'll take. And if so, CT revises that bid book for us. So I'll be

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getting with you.

MR. KOGELNIK: So I would have to issue another work authorization for that like we did. And when would that be due approximately?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The contract ends April 1, so they like to have it 90 days to implement. But we have to -- we would like to have that done before the end of this year, have a bid out and awarded. In this next month, in all honesty, if we could get the book ready and --

MR. KOGELNIK: All right. I'll let Amanda know. Thank you all.

MR. CAMPBELL: Thanks, Chris.

(Mr. Kogelnik leaves the meeting at this time).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CEF-L Valve Replacement Along 24" Water Transmission Line

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Onto number 1, New Business, CEF-L valve replacement along 24-inch water line. Where are we at with that? We want to keep it on here because we want to try to get some ground with it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: You were supposed to meet with them.

MR. CAMPBELL: We were playing the tag game of when they were back in town with the Mayor and I. Keep it on there, we keep plugging away. I'm hoping maybe at some point now that we have a commitment for the 24-inch water line we get some teeth with that, we can go to them and say here's -- what Paul's suggesting was when you got this moving you can go to them and say here, we're gonna bring this in to provide a better water system to your plant and blah-blah-blah, and here's how it's gonna benefit you, would you mind helping with that aspect to it. So until then, we don't have much but an ask. So maybe if we have something with that project that comes together we at least could give something we could provide to them for something in return. So that's the game plan. That's all Paul had for advisement on that subject. So yes, keep it on the agenda.

2. SCADA

MR. CAMPBELL: SCADA.

MR. BIGGS: As far as Ultium SCADA, they're still waiting on pieces and parts. So I don't have that yet. As far as upgrades and estimates, I got the upgrade estimate. I don't have the new total estimate yet, so there's nothing on that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Was there the option of Ultium covering that aspect? I know we talked about that idea. Or is that still like something Bob is considering to be part the project or --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Bob relayed that expense is part of the project. Whether it was the tank or what individual project under Ultium it's being charged to I don't know. But he reassured that was an expense that was part of the project.

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MR. CAMPBELL: Good.

3. Lipkey Waterline Replacement

MR. CAMPBELL: The Lipkey water line replacement. Is there any further discussion on that?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Just like I said, I gave Chris right before the meeting the Ordinance 87-79 which states that Lipkey Road water line for 1,508 feet, you know, was approved back in 1979. Any extension of that line where it crosses over to the Antonine Sisters, no record whatsoever of and, therefore, no easement.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. Well, hopefully --

MR. PETERSON: What's the fix for that, I mean if we can't find any record I mean?

MR. CAMPBELL: That's what I was getting to before. We have no record and it sits in their property don't they own it then.

MR. BOND: Is there any possibility Mahoning County ran that line extension?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I'm thinking that's how it got done.

MR. BIGGS: In that meeting we just had, Ron's gonna get a hold of Mr. Meyer at Mahoning. He's tried that already just to see if he remembers anything, try to figure it out that way. Also I thought I just read somewhere where the Mayor thought we didn't run that line anyway. I thought I read it in one of the Council minutes. Am I wrong? The Mayor mentioned we didn't run that line. I thought I read that somewhere where he mentioned it, and in as much as he could remember we didn't run that.

MR. BOND: What would be the impetus for them to run a line that we make a profit with? I don't understand that.

MR. BIGGS: It doesn't make any sense to me either.

MR. BOND: If so and they own the line --

MR. BIGGS: I don't know how they could own the line being tied in ours anyhow. And it stops right there, Bob, so everybody understands. It doesn't go any further, it dead-ends right there. Yeah. So I mean, it doesn't even benefit anywhere else down Lipkey.

MR. BOND: Yeah.

MR. BIGGS: So I'm not sure. The only thing we're coming up with, it's from Yerke Young down to the Shrine, it's an AC pipe. You got different pipe after that. That's telling me when the day care got there is when they needed that extension again, right? That's all I have to go by. And we've been billing, so --

MR. CAMPBELL: Well, hopefully make some progress that way. I don't know what else to say about it. I really don't know. Like Chris said, we need some way to prove at least ownership one way or another or where it stands, and then we at least stand the ground and either dive in or say here's what you got, you gotta get this fixed or we're gonna have to shut off the

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valve. I mean, if it comes to the point where we don't own it and they're not gonna do anything with it, you know, then we don't have any choices but to do that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, I'm afraid that we permitted -- gave by permit -- a customer took on the service, so we're the ones that we go and shut off.

MR. CAMPBELL: I know we're in a bad situation if we don't own the line and opened an account on it.

MR. BIGGS: Is there any chance the day care paid for that line?

MR. CAMPBELL: At this point it could be any of those.

MR. PETERSON: All we know is we didn't. If there was money spent, you would have found it in the minutes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: There would have been some legislation.

MR. CAMPBELL: We would have legislation or funding showing that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And you can't do improvement outside the County without Mahoning County or wherever that would be consenting to that. That's why even when a single home wants to connect we have an ordinance on the books saying that we allowed that address to; and it's done through Council, not through the BPA. So the very note that wasn't done by Council either, at least accept that single customer in addition outside of our community for one tap to an existing line. If say they just, quote, tapped the line and their service line happens to be -- there's no record to support that action either.

MR. BOND: Have you had CT check their files to see if they did engineering on that?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris was the one that was helping us.

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't know if he specifically thought of that or checked that.

MR. BIGGS: I believe he did. I think it was when Jim Farina was around at the time and I believe it was -- wasn't he with CT -- we just talked about and he was on his own and we stayed with him. So we don't know what point that happened, where they were that maybe he would have something.

MR. BOND: Well, I think Farina was still an employee of CT.

MR. BIGGS: That's what I'm saying, I don't know where that hit.

MR. BOND: Farina left certainly before the sewers and did the construction inspection on the east side sewer system.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But that would have been 2006, 2007, 2008.

MR. BOND: That was way before that. So Farina would have been their employee at that time.

MR. CAMPBELL: At least 10 years before that.

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MR. SULLIVAN: Possibly when I was on Council, Mary Jane was on Council. Mary Jane asked me to go up and meet with her, and I can't remember whether it was sewer or water.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It was sewer when you're talking about --

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay. And Trafficanti from the County said well, we -- they had to take care of the whole thing, that they had to get each resident to --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's correct. And with the sanitary sewer, what you're saying supports that. They contacted the resident because it was unavailable and they were not gonna run it because of the creek bed there. So those few customers.

MR. SULLIVAN: They were gonna stop.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And they have all the customers connecting to the sewer line. It flows south to a pumping station beyond the adult day care center and it pumped back up. They actually bill those residents for sanitary sewer. We bill them off that meter that's in the pumping station because they wanted to keep their customers.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. These envelopes we end up making when we reach outside our boundary of our jurisdiction gets crazier and crazier. Is there anything else at this point with that one?

MR. BIGGS: Just to add, I don't know if you guys are aware, within two months we have had five breaks over there. I don't know if you're aware of the fifth one or not, but Saturday the 8th was another one. So within two months we've got five.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And two on Salt Springs.

MR. BIGGS: And two on Salt Springs.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. That's why I think we need to press Ultium to at least fix -- stop the bleeding.

4. Personnel

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Number 4, Personnel.

MR. PETERSON: Yes. Mr. Radtka, Darren and myself met today. I believe Ron is going to talk to the Utility Committee and discuss everything and see if you guys will have a meeting and we'll meet with you guys and see if you guys agree with everything we discussed and take it from there. So there's movement.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Nothing we can talk about until you have --

MR. PETERSON: Yeah, nothing that we can talk about except for Darren, do you want to --

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, I can bring it up now.

MR. PETERSON: You might as well bring it up now.

MR. BIGGS: I got -- Bruce Pyles is working summer help for the Road Department. I needed help. I went to Ron and Bruce because Bruce did apply and bring that -- bring him over to help us out. And they agreed, Bruce wanted to come over anyhow. So what's happening right now is he's still in the Road

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Department payroll, and they're just gonna bill us. And that saved me a couple weeks, you can get him right away or however many days. But now I need to ask you guys' permission, can we hire him as summer help so he can get on our payroll and be able to help us out for right now?

MR. PETERSON: I'll make that motion.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: To be clear, you're wanting summer help, not part-time?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, summer help.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I just want to make sure that I have it correct.

MR. PETERSON: What's his name?

MR. BIGGS: Bruce Pyles.

MR. PETERSON: I vote we hire Bruce Pyles as summer help.

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: Tell him thank you.

MR. BIGGS: I already did, before he started over there. The only other thing -- I can just make it quick too -- is we have had the resumes, seven of them. I've been busy and sick so I haven't had the proper opportunity to get interviews done. I want that to happen very quickly, and seeing our agenda and knew I wouldn't be ready properly for you guys. So I was hoping maybe at the end of next week if we could have a special one where you guys can do your interviews, if you let me know what time, then I can let those people that applied know hey, can you meet with the Board and, you know, at this time and date.

MR. SULLIVAN: At the same time at that meeting we were talking about?

MR. CAMPBELL: With Imperial.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Yes. But if I'm not here -- I need to be present for the Imperial meeting so I understand the bill process.

MR. SULLIVAN: When are you gone?

MR. CAMPBELL: When the baby comes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: When I get the call. I hate to say that, but I don't have -- she's due the 25th. So next week is --

MR. CAMPBELL: Up in the air all over the place. But we can do that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't want you to hold him up for mine.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: Oh yeah, I was just thinking that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: If I'm here and we can do that together. I just --

MR. SULLIVAN: Correct.

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MR. CAMPBELL: So I guess to finish up your part of it, I guess boil it down to -- I mean, if it's somebody that's just not gonna work --

MR. BIGGS: I wouldn't bring them to you gentleman. But the once that -- obviously you guys are gonna make the choice, you can meet them, we can talk about it prior to, same as before. But what I'll need is a day and a time so I can let them know are you available or hey, this is when my bosses are gonna hold the interview, you know.

MR. CAMPBELL: Chris, look at your calendar for next week. Are you thinking like Thursday or Friday of next week should be sufficient?

MR. BIGGS: I should have everything in line.

MR. PETERSON: I can't do Thursday, but I can do Friday.

MR. SULLIVAN: I can't do Thursday either.

MR. CAMPBELL: Friday what time?

MR. PETERSON: Is 4:00 okay?

MR. BIGGS: What time?

MR. CAMPBELL: Friday 4:00. Anything else on personnel for now?

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ultium Cells - Turn Lane Improvements

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Down to Old Business, number 1, Ultium Cells Turning Lane Improvement. I think we covered that with everything else.

2. Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line Improvements

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 2, Proposed Hallock Young Road Water Line Improvements. Any other --

MR. PETERSON: I think Chris pretty much -- Darren, unless you have anything to add.

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't have any other questions.

3. Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 3, Salt Springs Road Booster Station Relocation. We want to keep it on here. It's a project we want to do, so let's keep it on there.

4. City of Niles/Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Water

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 4, City of Niles/Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Water. I think part of that committee that the Mayor put together will help that topic. And thanks, Bob, for the update for where we're at at this point.

MR. BOND: We'll have to find out where we've already been before we find out where we're at.

MR. CAMPBELL: I think Chris' suggestion of kind of I guess once we find out where the solicitors are, right. And then if they're okay with moving forward, we can sit down and I think Mr. Kogelnik's idea of all right, what's our scope, what's gonna

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be this project, because right now I think it was more of a big wish list of grandiose things and, you know, we all can make a wish list, but when the rubber meets the road of what's gonna get done. So I think --

MR. SULLIVAN: But I think a starting point would be a good place where we ended up, where they were offered to run the 24-inch line and that.

MR. CAMPBELL: That was the wish list.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, that was to get the customer.

MR. SULLIVAN: Well, I understand that.

MR. CAMPBELL: But we presented it to them after all that just as the big picture of where we want things to be, and it wasn't -- it wasn't received bad. I mean, they did consider at least at this point of the game. But again, like now we're working through the solicitors; and we all know how it goes with solicitors. So hopefully that gets calmed where they're okay with CT and we're okay with CT and we have an engineering firm to start designing and building. You can't go for money until they see what you want to do. So you have to spend the money to get something before people that will throw money for this.

MR. BIGGS: Council -- if I might ask, did anybody from Council go to any state representative and say hey, I heard you say in all these meetings -- has anybody went to --

MR. BOND: Not that I'm aware of. No one has any idea. I don't know what has been done on that at all, if anything.

MR. CAMPBELL: I think the Mayor may have proceeded with that particular --

MR. SULLIVAN: I had asked the Mayor to get that -- I think it's O'Brien is the senator for this area now -- to come to a BPA meeting so we could discuss funding on, we got several projects that we could lay out on the table; and he said he would. But that was a couple months ago.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah. Again, that's part of the equation. But no politician is gonna want to do anything unless you have something --

MR. PETERSON: You gotta have something to present.

MR. CAMPBELL: They'll say show me where.

MR. BOND: Have you attended any of these meetings, Kevin, with the Mayor.

MR. CAMPBELL: The one we had with Mr. Kogelnik, MVSD, that was -- it was after the TEC stuff. That was the only one. We sat with them just as --

MR. BOND: That was what, two, three months ago?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah, something like that. Nothing that I know. You have had the most updates that I've received since then.

MR. BOND: We didn't get any update, we just got an assignment.

MR. CAMPBELL: I guess we're all in the same boat. Now it's time to start figuring it out. That's all I know at

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this point.

MR. REIDER: Kevin, yeah. Just correct me, Bob, if I'm wrong. Because that issue came up last night about Mahoning Valley, and Paul the Solicitor said that they sent all the information, they're waiting for their attorney, who's Tom Wilson, to contact Paul and he's not done that yet. That's further out.

MR. BOND: I talked to Paul after the meeting and told him you need to get this thing knocked off dead center a little bit. I asked him to call him again.

MR. CAMPBELL: How long ago did he send that stuff to that attorney.

MR. REIDER: Quite a while.

MR. CAMPBELL: Sometimes it's like they got it off their plate last week and it's like --

MR. BOND: Paul was going to get a held of him again. If that stimulates anything --

5. Ultium Sewer Connection

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 5, Ultium Sewer Connection. I think you had --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We were just keeping that as a status on the report. I can't remember.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Well, we'll keep it on there.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The billing was the report. The legislation and stuff has been signed and has to go to Trumbull County Commissioners for signatures. But on that topic I would like, because it's confidential matters, customer's account, an executive session. We have a huge problem.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Well, we'll make sure not to forget that, call that before we finish up today.

6. Imperial Sewer Agreement

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 6, Imperial Sewer Agreement which we've touched upon. We'll work together to get a meeting scheduled for that. So any other questions on that at that point?

7. Rate Study - Water

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Our rate study for water. We've discussed that and CT's gonna work on putting together something with that.

8. Ultium

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 8. We had Ultium listed, I guess, as a general topic. Is there anything additional for Ultium that we haven't already discussed? All right, I assume we're good there.

9. Utility Department Building

MR. CAMPBELL: Utility Department Building. We

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discussed that and the need for it and the lack of funding.

10. I&I

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 10, I&I. Chris touched upon that.

MR. SULLIVAN: We discussed that.

11. Sanitary Sewer Rate Review

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 11, Sanitary Sewer Rate Review. Part of the equation there that is meeting with Imperial to have that issue resolved so I know financially where we're at with it.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: We have had our second phone conference with -- it was Jay Shutt with CT. He did a list of questions that I answered for him in regards to the special projects and how they were funded and the money. Because when they did that, they went back five years for the finances. So some of that was Imperial master meter pit and how it got paid for, you know, different things like that, and then the transfer of customers. So I just -- that last phone conference was on the 6th. So it's about every two to three weeks he was touching base, which is reassuring that that is being -- that's moving forward.

MR. CAMPBELL: Very good.

12. Extension of Water Utility Service to Property Owned by George R. Ebling, Jr., 6580 Woodridge Way

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 12, Extension of the Water Utility Service to Property Owned by George Ebling, Jr., 6580 Woodridge way. I think we've covered it for now, there's nothing else at this point. So we do want to have it -- as soon as funds come around we'll get it engineered and sitting there ready for money, because I think Chris said it's small enough he can throw it with something to get money for it. A good part is we've got a customer and that issue is under control for now.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: Public Comments. Any public comments at this point? All right.

REPORTS:

1. Solicitor's Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Reports. Anything from our Solicitor? I don't believe so.

2. Engineer's Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Engineer's Report Chris gave us, we went over it. It's printed here if you want to read it.

3. Utility Committee Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Number 3, Utility Committee Report.

MR. REIDER: Only what I said while I got the

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information off of Cindy and dealing with the resident that lives in Warren Township on Palmyra, wanted to get water from us, you know, a connection there at Hallock Young. And we instructed her to contact the Trustees in Warren Township, which she did, and then in fact contacted the Mayor. So I don't know where that's at right now.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's typically the loop then because I get those questions quite a bit. It has to come to us through the other jurisdiction.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: The customer can come to us; but they can't forget, they have to go to their community, their community has to be in cooperation. Yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's what I thought. Okay, very good. Thank you.

4. Clerk's Report

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

MS. SLUSARCZYK: One is the trash contract, as you heard me ask, that we have to rebid that. I gave you a legal opinion attached to your thing from Republic Services that states because we're not spending public funds it doesn't have to be done. So I knew based on that and our Solicitor's opinions historically I sent that to him. I copied all of you on the e-mail so you should have that e-mail as well. But he called me back with it's a franchise service that we require them to do, they are going to benefit more than, you know, the \$50,000 or whatever it is, so it does need to be bid to make sure that we get the best most responsive -- you know, most responsible bid out there. So he says yes, we need to bid that. And the proposal was from Republic Services yes, they'll send it out rebidding it but with an increase. And I don't want to mention any figures because if it does go out to bid that would not be fair to them if that was public.

MR. SULLIVAN: How many companies are out there?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Typically --

MR. CAMPBELL: Maybe three.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: -- we have three to five that bid it.

MR. SULLIVAN: Oh, do you. Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's just the last time we did bid it and we went back with a two-year extension. I don't feel that that's an option at this point. If we put it out to bid, especially which Republic not wanting -- you know, wanting to not bid it anyhow --

MR. CAMPBELL: Would we put it out for another three-year bid, four-year bid, five-year bid?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I think when we bid it last time we bid it for five because three comes around really fast.

MR. CAMPBELL: I think what their response was, you get better responses for a longer contract. More people interested in throwing in for a five-year than a three-year.

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That makes sense.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Regardless, the number of complaints that we had for trash service in the years of contracts since what, 2008 I'm thinking, something like that --

MR. CAMPBELL: Yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: -- I have had less than 20 complaints with the trash service or -- you know, recycling when we were kicking that off and there was some stuff. But general service issues there are very, very few. And our representative there is wonderful to work with, and she makes sure she reaches out to the customers as well and makes sure they're satisfied and it's resolved.

MR. CAMPBELL: That's good.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: But regardless, we have to get that book, Chris will be sending forth a work authorization. If it's -- I know in the last one he said \$1,000 but then he had additional work. I don't know why because they couldn't find the bid book electronically, so I did send it to them.

MR. CAMPBELL: I remember that, yeah.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: So they removed the additional cost. I assume that work authorization is gonna be at least \$1,000 to prepare that book and put it out to bid, be here for the bid opening, those steps. So if that comes I want to get that out it him as fast as we can. I'll put that on any agenda as soon as we can just because there's so much with -- my role upstairs now is changing, it's end of the year, it's gonna be busy in a whole new aspect, and I don't want any of this stuff to fall through the cracks. And the trash contracts, it's a minimum of 90 days they want. They really don't even want to bid it if they don't have 90 days because of the time it takes for routes, employees.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's a lot of work to switch over.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: It's a huge implementation. The faster they are awarded the contract, they see they have that time, it will be to our benefit. The next thing I have is the proposed rate increase from MVSD is actually over the next three years proposed is 34 cents. So that is a huge impact, I mean, even though it's broken up over the three years.

MR. CAMPBELL: Eleven cents a year.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: On our rate study we can see where we're at right now. Hope any of Bob's work on our rate study is forthcoming and we get those, get working on that now, you know, so we have an answer for you for November because again, to implement those rates, 90 days.

MR. CAMPBELL: Takes time.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: And not only that, but it takes a lot of work to change it all in the computers and adjust all those individual contracts and all those special rates that's out there. It's a nightmare. And then you have to notify them. You have to put it in the contracts and notify them, so there's a lot of work going into that. But look forward, you know, to seeing that with Bob hopefully. Like I said, I don't think we're gonna

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see that that fast, but we need to see it that fast.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: At our last meeting, but -- at the last month's meeting I asked you about the transient user rate when they come in to buy water. It's something we're not using right now. But in the event that we do use it. We need to encompass water and sewer rate in that fee because we don't know if that's going to go down the sewer or not when we're selling it. I brought it to you before, this is the second time. I don't know what your feelings are about it. But you'll see how that comes into play in our executive session.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Any other questions for Cindy?

MR. PETERSON: Huh-uh.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. Thank you, Cindy.

5. Superintendent's Report

MR. CAMPBELL: Superintendent's Report, Darren.

MR. BIGGS: Just two more things to add. One, there's been two hydrants down, it's been all summer, even before that. We can't get to them to fix. So I got the estimate, sent it out to four different contractors. I got one back for \$7,385 for an estimate to fix the two hydrants. I had mentioned to him I needed to hold off until the meeting to get permission, and I think I had mentioned this before. Is that new to anybody?

MR. PETERSON: I don't remember.

MR. CAMPBELL: I don't recall it. Sorry.

MR. BIGGS: We've got two hydrants down, we need to get to them, so I had to get estimates. I need to get these fixed because they are not working right now in town.

MR. CAMPBELL: It's a full valve replacement, full hydrant replacement.

MR. BIGGS: Some of that will be able to be billed to insurance because they've both been hit. And we never know what you're getting into with a hydrant until you start to find out what happened, where it broke. Is it a bolt, is it you know an all thread; it makes a huge difference.

MR. SULLIVAN: Where are they at, Darren?

MR. BIGGS: Tait and Highland and 45, just south of Ross'.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. And you said these -- whatever comes through with that will be rebilled to insurance.

MR. BIGGS: That's correct. Right, Cindy? Both of those were reported.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: If we have a crash report on both of them then yes, I bill the insurance company for them.

MR. CAMPBELL: Either way they need fixed, but we have a way.

MR. BIGGS: I'm just taking care of my end. But we did get reports on both of those, but they've been a while also.

MR. CAMPBELL: I make a motion to repair the two hydrants. Is the \$7,385 like maximum, or do you need like not to

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exceed?

MR. BIGGS: This is an estimate. I believe that they were asked to look at worst case scenario. But again, with a hydrant you don't know until you start into it.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. We'll give you little buffer, not to exceed \$8,000. It gives you a little buffer. Not much but, you know, still. Or do you want more buffer?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah, I like more buffer.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Would they be doing them at the same time?

MR. CAMPBELL: Probably.

MR. BIGGS: You mean --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Like if they fixed one and it's less, you know if --

MR. BIGGS: Well, I asked for an estimate for both of them.

MR. CAMPBELL: They'll probably come out and do both of them.

MR. BIGGS: We'll probably get one bill. Is that what you're asking?

MR. SULLIVAN: What do you want, nine?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah. That would be fine.

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. I'll --

MR. BIGGS: It's hard to say, Mike. I don't know what we're going to be getting into.

MR. CAMPBELL: If it's over nine, you just have to come back to us or get one done.

MR. BIGGS: Either way, this is just hard to say.

MR. CAMPBELL: I make a motion to repair those two hydrants not to exceed \$9,000. What's the contractor's --

MR. BIGGS: Lee's Excavating.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second it.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All right. What else you got?

MR. BIGGS: One more estimate. This is from Lee's Excavating too. We put out four, he's the only one that came back to us. We've actually had the two breaks down there on Salt Springs, from messing with those old valves down there when the second one occurred, one of the valves had broke. They are older. This is on the line that was gonna be replaced when the 24 came in. But that's the breaks of what happened, and we're having problems with the valves now because they're being operated more. So I had to get an estimate for three valves in that area up by the tracks that are gonna need dug up, replaced. We don't know about piping or anything, but right now it's valves and possibly anything to go along with that. That is the -- Lee's came through and he's at \$27,332 for three valves. Now the big thing with this is because we don't have that other line

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also. If the 24 goes down right now we're not getting water in here because that valve is now off on the 10-inch that comes from Warren.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Niles.

MR. BIGGS: This has to be done, however we need to figure it out. It's kind of a must.

MR. SULLIVAN: Okay Kevin, that's why you get the big bucks.

MR. CAMPBELL: This is a lot, right. I'm more concerned about our funds more than anything. I mean, I knew it wouldn't be cheap; but there's probably no way to do that in steps either because it's just all --

MR. PETERSON: It's a valve. Yeah, there's no way.

MR. CAMPBELL: Any other suggestions?

MR. BIGGS: These three valves, to let you know, it's at the master meter up there and it's a bypass also. So they're all right there. Twenty foot area. They're gonna -- they'll put a -- they're not going down the road, it's all problem at the master meter area by the tracks.

MR. CAMPBELL: Have you used Lee's before?

MR. BIGGS: Uh-huh.

MR. CAMPBELL: There's no issues with that?

MR. BIGGS: No.

MR. PETERSON: I'm gonna ask this question, and I can't believe I'm gonna ask this question. Can the fire hydrants wait and we can do this because I think that's more important right now. And I really don't want to ask that question. Is there fire hydrants in the area of where the two hydrants are, that if something happened they could grab --

MR. BIGGS: What was that again?

MR. PETERSON: Is there fire hydrants in the area if they could grab if they needed a hydrant.

MR. BIGGS: It would matter where the fear is and how long of a hose you have. I mean --

MR. CAMPBELL: Now you just jinxed us.

MR. BIGGS: I can't answer that.

MR. PETERSON: It's just two hydrants versus the whole town. The valve has to be done, no way around it.

MR. CAMPBELL: Ten grand of the hydrants is a third of the valve replacement.

MR. BIGGS: It's the same company. So they can do the valves first anyway before they start on the hydrants, if that's what you're asking. But you're saying don't give them permission for the hydrants right now.

MR. PETERSON: Correct, wait a minute to generate more funds.

MR. SULLIVAN: I thought we were gonna get the money back.

MR. CAMPBELL: Possibly.

MR. PETERSON: Possibly.

MR. CAMPBELL: We don't know that for sure, right?

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: Let me read -- sometimes there's not insurance. There could be a crash report with no insurance or an uninsured driver.

MR. CAMPBELL: How about we check that, okay. Because if there's no insurance on them and it's just out of our pocket, let's take the money and put it on the valves. If there's insurance money, let's just --

MR. PETERSON: The valves have to be done.

MR. CAMPBELL: Just push forward for both. Does that sound like a plan?

MR. PETERSON: I'm fine with that.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't know if you heard me say, if someone's gonna be doing the valves I request that you require that the contractor submit bonding and insurance to us just in case.

MR. CAMPBELL: I thought you said that they had --

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, I'm saying that you confirm that.

MR. PETERSON: I agree.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Before they do the work they have to provide -- like the contractor on the sanitary sewer, they had to provide their bonding and insurance to us for that.

MR. SULLIVAN: And there was a police report who both of them?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: On the fire hydrants? Darren said yes. The crash report is fine. But if there's no insurance on that report, then that's a problem where you have an uninsured motorist driving somebody else's vehicle. I mean, it can -- it's not always a win-win for us. When they're hitting hydrants it's because --

MR. BIGGS: One was a snowmobile.

MR. PETERSON: It had to be snowing then.

MR. CAMPBELL: He said it was a while ago.

MR. BIGGS: It was a late one, but yeah.

MR. CAMPBELL: He still needs a motion for --

MR. PETERSON: I'll make the motion for the valves.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second.

MR. PETERSON: But under the stipulation they are bonded and -- what else was it, Cindy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Insured.

MR. PETERSON: And insured.

MR. CAMPBELL: Did you second that?

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren, can you give me the price of that valve replacement estimate.

MR. BIGGS: \$27,332.

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: And that's for that flat price in your motion, right?

MR. CAMPBELL: They can hold to that price?

MR. BIGGS: They gave us an estimate, think they may only do that much. But it's the same as everything, they don't know until they are getting into it. They are guessing before they dig up the road. Nobody can give a price until they really know what they are getting into. This is a guess. Could it go higher, yes. Could it go lower, yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Probably not.

MR. PETERSON: Complete valve replacement, it's probably gonna be pretty close. Hydrants, I get that.

MR. BIGGS: Is it a standard bolt or all thread, there's a lot of things --

MR. CAMPBELL: Let's leave it at the estimated price, and then at least they have enough to move forward. If it ends up coming back we just have to look at it then. I mean, you can only do so much anyway. All right. Anything else? Please don't say another one.

MR. PETERSON: I got no more money.

MR. CAMPBELL: Are you good?

MR. BIGGS: I'm good.

MR. CAMPBELL: Any questions for Darren?

MR. PETERSON: No.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: All right, Member Comments. We can't end yet because we have to have an executive session. Any member comments?

MR. PETERSON: I don't have anything.

MR. SULLIVAN: No.

QUARTERLY APPROVAL OF BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

MR. CAMPBELL: We can do quarterly billing adjustment. I reviewed those up there. Did you gentlemen get a chance to look at them? I make a motion to approve.

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. CAMPBELL: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. CAMPBELL: All opposed?

(No response.)

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MR. CAMPBELL: I'll make a motion for an executive session on Ultium --

MR. PETERSON: I'll second it.

MR. CAMPBELL: -- sewer billing.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Well, it's a confidential matter.

MR. CAMPBELL: Confidential account information.

Second on that?

MR. PETERSON: I'll second that.

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MR. CAMPBELL: All right, Cindy, roll call on that. We'll take notes -- well, is there gonna be action needed?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: No, I don't think you can.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: I don't think you'll have an answer for me.

MR. CAMPBELL: Well then, after that we'll -- after the meeting we'll let Debby know.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Campbell.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: I'm even inviting Cindy and Board members and Darren.

(The Board enters into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.)

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