

**Minutes of the
Public Utilities Committee
Meeting 2/16/99**

Attending: Gary Brockett and Ruth McIlrath

Meeting started at 6:00 PM

1. Jay and Karen Brown
1104 Royal Oak
2.4 acres purchased in 1997; Public sewer is available;
-They feel their septic tank is working efficiently and they clean it every 6-months.
The distance to tie-in they feel is a hardship and they may need two lift stations in order to comply.
-Discussion:
Building inspector reports that the leach field does not work. Mayor reports walking the site and observing possible problems on the site. Everyone is fairly confident that the septic will fail the County test.
-Recommendation:
To deny variance and require tie-in.
2. Jim and Marilyn Cotesworth
1082 Bell Road and 1080 Bell Road
4 properties there and not two according to owner:
-They stated these properties were permanently exempted from tie-in; Felt he would need a grinder pump at great expense in order to comply; Said that septic tanks are 75-years old and working fine and need no tie-in to sewer.
-Discussion:
The "exemption" they referenced was from the County and not South Russell Village Mayor and Council according to former mayor. The age of the septic tanks makes it highly unlikely that they would be able to pass the current County Septic Tank test.
-Recommendation:
To deny variance and require tie-in.
The Committee desires to be fair in applying the Ordinance and concludes that it is unfair to require one person to tie-in to central sewer one month and grant a variance to another person the next month. After our recent experience at Bellwood, it is the Committee's opinion that everyone should comply with the existing Ordinance.
3. David Stuart Lowe
Sugarbush
Property not tied-in to sewer either and there may be raw sewage coming from this property.
Discussion:
The Committee will look into this situation and report to Council.
4. Lyndal Hughes
1075 Bell Road
Property not tied-in to sewer and the Committee will look into this and report to

Council.

5. Water Well Monitoring

The Committee discussed the high priority given to water well monitoring and agreed to begin work immediately to update the existing files on this, contact the County for information they have, and start working on securing preliminary bids to determine cost and scope of such a project.

As work develops on this project, the Committee will report to Council.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Public Utilities Committee Meeting March 26, 1999

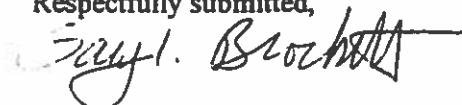
Present: Gary Brockett and Ruth McIlrath

The meeting began at 1:00 P.M. with. . .

- 1.) A discussion of existing ordinances 1979-21 and 1978-17. Ordinance 1978-17 provides a procedure for a variance granted by Council for new construction. This Ordinance appears to be well drafted. The only change that Council might consider is defining the criteria or definition for "compelling public need, extreme individual hardship or other extraordinary circumstances...".
- 2.) The Committee then discussed Ordinance 1979-21. The concern with this ordinance is that it does not specifically provide a procedure for Council to grant a variance. It does require a sewer tie-in whenever a public sewer is "available and accessible". This leaves Council in the position of (a.) having to enforce the sewer tie-in provision, but (b.) perhaps having an opportunity to define what "available and accessible" means. The Committee felt that Council may want to amend this Ordinance to fine what "available and accessible" mean and add any other criteria which may guide Council in enforcing this Ordinance in a fair and consistent manner.
- 3.) Criteria that Council may want to consider when it interprets what is "available and accessible" could include:
 - (a.) Cost – how much will it cost a property owner to tie-in.
 - (b.) Physical accessibility- what is the distance and is it uphill or downhill.
 - (c.) The amount of land around the structure that may enable an alternate system to work.
 - (d.) The percolation of the soil. Some soil perks better than others do and hence an alternative system may work on some properties and not on others.
 - (e.) Alternative remedies available- the Health Department might have an alternate system that would be acceptable to all parties concerned.
- 4.) The Committee also noted that it needs to research two other policies - Ordinance 67- 15 and Resolution 1970 R 10 as they may have an influence on the two existing Ordinances.
- 5.) The Committee concluded that no new position is recommended to Council other than that given at the February 22, 1999 meeting. No new information or compelling data has been brought forward demonstrating that any of the properties under review are neither "available or accessible" to sewer tie-in. If new information is brought forward, the Committee will review it and report to Council. Examples of new information may include:
 - (a.) A quote for tie-in costs demonstrating that a tie-in would truly be a hardship.
 - (b.) Test results showing that the existing system satisfied all existing standards and the cost of compliance would represent a hardship.
 - (c.) A blueprint of an alternate system, approved by the County Health Department, that would satisfy the health concerns, while alleviate a financial hardship on the property owner. Lacking a financial hardship being demonstrated, there is no reason why every property owner should not comply with the two existing Ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brockett

Public Utilities Committee Meeting
Record of Proceedings of Meeting April 3, 1999

Members Present: Gary Brockett, Ruth McIlrath, Roger Mills, Matt Brett, Sally Butz-Voss, and Mayor Young.

Guests Attending: Mr. Brown, Mr. D. Satava, and M/M Cotesworth.

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M. by Brockett who stated that the . . .

Purpose of the meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to review the new information that was submitted to Council at the Meeting on March 29, 1999 and make a recommendation to Council. The information included:

1. Mr. Cotesworth passed out a copy of the Ohio Revised Code 6117.51 providing an exemption for structures more than two hundred feet from sewer.

Brockett reported: The Village Solicitor has advised me that the Village of South Russell is a Municipality and as such has "home rule". Consequently, the Ohio Revised Code does not apply to our Municipality. We may, and should, formulate whatever policy we feel is best for our Village.

2. Mr. Cotesworth passed out a copy of Ordinance No. 1979-21 and stated that he felt that the words "From and after the effective date" exempted his property from the ordinance.

Brockett stated: The Village Solicitor does not agree with this interpretation of the Ordinance. He feels that the discovery of the ordinance language does not change anything and that existing property owners are required to tie-in to sewer when it is available.

3. Both Mr. Cotesworth and Mr. Brown provided little information as to the cost of tie-in. Mr. Brown stated that he was having difficulty getting a quote and Mr. Cotesworth said he was having trouble getting a quote, but about \$58,000 for the back house might be a reasonable number.

Response: Documentation showing that compliance with the Ordinance would cost the home owner a great deal of money, or that the sanitary sewer is not "available and accessible" is perhaps the best argument that any property owner can give. But documentation is needed. It is not the responsibility of Council or the Village to provide this documentation, but rather it is the responsibility of the property owner. Lacking sufficient documentation, verbal arguments can not generally be relied upon as suitable documentation. Hence, we are still seeking some reliable estimate of how much it will cost to comply with the existing ordinance.

4. Mr. Cotesworth referred to a May, 1991 tank cleaning report as evidence that his septic tank is in fine working order.

Investigation showed that: Upon checking all of the tank cleaning reports it was

discovered that one was reported "in poor condition". It was repaired. Two were reported "in fair condition" and they are being connected to sanitary sewer. So out of over 300 tank reports, only 3 reported anything other than "in good condition" and all 3 either have been repaired or will be connected to sanitary sewer. Hence, the reliability of this document that the septic tank is working satisfactorily is very questionable.

5. Mr. Cotesworth stated that he had not had one complaint regarding contamination from his septic tank. Hence, there was no problem and no reason to tie-in to the sewer.

Observation: It is the responsibility of Council to enforce existing ordinances. It does not rely on the number of complaints which are made, but rather are residents complying with or ignoring existing ordinances. Clearly the Cotesworth properties are not complying with the existing ordinance No. 1979-21 and hence we are addressing this problem. It is our responsibility to do so.

6. Mr. Cotesworth stated that no one could pass the "test well" inspection and hence that test could not be relied upon as evidence that his systems are not working.

The Committee found that there are structures that do pass the "test well" inspection. This test can be relied upon as evidence that a septic tank is not currently polluting. But this is an extraneous point. The fact remains that Council has the responsibility to enforce existing ordinances unless there are compelling reasons why it should not. So far, this documentation has not been produced by the property owners.

7. Mr. Cotesworth stated that he had a letter from the County exempting him from sewer tie-in.

Investigation shows that because of a change in construction plans, i.e., the line went down the hill rather than stopping at the top and restarting at the bottom, there were a few properties that were not given proper notification regarding sewer tie-in. The Cotesworth properties were among them. Hence, the only way for the County to provide proper notification and for assessment would have been to start all over again. Starting over with the assessment and notification procedure would have caused a delay in construction and the contracts were already signed. Hence, it was more expedient just to provide a letter to some property owners, including M/M Cotesworth, stating that they did not have to connect to sanitary sewer at this time - and move ahead with construction.

In addition, it is not possible for the County to provide an exemption to a Municipality ordinance as this violates the "home rule". Such a letter could be considered by Council, but does not show compelling evidence as to why Council should not enforce the existing ordinance.

8. Mr. Cotesworth raised the issue of "What is fair". Should Council force an ordinance on anyone that isn't fair?

Certainly the question of what is "available and accessible" is an important one. As stated at the March 29, 1999 Council Meeting, "no one wants to impose a hardship on any property owner."

- But where is the documentation showing that sanitary sewer is not "available and accessible"? And who's responsibility is it to provide that documentation. Clearly, it is the responsibility of the property owner.

- Where is the documentation showing that these decades old systems work satisfactorily today. Again, it is the responsibility of the property owner to provide this documentation and lacking this documentation leaves Council in a difficult position of not knowing if it can/ should provide a variance to the existing ordinance.

Observations:

- 1.) Mr. Brown and Mr. Cotesworth should continue their attempt to get a cost estimate for complying with the existing ordinance. If that cost estimate demonstrates that sanitary sewer is not "available and accessible", then Council can look at other options. Some time deadline needs to be in place- maybe 60-120 days is reasonable, so that this doesn't go on indefinitely.
- 2.) Options may include another type of system acceptable to Council (and the Geauga County Health Dept.), or convincing evidence that the existing septic system is working satisfactorily. But the system- whatever it is- must work. This is not asking too much. How do we know that the existing or proposed system does not pollute?

We are willing to give an opportunity to demonstrate that

(a.) The current system works or

(b.) An alternate system will work at a lower cost

(Having first demonstrated that sanitary sewer is not "available and accessible".)

Lacking other evidence, Council will have to enforce the ordinance and have the property owners connect to sanitary sewer as required by the existing Ordinance.

Recommendation to Council:

(1.) The Committee agreed that the front house on the Cotesworth property should be required to connect to sanitary sewer which is clearly "available and accessible". But the back house, which is roughly 640 feet from the sewer line could cost between \$26,000 - \$42,000 to connect to the sanitary sewer. Hence, the back house could be granted a variance. Evidence that the existing (or proposed) system still works should be provided by the property owner to insure that it does not pollute the surrounding area.

(2.) Likewise, the Committee agreed that the Brown house is sufficiently far from the sanitary sewer (also about 640 feet) that it would probably cost the homeowner between \$25,000- 39,000 to connect. This may be sufficient basis for Council to grant the variance requested and that is the recommendation of the Committee. Again, the existing system, or any alternate system, should demonstrate that it does not pollute.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brockett

South Russell Village Committee Meeting Notes

Date: 2.24.06Committee: UtilitiesPresent: Jack BinderMTB Wolfe

Mctw/CF Village Council to discuss
public access TV.

Cell phones for village employees:
Verizon will submit to us
A quote for phones & service
Jack will present @ Council.

GAS drilling: discussed how to proceed
educating the council on the
process? Possibly a speaker?
Should we tighten ordinances for shielding
or shading drills.

Waste Removal:

Utilities committee discussed
what our (SRV's) specs
need/want to be for a
quote from Waste Mgmt

MTBW will ask Ben Hines
for CF's specs

Submitted by:

Date:

Next Mtg:

Date: 3/31Time: 8:30amPlace: Dinks

1-20-14

SRV BUCO MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT:

MARK E. PORTER

MIKE CARROLL

GUESTS: PER SIGN-IN SHEET

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

1) Village Repts (proposed)
for sewer system

- Sewer low input, 25K
- Iron Bridge - travel
system generally
current reg met
improvement
- Lake Louise - 20% < 20
- Maple Hill Coll - 20%
summer (2013) -
majority -
- Lake Louise - 43 / 103
- Maple Hill →
- Iron Bridge →
- Sewer low → North Branch
Hwy
- Informational Session
→

2. 1950-1951 3. 1952-1953

4. 1954-1955

5. 1956-1957 6. 1958-1959 7. 1960-1961

8. 1962-1963 9. 1964-1965

10. 1966-1967 11. 1968-1969

12. 1970-1971 13. 1972-1973 14. 1974-1975

15. 1976-1977 16. 1978-1979

17. 1980-1981 18. 1982-1983 19. 1984-1985

20. 1986-1987 21. 1988-1989

22. 1990-1991 23. 1992-1993

24. 1994-1995 25. 1996-1997

26. 1998-1999 27. 2000-2001

28. 2002-2003 29. 2004-2005

30. 2006-2007

31. 2008-2009 32. 2010-2011

33. 2012-2013 34. 2014-2015

35. 2016-2017 36. 2018-2019

37. 2020-2021

38. 2022-2023 39. 2024-2025

40. 2026-2027

41. 2028-2029

42. 2030-2031 43. 2032-2033

44. 2034-2035 45. 2036-2037

46. 2038-2039

2) Informational Meeting
provide for both
sides of issues

3) → Tie in fees - \$3-5k or so

4) Grants may be available

5) 75% - Anne Dunning -
too high

- 3/3? - Lake Louis or

- Maple Hill or

- Iron Ridge - or

- Bowbaw - or

6) Non-response → how
count? → 4/15/12

7) April date →
maybe two save

8) Feb - event for public
info & con
petition by April

1, 2014 -

Criteria - set by
Jan 27 council
mtg

Bowbaw 40 homes

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**Public Utilities Committee Meeting
Friday, February 21, 2014 – 8:00 am**

Present – Mark Porter, Mike Carroll, Fiscal Officer Romanowski

Proposed Ballot Review-

- Mark will modify ballot language to include verbiage to the effect of agree to proceed with sewer extension recognizing it could cost approximately \$27,000+ and can be put on tax bill for 20 years. Tap in fees are extra, etc.
- Once Danielle receives revised language, she will revise the ballot accordingly.

Addresses/Streets to be included:

- Maple Hill, Paw Paw, Sun Ridge, Willow Lane, Bell Road
- Reviewed Bell road addresses 800-1508 (even numbered), 1405-1541 (odd numbered) are to be included
 - Mike verifying addresses with county GIS
 - Mike will identify area on map to be distributed to Council prior to Monday's meeting

Publicizing informational meeting:

- Chagrin Valley Times - \$250 for ¼ page ad
 - (Sample) - Village is considering extending sewer lines to the neighborhoods of Maple Hill, Paw Paw, Sun Ridge, Willow Lane and Bell Road. An informational meeting will be held DATE at Gurney School at TIME to discuss information on both sides of this issue.
 - Review prior advertising for reference
- Newsletter – target distribution date of March 20th
- Village website

Distributing sewer/septic information:

- All information distributed by Village will be on Village letterhead
- The website will contact up-to-date, factual information on the subject
- Information distributed by the Village will be factual information only, no opinions

Speakers/Presenters at informational meeting:

- Senator Eklund, Department of Water Resources, Health Department
 - Mark will contact to set up presenter for meeting once date is set
- Chagrin River Watershed, Realtor
 - Mike will contact to set up presenter for meeting once date is set

Informational meeting dates:

- 4/3 – first choice
- 4/10 – second choice
- 4/2 – third choice
- 4/9 – fourth choice
- Danielle to contact Chagrin Schools and try to book date
 - Let committee know as soon as date is booked with school

Ballot:

- Ballots will be mailed day after the informational meeting
- Ballots will be opened as they are received
- On April 18th, the Village will identify who hasn't turned in a ballot
 - Certified letters will go out to affected residents who have not yet voted
- May 2nd – deadline date for ballots to be postmarked or dropped off at Village Hall.
- May 12th – Council will have official decision on sewer initiative based on votes

Ballot Tracking List –

- Danielle to prepare tracking list for ballot distribution, receipt and vote.

Number of residences effected –

- Mike counted 212 houses that would be included in the voting process
- Of that – 153 letters will need to be mailed since Lake Louise vote is already tallied

Rules for the vote:

- One vote per household
- If household members don't agree, first (and only) ballot counts
- Once a vote is cast – there are no changing the vote
- If someone loses their ballot, after verification that vote hasn't yet been cast, a new ballot can be issued and submitted

Share with Council prior to Monday's Council meeting:

- Revised ballot and envelope
- GIS map with affected addresses highlighted
- Written timeline and details

Amendment:

- Prepare amendment to the motion passed at the 2/10 Council meeting

Incentiv Energy Webinar 12-18-14

Prices vary depending on zone.

Would qualify for PJM program

15% growth every 10 years-

Ask consumers to reduce use.

- Demand Resources (DR) during peak use times
- Energy Efficiency (EE) - make pmts for energy efficient projects
- "NEGAWATTS" - pay users for this
- So don't have to build more power plants

PJM - utilities can retain rebates

- PJM does not require DR or Energy Star listing
- Does not require pre-approval
Go back 2-3 for PJM

Once a year opportunity - by April PST

Documented 'Submitters' so be accounted for by summer

PJM cannot do self-has
to be through

100 kWh = 1 megawatt

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 25, 2020 9:00 A.M.
VIA ZOOM

Officials Present: Chairman Galicki, Councilmember Nairn, Mayor Koons, Administrative Assistant Galicki

Visitors: Dave Conley, Illuminating Company/First Energy; David and Tracy Murray, Morningside Dr.; Collin Cunningham, CVT, Greg Heilman

The Mayor discussed the time involved in dealing with such matters and said he preferred it be addressed by the Committee instead of in a Council meeting because of the expense. Conley asked if the committee had received the quote he obtained for having the line buried, and Galicki verified he did, and Nairn stated it was less expensive than she anticipated, but added that it was still a lot of money. Conley agreed, and said that the issue with doing it would be that there would still be two poles, at the north and south ends of the property. He added that it is in the right of way, so it would be in the line with the existing poles. Galicki asked Conley whether the pole would be in the middle of the front of the Murrays' house, or if it could be off to the side. He wanted to mitigate the impact on the homeowner. Conley said in the original plan where the wire would go overhead, it would essentially be in the center. He said it could move possibly 10 or 15 feet one way or another, but it could only go so far. They try to consider aesthetics and making things symmetrical. Galicki suggested Conley offer this to the Murray's as an option. Nairn asked if the front of the house faced Green Valley Dr. or Morningside Dr. Conley said the driveway for the house is on Morningside Dr. Nairn thought it was a sideload garage, so the house would face Green Valley Dr. Conley did not know. She was trying to picture what street the pole would be on and what side the front of the house actually faced. Conley said the pole would be on Morningside, and if the house faces north, it would not be on the front of the house. Nairn thought this was better. Conley clarified that the home faced north.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. when the Murray's joined the meeting, and stated the meeting pertained to the placement of a CEI pole at 71 Morningside Dr. He asked Conley to provide the information he obtained. Conley advised that at the previous meeting, he was asked to determine the cost to bury the lines at 71 Morningside Dr. instead of the planned overhead construction to improve safety and liability in operations of the utility line in the area. The cost would be approximately \$36,000, and would include a utility pole on the northern end of the southwest corner of Green Valley Dr. and Morningside Dr. The wires would cross the road and then go underground south to the southeast corner of the property in the right of way in line with the other primary lines. Another pole would be placed here for the wires to come out and get in line with the other wires that run behind the property to the south. This would be 100% customer billable. The other question Conley was asked to investigate related to tagging trees for possible removal on the eastern side of Morningside Dr. to accommodate the line. Conley stated he discussed the matter with his team and supervisor, who had 30 years of experience in the electric industry, and found that removing the trees was not an appropriate

course of action based on the number of trees that would unnecessarily be removed. CEI does not like to remove resident owned trees where possible, and did not think it would be right to ask any resident to remove that much nature unnecessarily when the same effect could be achieved with the original plan of moving over on the eastern side of Morningside Dr. with the overhead feed and the one pole.

David Murray thanked Conley for his research and asked why two poles would be necessary. Conley explained that a separate pole would be needed to take the wire under the ground. It would then run across Green Valley Dr., south in the right of way adjacent to the Murray's property, and then emerge to the south which would then require a pole to bring the wire up in line with the primaries that travel east to west on the southern portion of the property.

Conley stated that with the original plan to go overhead, the pole that would go in the right of way splitting the span symmetrically, but there could be a little movement of 10 to 15 feet one way or the other in the placement of the pole. Typically, CEI tries to split the spans right in the middle for aesthetics and to hold the wires more evenly. However, this would be an option for the Murrays to move the pole north or south 10 to 15 feet. Murray stated this would be appreciated because one of their biggest objections was that the original location designated for the pole was right in the middle of an area they cleared. If there were leeway where the pole could go closer to trees where it would blend more, he would greatly appreciate this. Conley said this was something that could be done, and a meeting could be arranged with the Murrays with the Field Supervisor.

Tracy Murray stated this was a monopoly and her hands were tied. She felt a battle could not be won with a company the size of the Illuminating Company. She advised they attempted to share what they were feeling and appreciated that Conley listened, but stated it was certainly a shame. If there was agreement that this was what had to be done, she said they had to do what they had to do. The Mayor asked if the Murrays were looking to move it as far north as possible, to be in the northeast corner of the property. Tracy Murray stated that no matter where it is placed there would be lines running through her yard. Whether it was to go in the center or 10 feet over, it was still going in their yard and there would still be wires running across their entire property. As a homeowner, she felt there was nothing else she could do but agree because there was no other power company for them to use. She stated that they were stuck. They tried to take the right approach and have a conversation, but ultimately, CEI would be putting the pole in their yard. She said it was a darn shame that this was occurring for one power outage. Murray stated that their power went out the previous Monday, but had nothing to do with this line, and yet the other lines would not be addressed, just this one. She reiterated again that it was a shame.

The Mayor stated that with the issue of the pole, that it was settled and had to be at that location give or take a few feet. In the long term, there was an issue of the Lake Louise power situation that needed to be examined. For today, the Mayor thought the discussion was done about the pole. Tracy Murray stated it was what the Mayor decided. Murray stated that as a taxpayer, she would like to see the Mayor fight for the residents of South Russell to ensure the property values are taken care of. She described it as a colossal mess in the Lake Louise neighborhoods with wires and lines. She stated that if a taller person jumped up in the Murrays yard, it would be

possible to touch the lines. She stated that she would hope that the Mayor would fight for the residents' property values, and said it was such a shame.

The Mayor stated that was fair enough and he would be glad to be held accountable to see some improvements in the Lake Louise neighborhood. He did not see any change coming with the pole, however. Tracy Murray stated she did not really see much of the Mayor giving his input on alternative solutions with their situation. She felt he had his mind made up at the beginning of the conversation and everyone was going through the motions over the last few weeks.

However, she stated that this was what he chose to do, and it is what it is and there is nothing the Murrays can do because there is no other choice for a power company. The Illuminating Company has a monopoly in their area, and the Mayor agreed. The Murrays stated they would move on, plant some trees, and go from there. David Murray stated that the small victory for them was that when the process began, there was to be a pole placed in the right of way right in front of their yard without their knowledge in a spot that they really did not want. So, if the last four weeks of conversation bought them 10 or 15 feet, he wanted to have this conversation because a more strategic placement of the pole would be better than what was originally planned. He wanted to explore this option, and Conley agreed and said he would work with the supervisor to coordinate a time to meet before the pole is set. Conley added that it would be necessary to "re-oops" it, so there would be the marking organization who would be coming out to mark the property, and the Murrays should be aware of this.

Tracy Murray stated her husband was a lot kinder than she, and that she saw it as a 100% lose lose situation.

The Mayor asked if there were any other comments and adjourned the meeting at 8:14 a.m. Tracy Murray asked if the Chagrin Valley Times was present in the meeting, and the Mayor verified he was and provided his name to the Murrays.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis Galicki". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dennis Galicki, Chairman

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 17, 2020 9:00 A.M.
VIA ZOOM

Officials Present: Chairman Galicki, Councilmember Nairn, Mayor Koons,

Visitors: Dave Conley, Illuminating Company/First Energy; Murray, Morningside Dr.; Collin Cunningham, CVT

Dave Conley stated that Mrs. Murray requested the opportunity to go underground with utility lines, and as far as First Energy is concerned, this would be billable to the property owner, which would be the Village of South Russell. For this reason, he came directly to the Village. He said that Mrs. Murray may indicate she is willing to pay for this, but it could be tens of thousands of dollars for this type of work. In the road right-of-way, any underground cable would need to be encased in concrete and conduit that the customer's contractor would have to install, which would be additional cost to the trenching. Furthermore, instead of being the single pole, there would be two poles on either end for the wires that would go underground, which would be bigger, heavier, thicker wires. He advised that it would cause more obstruction to go underground than to stay as planned with the overhead line pole. Nairn asked if the proposed new pole would be going into the Murray's front yard. Conley explained it would be on the Morningside Drive side of the property but was not sure of the orientation of the home.

The Mayor advised that the second member of Council was joining the meeting, so this would become an official meeting. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. He advised the meeting was being recorded and pertained to the location of a CEI pole on the eastern side of the property of 71 Morningside Dr. in Lake Louise. The pole is in the right-of-way at the corner of Morningside Dr. and Green Valley Dr.. The Mayor stated Conley was at the location on June 16th, and the Mayor was there Saturday, June 13th. The issue started in May with the proposed location of the pole, and the Murray's asked if they could be heard.

The Murrays joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Murray thanked the committee. He stated he and his wife were surprised when they discovered a pole was to be placed in their front yard. Had it not been for the Stay at Home order, they might have come home from work to find it. Their biggest concern is that this is a band aide for a larger problem that exists in Lake Louise and parts of South Russell with power outages that last for extended periods of time. He stated that these outages were occurring in a part of the line that would not have been fixed by this solution. He questioned why First Energy would zig zag the lines through the neighborhood as opposed to finding a better solution. There are lines that go through backyards for miles in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Murray stated that they are not only thinking about the integrity of their home, but the integrity of the neighborhood and Village. She estimated that they lose power a half dozen times a year, and it is always in a different location. She said she understood the safety issue, but asked what would fix this one particular line when other lines go down creating issues. Mrs.

Murray reiterated that it is a band aid, and she was wondering how the community can rally together to figure out a solution that is not just fixing a problem that continues to happen over and over. She said that this was the first time that the line First Energy wants to move had gone down. It was not a reoccurring situation. Mr. Murray stated that in the seven years they had lived in the home, there was never an issue in that part of the line before. He added that aesthetically, they also had an issue with the pole. Seven years ago when they purchased their property, they spent a lot of money removing trees and adding a front yard to improve the appearance. The pole would be going in the center of the landscaping they had done. They questioned its purpose and said it would not stop the power company from coming to Lake Louise several times a year because there were so many other issues down the line.

Galicki referred to Mrs. Murray's statement about the repeated problem with power outages, and asked if she was referring to Lake Louise or the Village in total. She clarified that it was within the development. She advised that Ridgecrest often loses power, and other times half of the neighborhood would go out and the other half would not. Mrs. Murray surmised that they result from old lines and old trees. She understood that something had to be done, and she discussed other solutions with Mr. Conley. She thought about the value of her home and community as well as the Village. She asked what her other options were and what the Village could do to rally to help the neighborhoods which continued to be littered with lines.

The Mayor stated that there were two issues, one was the pole and one was Lake Louise. He thought the pole needed to be addressed first. Conley advised that the pole was being place in the specific location to reroute primary lines that run through heavily vegetated areas. First Energy has a requirement to provide a certain level of power reliability, safely, and economically. The pole allows them to do that and it is the only option currently available. This was the criteria used in the decision to move the pole to that location. After his conversations with Mrs. Murray and hearing her concerns, he verified with the line shop personnel this was what had to be done to meet the requirements. It would allow them to improve reliability without removing the forestry. He stated safety is a major concern. When working in an area where vegetation can fall and damage the primary line, it creates a dangerous situation for the crews and the public. For all these reasons, this location was determined to reset the pole and move the primary wires.

Mr. Murray asked why the decision was made to move this portion of the line so quickly. It was the first time this portion of the line had gone down in the seven years they had lived in the home. Yet, no movement had been made on the pole directly in their backyard. There had been crews working on this line the previous week and four times previously over the past seven years because it had gone down. Conley stated he could not speak to any line issues in the past, but with the current line, recently there was an outage where the crew responded and identified the issues and the landscape there. At that time, they determined in order to meet their requirements to safely, reliably, and economically restore power, the line needed to be moved.

With regard to the use of the term, "heavily vegetated area," Mrs. Murray said it was a backyard with trees, but not a forest. She said their yard is not heavily vegetated in the back because they chose to remove the trees. Had they not spent \$30,000 removing the trees, they too would be

heavily vegetated. She asked what the restrictions were for the backyard, and why could First Energy not consider rerouting for the safety and think about other options. Conley stated it is necessary for the company to have access to their equipment, which can be an issue and safety is another piece. Mrs. Murray asked whose obligation it is to trim the trees, and Conley stated First Energy operates on a four-year maintenance cycle to trim outside of the right-of-way of the primary distribution circuit. Outside of the right-of-way, there are trees that can cause issues. Murray asked if the cost of removing the branches and trees that obstruct the line would be greater than the cost to put the new line up. Conly said he did not have those figures in front of him, but First Energy can only trim to a certain level and any trees outside the area which they cannot access are not their trees to trim and this aspect cannot be controlled. He reiterated that it comes down to having access and safely and reliably operating it. Economically, moving the pole to the new location was determined to be the correct course of action.

Nairn asked if the discussion involved just one pole that would be erected on the Murray's property. Mrs. Murray stated yes. Nairn asked the location of the pole, and Murray stated it would be in the front yard. She explained that there is one pole which will entail wires that will run the entire perimeter of the front yard. They will have the only home on the street with wires in the front and back of their home.

Murray addressed the cost and safety issues as well as their home value with the wires running around the front of her house.

The Mayor stated that the Village is always concerned about home values and people's property. He stated it seemed this was the easiest and cheapest solution. To go underground would be very expensive. The wooded area east of the Murray's home, in the opinion of the Mayor and First Energy, is heavily wooded. He did not see a solution other than the suggested location for the pole. The Mayor stated he thought there was a long-term issue with the Lake Louise neighborhood, but that would not get solved today. The Mayor stated the pole would have to go where First Energy indicated, but he thought they could get a commitment from First Energy to look at the Lake Louise issues. He thought this would be the best compromise that could be reached. The pole would be in the Murray's yard, but it would be taken from a more dangerous area behind someone else's home.

Mrs. Murray stated the problem that she was having was that this is the easiest solution for everyone but them. It was easier to make one homeowner feel that their lifestyle must change due to the fact that it was easier for First Energy. She felt it was a case of big companies winning again. As a taxpayer, Murray stated that the Village needed to do something. Stand up and think about what the Village was looking like. She stated it was littered with lines. If this is the solution, Mrs. Murray asked if it would be an option for her to call a tree service to determine the cost of removing the trees that were obstructing the line. She added that she had already spoken to the homeowner.

Galicki asked Conley if it was a matter of access to existing poles and the relocation of the pole to the Murray's yard would help mitigate those issues, or was it a power distribution issue where the pole needed to be relocated to help distribute electricity. Conley stated that one pole with the

primary on it would be moved. The primary feeds approximately 40 different customers. If a branch were to fall into it, it would be a lengthy restoration because of the geography. By moving it, these obstacles would be eliminated. The new location would enable First Energy to provide faster restoration. He explained that it was the distribution aspect where it would improve the reliability in the neighborhood. Murray asked how many homes were affected by the line. Her understanding was that there were three homes. She added that her power did not go out on the one time that the line went down. It affected the four homes around the wire, and she asked if this solution was for those four homes. Conley explained that this is the primary line that feeds the circuit for approximately 40 customers. Some of the other lines are secondary service that would directly feed just those individual customers. Murray clarified that the line that went down was only feeding those customers. Conley said he did not have an answer for that specific situation. Murray said the line that went down only affected a small number of homes, which was why she thought it was a secondary as opposed to a primary line.

Murray asked if it were the consensus that there was nothing that could be done to protect the integrity and value of their home and neighborhood, and whether everyone felt good with this.

Regarding Mrs. Murray's statement that two and a half sides of her home would have wires, Nairn clarified that this would be if the line went up. Mrs. Murray concurred. Nairn asked if there were other properties in Lake Louise with this situation. Mr. Murray said he would have to check. Most homes in Lake Louise have either all front yard or all backyard lines. The Murray's street has all backyard. The point in question is where it transitions and then goes up Cascades Dr. in the front yards. Murray stated it was usually either or but not both.

Mr. Murray stated that when this issue began, he had asked about the cost of burying the lines but had not been given an answer. If the cost were affordable, he would consider it.

The Mayor asked Conley if they should adjourn the meeting and allow him to find this information and reconvene in a couple of days. Conley explained engineering would be involved that First Energy does not typically do for this situation. He added that it is expensive. Conley said he could research it further. Mr. Murray said he was not looking for a study on his property, but if Conley could provide a ballpark cost, perhaps they could entertain this.

Galicki asked Conley whether it is the opinion of First Energy that no other options to improved electrical distribution within that subdivision exist other than relocating this pole to the Murray's front yard. Conley said he could not speak for the entire subdivision, but for this specific instance, that was the decision made and was agreed upon by the line shop personnel and the designer. Galicki stated that no one likes to have utility poles in their front yard. He understood the Murray's concerns. Galicki asked if this were the only solution available, would there be a way to place the physical location of the line on a property line, essentially splitting the difference between two properties, or some way to mitigate the aesthetic issue. Conley stated that it might be possible to shift the location of the pole approximately 10 feet one way or the other north or south.

The Mayor stated that there were a number of options. One is that the proposed location of the pole is in the right of way, the line goes in and that's it and nothing can be done. The Mayor

asked how many poles would be needed if it went underground. Conley stated it would be two poles, one where it goes in and one where it comes back out of the ground. He explained that the line would come across Green Valley Dr. where there would be a pole, and then another pole would be on the southern end of the property. The Mayor added that the line would go along Morningside under their driveway. He clarified that a pole would be at the southeast end and another at the northeast end of the property. Conley said this is correct. He added that the wires that go into the ground are thicker, stronger wires and there would be additional work on the side of the customer to ensure that they are properly secured in the ground in the right of way. Other conduit may be required.

Mrs. Murray stated she understood the economical side of things. She explained that during a recent outage, there were four trucks that responded with five or six employees standing outside the truck for three hours. Mrs. Murray questioned the expense of this compounded by the frequent power issues in the neighborhood. She expressed her frustration in the decision to place the pole in her yard when other lines go down that have nothing to do with the line in question. The most recent line to go down was not questioned because there was no vegetation because the Murray's took the vegetation down to enable First Energy ease in getting to the line. In thinking about the money, they spent to do this, Mrs. Murray was very frustrated. However, she appreciated the time spent by Conley to address the issue and wanted the Village to think about the matter. She wanted the Village to commit to having the problem fixed.

The Mayor stated he would be in contact with Joe Ferenczi, the HOA president, and suggested getting a commitment from Conley that First Energy would look at the situation in Lake Louise to improve the electrical supply. The Mayor reiterated that he did not see a chance that the pole would not go into the east side of the Murray's property. Mrs. Murray said she would continue to explore other options, and she said she would appreciate Conley looking into the cost of putting the line underground. Conley agreed.

Galicki stated that he was aware First Energy had worked hard to improve the electrical distribution in South Russell. When he moved to the Village in 2003, the move-in day was the day of the National blackout. Subsequently, there had been a lot of power interruptions such that he invested in a whole house generator. Since buying the generator, however, the number of incidents had decreased. He acknowledged the Murray's pain and understood the frustration of the power interruptions. Galicki said it seemed that First Energy had worked on distribution issues in other parts of the municipality, and if they could determine the cause of the issues with Lake Louise, it would be appreciated by the residents. If there were improvements that could be made to the electrical distribution system, it would be a wonderful thing.

Mr. Murray stated that what struck him in this process was how lousy they were treated by some of the First Energy employees, and third-party personnel. At the end of the day, he is a customer, and questioned the business practice of installing the line without notifying the resident. He acknowledged that it was in the right of way but added that it would have a great impact on their property. Until they reached Conley, Mr. Murray said it felt as though they were treated as the enemy and not a customer.

Nairn added that she was disturbed that the Murray's received no communication about the pole or that there would be workers on their property. She explained that sending employees to wander around on private property is not done without some sort of forewarning. Nairn was surprised at the Murray's treatment and felt it, too, needed to be investigated. Conley stated he understood and apologized that First Energy could have done a little better job with the communication piece. He had already brought the concerns to the appropriate personnel. He offered his apologies and expressed his appreciation for them as customers.

The Mayor suggested giving Conley eight days to find out the cost of going underground. Conley said this should not be a problem. The Mayor suggested meeting Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. He said that Conley would determine the cost of going underground and the Murray's would determine the cost of removing trees on Sharon Gross' property. Mrs. Murray stated she would need to know what trees would need to be removed. Conley was not sure this could be accomplished in the timeframe given by the Mayor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis Galicki", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle name.

Dennis Galicki, Chairman

Public Utilities Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairwoman Nairn, Councilman Galicki, Mayor Koons,
Fiscal Officer Romanowski

Nairn indicated that the first agenda item to be addressed was the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Community Choice and Sustainable Energy Program. The Mayor referred to a newspaper article discussing a presentation made by NOPEC to Bainbridge Township. The Mayor also referenced the NOPEC sustainability report from last summer. He scheduled NOPEC to attend the October 25th Council meeting to make the presentation. NOPEC wanted municipalities to pass a resolution by the end of the year on the electricity output. They are looking at a 100% renewable option that would cost about \$3.00 per month for a total of \$42.00 per year. They have asked municipalities to join and recommended a public hearing on October 25th, which the Mayor put in the fall newsletter. People can attend the meeting to learn about the proposal and comment on it. A copy of the resolution was provided to Council in July. The bottom line is that people would be asked to pay \$42 more per year for electricity because it would all be renewable. Galicki added that it would not be as reliable and referenced the events in Texas last year with the power supply when there were weather issues. They were using renewable energy sources which were not reliable during the severe weather. Nairn verified the proposal had nothing to do with natural gas. The Mayor said it just involved electricity.

The Mayor explained that the October 25th meeting would begin with a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. He thought there would be discussion in the Council meeting after the hearing. The Fiscal Officer asked if the matter required public hearings. The Mayor said he did not know that it required a hearing but recalled hearing that it was recommended. He did not think it was something that would be passed that night. Nairn asked if everyone in the Village would automatically be enrolled if Council were to pass a resolution. Galicki advised that the newspaper article indicated that there was an option to opt out, so if Council approves it, you are in unless you want to opt out.

Nairn asked which NOPEC representative would be involved and indicated that the last one caused confusion. The Mayor said that he did not want to challenge the Solicitor, but all 200 communities did the process the way NOPEC instructed, except for the Village. As a result, there were more hoops to jump through with the two meetings which no one attended.

Nairn addressed the annual United States Geological Survey (USGS) survey of the Village wells. She felt it was important to oversee the health of the wells in the Village. She asked the Mayor how many homes in the Village had wells, and the Mayor explained that from the Chagrin line to about Laurel is on city water. Residents east of this are on wells. Whitetail and Paw Paw Lake have their own water systems. The Mayor expanded on the history of city water vs. well water around the Village.

The committee discussed stormwater in relation to well water levels. Galicki noted that USGS measures the quantity of the water, but not quality. The water quality can be tested by Geauga County. The Fiscal Officer asked if Charles Hart, USGS, had to attend the meeting since he

provided a detailed report. The Mayor thought this would be a waste of his time. He would call Hart and ask what he wanted to do. Nairn asked if this was a yearly contract. The Mayor proposed signing a five-year contract. The Mayor added that perhaps the Village should pay to have the water quality tested. Galicki said that this may not provide an accurate view of the community. There can be two wells next to each other where the results can be completely different. The results depend on how deep the well is, where the well is tapping into the water, etc. One well can be contaminated and the house next door that might have a deeper well may be fine. Nairn indicated that the Manor Brook and Whitetail water is tested, and residents receive a detailed report yearly. Galicki advised that in Kensington Green, each house has its own well as with the rest of the Village other than Manor Brook, Whitetail, and Paw Paw Lake.

Nairn asked if there were any communities that require homeowners to test the quality of their well water. Galicki thought this might be done on transfer of property. Businesses might have a monthly or quarterly test required if it is potable water. The Mayor suggested asking the USGS representative about water quality testing, but thought he would refer the Village to a private testing facility. He would also ask him about a five-year contract. Galicki saw the benefit of keeping the USGS services, although the Village was the only municipality in Geauga County to do so.

Nairn addressed the possibility of fracking in the Village and referred to an article about fracking in Auburn Township and the related concern about the effects on the LaDue Reservoir. She spoke to the Building Inspector, who provided her with an article that states that in the Village of South Russell, it is not permissible to drill or frack in an area that is less than 80 acres. No one owns 80 acres in the community. Nairn discussed the relationship between fracking and earthquakes as well as contamination of well water. Nairn concluded that the Village was safe from fracking, but the Mayor said the State can override home rule citing the ability of homeowners to derive the benefit of their land. Nairn referenced another article that said the State of Ohio preempted all local regulations of oil and gas wells. At least there was some legislation on the books for the Village.

The Mayor discussed the bowling alley lots and new construction of homes. Nairn stated that there is also a law that allows two adjacent property owners to combine acreage in order to have the 80 acres for fracking.

Nairn adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Cindy Nairn, Chairwoman

Public Utilities Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Berger, Mayor

Mayor's tasking includes:

- NOPEC – Stay in
- USGS Contract – renewal in August-Sept 2026 Gurney
- Water quality monitoring - \$50/test-sunrise
- Public Utilities should spearhead stormwater management efforts Village wide
- Mayor departed 8:15 a.m.
- Stormwater projects I/P
 - Whitetail
 - Detention Pond south of Village Hall

Adjourned 8:26 a.m.

Public Utilities Meeting
Friday, February 18, 2022, Village Hall

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Berger, Mayor, Engineer Haibach

- Manor Brook – Whitetail 319 project
 - 2/23/22 – quotes due for Phase I – clearing
 - Multiple potential contractors interested
 - Phase I to be complete by March 31
 - Council to review/authorized Phase I contract
 - Same for Central Detention Basin
 - Next step for both projects Phase II each, excavation, grading, shaping – completion date expected July-August 2022
- Country Estates Ponds 3 & 4 project
 - Swale cleaned out between Ponds 3 & 4
 - Restoration April timeframe
 - Lidar Topo info –posted and available on the cloud
- Paw Paw silt pond
 - East Ohio Gas line project 2016
 - Village wide dredging program potentially
 - Mathematical funding formula?
 - Does SRV have authority to make stormwater grants to HOAs and/or private pond owners – ask Solicitor
 - Water quality issue as well, potentially
- Parkland Dam
 - Last 2 days of rain
 - Pond did not overflow
 - Water level still high
 - Geotechnical petition and costs, approx. \$3,000/household
- Northeast quadrant flooding issues
 - Fema Grant possibility
 - Recommend action – Council authorize \$5,000 to apply for grant
- Adjourn 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES MTC 2/18/22

ATTENDEES: MP, CB, EH, BK

9:00 AM

H MANOR BROOK - WHITETAIL 319 PROJECT

- 2/23/22 - QUOTES DUE FOR
PHASE I - CLEARING

- MULTIPLE POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS
INTERESTED

- PHASE I TO BE COMPLETE BY MARCH 31

- COUNCIL TO REVIEW/AUTHORIZE
PHASE II CONTRACT

- SAME FOR CENTRAL DETENTION
BASIN

- NEXT STEP FOR BOTH PROJECTS
PHASE II EARTH, EXCAVATION,
GRADING, SHAPING - COMPLETED
DATE EXPECTED JULY-AUG 2022

H COUNTRY ESTATES PONDS 3 & 4 PROJECT

- SWALE CLEARED OUT, BETWEEN
PONDS 3 & 4

- RESTORATION APRIL TIMEFRAME

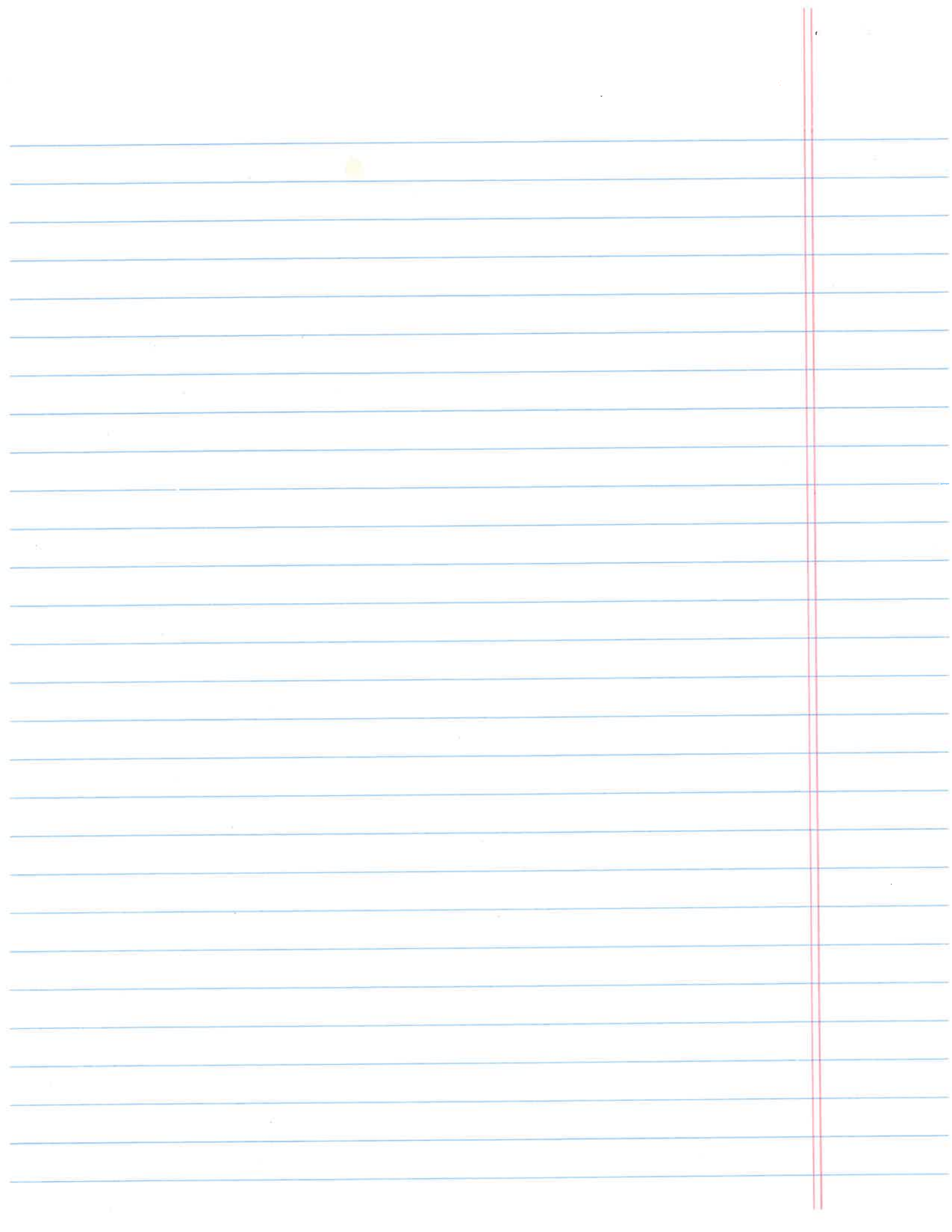
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H BAIN BROOK TILT POND

- EAST SIDE GAS LINE PROJECT
2016

- VILLAGE WIDE DREDGING
PROGRAM, POTENTIALLY

- MATHEMATICAL FLOW-
ING FORMULA?



- DOES SRV HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE STORMWATER GRANTS TO HUR'S +/ON PRIVATE POND OWNERS
 - ASK SOLICITOR
- WATER QUALITY ISSUE AT WELL, POTENTIALLY

W PARKLAND DAM

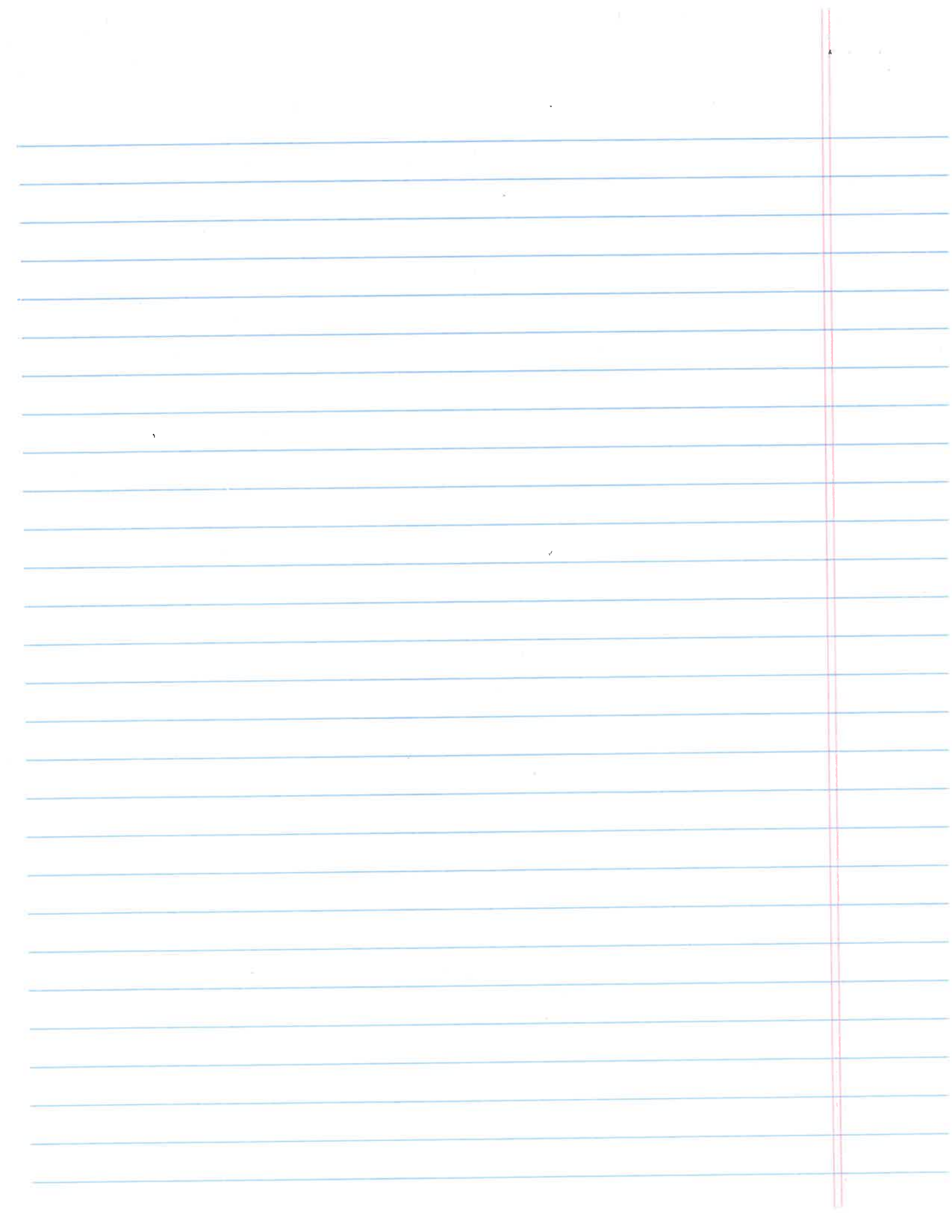
- LAST 2 DAYS OF RAIN
- POND DID NOT OVERFLOW
- WATER LEVEL STILL HIGH
- GEOTECHNICAL PETITION & COSTS, APPROX \$3K/HOUSEHOLD

W NORTHEAST QUADRANT FLOODING ISSUE

- FEMA GRANT POSSIBILITY
- RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCIL AUTHORITY
\$5,000 TO APPLY FOR
GRANT

W APPROX 12:00 AM



**Public Utilities Committee Meeting
March 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Village Hall**

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Berger, Mayor

Visitor: Patrick Holtz, Garden Park Dr.

- Manor Brook – Whitetail 319 project
 - Van Curen tree/brush removal in progress
 - March 31, 2022, completion
 - Decibel/sound evaluation not being done
 - Project next step:
 - Advertise for bids
 - Retention pond 8” pipe – being added to show on plans
 - Out for bids next week
- Central Retention Pond
 - Ready for bid
 - Contractors may want both
 - Brush clearing to be done by 3/31/22 by Van Curen
 - Probably project finish by end of July, 2022
- Country Estates Ponds 3 & 4
 - Final seeding and grading to be finished
 - Pipe between Ponds 2 & 3 stays
 - Lidar survey available
- Paw Paw Lake silt pond
 - Dominion pictures obtained by Mayor
 - Silt build up not likely from Dominion or SRV projects
 - Special Improvement District might be a means to address stormwater impact Village wide for dredging – water quality
- Parkland Dam
 - Agreement I/P
 - DR comment
 - CB & MP to review along with Solicitor
- NOPEC
 - Go Green Program
 - Charging Stations
- Family Life Center detention pond
 - Solicitor to evaluate SRV power to enter agreement with private entity to clean out piping
 - Mayor follow up
- North Central Retention Basin
 - Grant application in I/P Fema Grant
 - Red Ranch Area

Adjourn 10:02 a.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING 3/13/22 9AM

ATTENDEES - MRP, CB, MR,

MAJORBROOK - WHITETAIL 319 PROJECT

- VAN CUREN TREE/BRUSH REMOVAL IN PROGRESS
- MARCH 31, 2022 COMPLETION
- DECS BAL/SCAND EVALUATION NOT BEING DONE
- PROJECT NEXT STEP:
 - ADVERTISE FOR BIDS
- RETENTION POND 8" PIPE - BEING ADDED TO GROW ON PLANS
- OUT FOR BIDS NEXT WEEK

CENTRAL RETENTION POND

- READY FOR BID
- CONTRACTORS MAY WANT BOTH
- BRUSH CLEARING TO BE DONE BY 3/31/22 BY VAN CUREN
- PROBABLY PROJECT REINVEST BY END OF JULY, 2022

COUNTRY ESTATES POND 304

- FINAL SEEDING & GRASSING TO BE FINISHED
- PIPE BETWEEN POND 203 - STAYS

17 LIDAR SURVEY AVAILABLE

17 PAW PAW LAKE ISLT POND

- DOMINION PICTURES OBTAINED BY MAYOR
- ISLT BUILD UP NOT LIKELY FROM DOMINION OR SLV PROJECTS
- SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MIGHT BE A MEANS TO ADDRESS STORM-WATER IMPACT VILLAGE WIDE FOR DREDGING - WATER QUALITY

17 PARKLAND DAM

- AGREEMENT I/P
- DR SUMMIT
- ~~10/10/10~~ TO REVIEW, AGENT W/ TOLSON

17 NOBER

- GO GREEN PROGRAM
- CHARGING STATIONS

17 FAMILY LIFE CENTER DETENTION POND

- TOWNSHIP TO EVALUATE TRY LOWER TO ENTER AGREEMENT W/ PRIVATE ENTITY TO CLEAN OUT POND

- MAYOR TO FOLLOW-UP

17 NORTH CENTRAL RETENTION BASIN

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17 GRANT APPLICATION I/B
FEMA GRANT

18 15 RISK RANKING AREA

19 ATTORNEY 10-22-21.

Meeting

Public Utilities 3/18/22

Date _____

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**Public Utilities Committee Meeting
April 22, 2022, 8:00 a.m. Village Hall**

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Councilman Berger, Engineer Haibach,
Mayor Koons (8:50 a.m.)

Visitor: Patrick Holtz

Manor Brook – Whitetail 319 project

- Out for bid today
- Noon, May 6, 2022
- Completion date October 2022
- Van Curen – brush removal in process for late April – early May

Central Retention Basin

- Out for bid next week
- Same contractor could do this project and 319 project
- Digging likely in June 2022
- May 13, 2022, likely bid opening – split completion dates

Country Estates Ponds 3 & 4

- Final dress up remains to be done

Parkland Dam

- Petitions to go out
- New resident moved in – escrowed money
- 2 property owners-lower portion of dam-access agreements
- Deadline for return – TBD

Special Improvement districts

- Board control membership
- County wide v. village wide
- Bond costs, counsel
- ESID
- No recommendation to Council at this point, re: SID

Committee recommends further investigation and potential meeting with Bond Counsel

Adjourn - 8:56 a.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES 4/22/21

ATTENDEES: MR. C. BERGER, ENGINEER, MAY 20 8:45 AM

MANOR BRUSH - WHITETAIL 319 PROJECT

- OUT FOR BID TODAY

- NOON, MAY 6, 2022

- COMPLETION DATE OCTOBER, 2022

- VAN CUREN - BRUSH REMOVAL

- IN PROCESS FOR LATE APRIL - EARLY MAY

CENTRAL RETENTION POND

- OUT FOR BID NEXT WEEK

- SAME CONTRACTOR COULD DO THIS PROJECT & 319 PROJECT

- DIGGING LIKELY IN JUNE 2022

- MAY 13, 2022 LIKELY BID

OPENING - SOIL COMPLETION DATES

COUNTRY ESTATES POND 304

- FINAL DRESS UP REMAINS TO BE DONE

PARKLAND DAM

LETTERS TO GO OUT

NEW RESIDENT MOVED IN - ESKEWED MONEY

2 PROPERTY OWNERS - LOWER PORTION OF DAM - ACCESS AGREEMENTS

DEADLINE FOR RETURN TO

- ✓ SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
 - BOARD CONTROL, MEMBERSHIP
 - COUNTY-WIDE V. VILLAGE WIDE
- ✓ BOND COSTS, COUNSEL
 - USED
 - NO RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL AT THIS POINT, RE: USED
- ✓ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION & POTENTIAL MEETING W/ BOND COUNSEL.
- ✓ ADJOURN → 8:56 AM

Special Public Utilities Committee Meeting
June 6, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Village Hall

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Council Member Berger, Engineer Haibach, Street Commissioner Alder, Mayor Koons

Manor Brook – Whitetail 319 update

- Bid opening done
 - Mr. Excavator low bid – contract I/P
 - Van Curen completed tree/brush removal
- Council to consider contract 6/13/2022

Central Retention Basin

- Mr. Excavator winning bid 306K
- Possible Zoom Special meeting to approve
- Completion date 10/28/22

Country Estates Ponds 3&4

- Seeding tbd
- Complete this summer

Parkland Dam

- No progress since last meeting
- Mayor and C Berger to arrange meeting with Parkland leadership

SID Stormwater

- Reserve Fund
- Fox Run

Adjourn 10:07 a.m.

UTILITIES
PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEETING

6/6/22
9:50 AM

W ATTENDEES: MR. BERGER, EK, BK, TA

W MAJOR BROOK - WHITETAIL 319 UPDATE

- BID OPENING DONE

- MR. EXCAVATOR LOW
BID - CONTRACT I/P

- VAN CUREN COMPLETED
TREE/BRUSH REMOVAL

- COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CONTRACT
6/13/22

W CENTRAL RETENTION BASIN

- MR. EXCAVATOR WINNING
BID 306K

- POSSIBLE 200M SPECIAL
MEETING TO APPROVE

- COMPLETION DATE 10/28/22

W COUNTRY ESTATES BAND 347

- FEEDING TBD

- COMPLETE THIS SUMMER

W PARKLAND DAM

- NO PROGRESS FENCE LAST
MEETING

- MAYOR + BERGER TO ARRANGE
MEETING W/ PARKLAND LEADERSHIP

W 52D STORMWATER

- RESERVE FUND

- FOX RUN

W ATTEND 10:50 AM

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA 6/6/22

- 1) Manorbrook-Whitetail 319 Project Update
- 2) Detention Pond Project Update
- 3) Country Estates Ponds 3 and 4 Project Update
- 4) Parkland Dam
- 5) Special Improvement District Encompassing Village for Stormwater Management and Water Quality Improvement

Special Public Utilities Committee Meeting
July 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Village Hall

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Council Member Berger, Fiscal Officer Romanowski,
Engineer Haibach, Solicitor Matheney

Visitor: Kate Jacob McClain, Geauga County Auditor Office

Manor Brook 319/Central Retention Basin (CRB) Projects

- Contracts with Mr. Excavator done
- OEPA notice of intent for 319 project submitted
- OEPA notice of intent CRB to be submitted next week
- Shop drawings submitted
- Completion date 10/28/2022, but may be some earlier
- 319 landscaping plan complete will be sent to Ruth Griswold, Building secretary, for Planning Commission review
- Add to website as a proposed plan

Parkland Dam Issue

- Revised petition given to Parkland owners mid May or June
- No petitions returned to Village to date, no checks either

Special Improvement District

- Bainbridge, South Russell, Russell on board, but no others so far
- Continue with ESID by SRV even if Parkland residents back out of petition/dam project.

Adjourn 9:35 a.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES SPECIAL MEETING 7/8/22 9:00 AM

ATTENDEES: MTB, C. BERGER, DR, BM, EH

MANOR BROOK 319/CRB PROJECTS

- CONTRACTS W/ MR EXCAVATOR DONE
- OEPA NOTICE OF INTENT FOR 319 PROJECTS SUBMITTED
- OEPA NOTICE OF INTENT CRB TO BE SUBMITTED NEXT WEEK
- SHOP DRAWINGS SUBMITTED
- COMPLETION DATE 20/28/22, BUT MAY BE DONE EARLIER
- 319 LANDSCAPING PLAN COMPLETE WILL BE SENT TO RUTH GRESSWOLD, BUILDING SECT^Y, FOR PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW
- ADD TO WEBSITE AS A PROPOSED PLAN

BARKLAND DARK ISSUE

- REVISED PETITION GIVEN TO BARKLAND OWNERS MS. MAY DR TO
- NO PETITIONS RETURNED

1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the cold air. It was a sharp contrast to the warm, humid air of the tropics. I had heard that the weather in the north was harsh, but I didn't realize just how cold it would be. The wind was biting, and the sun felt like a distant, weak light. I wrapped my coat around myself, trying to keep warm. The ground beneath my feet was a mix of snow and ice, slippery and uneven. I took a deep breath, trying to clear my head. The air tasted different here, crisper and cleaner. I had come to a new world, one that was so different from the one I had left behind. I felt a sense of adventure, a sense of excitement. I was here, in the heart of the north, and I was going to make the most of it. I was going to explore, to learn, and to grow. I was going to find out what this new world had to offer. I was going to make my mark. I was going to be a part of something big. I was going to be a part of the future. I was going to be a part of the north.

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**SPECIAL PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2022 9:00 A.M.**

Officials Present: Chairman Porter, Councilmember Berger

Visitors: Mayor Koons, Engineer Haibach, Solicitor Matheney, Fiscal Officer

The Engineer updated the group on the Manor Brook – Whitetail 319 project. The permit for this project has been approved and they expect the contractor to start work the week of August 8, 2022. The Engineer stated the Village was still waiting on the Central Retention Basin permit but as soon as that was received, the contractor would be notified, and it is expected that project will begin immediately following Manor Brook. Both projects have a completion date of 10/29/22.

Once the property was cleared, the Engineer's staff did an assessment of where the landscaping needed to go to block homeowners' view of Chillicothe Road. The draft landscaping plan was created and shared with the HOA and placed on the Village's website. The Engineer stated that any concerns or requests from the residents should be brought to his attention to see if, and how they could be addressed. The Engineer stated he felt this project itself would not be an eyesore and actually would be nice to look at.

The Mayor has a meeting with the residents on Thursday, August 11th at 7:30 p.m. to gather the residents' concerns. The Planning Commission (PC) is to review the landscaping plan. Given the August PC meeting has been cancelled, review of this plan is thought to occur at either their next regularly scheduled meeting in September, or possibly a special meeting prior to then.

The status of the Parkland Dam issue was discussed. Some residents are not in favor of paying the up-front costs of \$3,000 indicated on the petition and would rather have that cost put on an assessment on their tax bill.

The Erosion Special Improvement District (ESID) was discussed and the potential that the Parkland Dam project would be a great fit for that. The Fiscal Officer said it sounds like the ESID route would save the residents money. The Engineer concurred and said it would allow the residents to have more input in getting a project they envision to fit their needs; they would have input into who the engineer for the project would be, and they would not be required to meet the requirements necessary if it was a project the Village took on. It was felt an ESID would be the best way to manage this project. Berger would contact the resident to let him know.

Regarding the ESID, once the County prepares the draft petition language and gets it to the Village, the Village will forward it to Parkland and other residents who may have stormwater issues that they could have remedied through the ESID.

Engineer reviewed that there are four (4) culverts looking to be replaced in 2023; one near the red ranch, one by the dentist's office, a 12" culvert in the intersection that has failed, and one by Sheerbrook.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Mark Porter, Chairman

**Special Public Utilities Committee Meeting
September 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Village Hall**

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Council Member Berger, Mayor Koons, Street Commissioner Alder, Engineer Haibach, Solicitor Matheney

Porter called the meeting to order and read the roll.

Porter requested an update on the Central Retention Basin and Manor Brook projects. The Engineer explained that Mr. Excavator is the general contractor on both projects and has been working on both simultaneously. Mr. Excavator has ordered the plant materials for the Manor Brook portion of the project. He thought they would be done with the project by October 30th, and possibly earlier. Porter stated there was discussion with the Manor Brook Gardens residents at the September 8, 2022, Planning Commission meeting about screening they would like to have done. The culverts running under Chillicothe Rd., which will be a Village project, were also discussed in relation to the screening. There will be a Planning Commission meeting with Manor Brook Gardens residents and possibly some Whitetail residents on December 8th. Porter further explained that the Streets Committee discussed the culvert project and would recommend authorization to go out to bid for the four culvert pipes under Chillicothe Rd. This project would follow the completion of the Manor Brook project and occur while the landscaping was in process. He further explained that the Public Utilities Committee had oversight in planning the succession of stormwater projects after the Central Retention Basin and Manor Brook 319 grant projects. Other stormwater projects discussed were stormwater management retention basin north of Bell Rd. and east of Chillicothe Road as a twin to the Central Retention Basin. Porter thought the Village might want to first evaluate how effective the 319 project and the Central Retention Basin. He thought the Central Retention Basin would have a major impact on stormwater control for all of the homeowners west of Chillicothe Rd. It may have a positive impact on the Parkland Dam as well. The Engineer concurred. He added that the projects were moving along on schedule and on budget.

Regarding the Parkland Dam resident, Porter did not think anyone had paid \$3,000. Berger stated that a couple of weeks ago, he and the Mayor had breakfast with Bruce Hendricks and Marc Bloch from the Parkland group. They were informed that the best solution for them going forward is to partner with the Geauga County Erosion Control District (ESID). They were excited for this opportunity and are waiting for the county to provide them with the forms to petition the ESID to start the process. The Mayor was supposed to call the County Auditor to find out the status. From a Village perspective, Parkland Dam has been moved off Council's agenda and is on the county ESID agenda. Porter asked the Mayor if he had follow up and the Mayor said they were waiting on the Auditor who said they were busy and just did all their tax budgets. The Mayor thought it would come soon. Porter stated that according to the Fiscal Officer, communication was received from the county and the matter was in the Village's ballpark. The Fiscal Officer explained that an email was sent to all Village officials on August 19th in which the Auditor provided a breakdown of the status. It was her understanding that Bainbridge and Russell were already getting their projects together and it is the responsibility of Parkland Dam residents to get the petition to start the process. The Solicitor asked if the Village

could contact Mike Wise, MacDonald Hopkins, to inquire about the proposed form template petition. Berger said Parkland was waiting for this. The Mayor stated he would contact Wise. He added that he has been disappointed with MacDonald Hopkins with getting going. The committee surmised that they were unaware the Village had a project ready for further exploration. The Solicitor asked the Mayor to let her know if it is something the Village is supposed to prepare. The committee discussed the necessity to make the path smooth for the residents, and Berger assured the committee that 11 residents support the project. Regarding a change of owners among the group, Berger relayed that money was provided through escrow to pay for this project and the new residents supports the project. Porter asked the Mayor to have Wise email the petition to the Mayor, Solicitor, and the Fiscal Officer so it will be forwarded to the residents. Then the Village steps back.

The Committee discussed not knowing who was on the ESID Board, and the Mayor said the Chagrin River Watershed Partners and Geauga Soil and Water want to be a part of it and had the impression that they did not count. Berger thought each participating community was to have a representative on the board. Porter asked the Mayor to find this out from Wise as well, and suggested the Mayor make the Chair of Public Utilities the South Russell board member. The Solicitor thought this should be done by motion.

Porter addressed the goals requested by the Mayor for the Strategic Plan. He suggested that one goal would be that in the next five years the Village succeed in controlling stormwater through the various projects going on now and, in the future, so no one experiences flooding by a 100-year storm. The committee discussed the verbiage of the goal, in particular specifying 100-year storm. The Engineer explained that a 100-year storm has a 1% recurrence chance statistically every year. The standard the Engineer has taken on for all of the stormwater projects in the Village has been 100-year storm where a 25-year storm is a design standard in Ohio. The Engineer explained that by creating this goal, it would set the standard for his predecessor as well as Council's predecessors.

The Mayor suggested another goal should involve electricity and gas. The Village will install solar panels on every home. He added that a plan to install solar panels on the front of a home in the Village was approved by the Architectural Review Board (ABR). The Mayor realized that the Village does not have any regulation for this, and noted that the neighbors of this house will be looking at solar panels. Porter noted that the Village has the Service Garage that faces east and west and Village Hall with a lot of roof available for solar power panels. He suggested making the Village energy independent electrically. The Street Commissioner questioned the need for battery storage, and the Engineer said this would be necessary because this is how solar panels work. Porter asked the Street Commissioner if he would need a bucket truck to service it. Porter thought there might be NOPEC money available to assist the Village in being energy independent. Porter suggested this occur by 2030. The Mayor wondered if the Bobolinks on East Washington St. could survive under solar panels. Berger suggested investigating the expense related to solar panels. To put them on a house, is \$25,000 to \$30,000 for a private home. A commercial facility could be \$100,000 and maybe that would be a good investment. He suggested analyzing the utility bills to see how much is spent on the Village campus. Porter

suggested envisioning a time when the Village campus does not have a gas bill because it has a gas well on the property that supplies the Village with gas. Berger asked if there was a gas pocket under the Village property. Porter was unsure but said there are gas wells throughout the area. He noted that there was the six acres of the Central Retention Basin. The Mayor proposed the goal should be that the Village will yearly reduce the amount of gas and electricity used by Village facilities. The Engineer clarified that it would be a matter of reducing its energy costs or carbon footprint. He suspected the Village would continue to use the same amount of energy and it was a matter of how it would be generated. Porter suggested changing remaining lights to LEDs to fulfill the Mayor's goal. Porter wanted it to be bigger than that, and the Engineer proposed carbon neutrality. Porter was concerned with costs and felt the investment should be paid for over time with savings. Berger addressed the proposal in terms of the need for equipment to be battery driven instead of gas. The Street Commissioner said the Police Chief was discussing having all electric police cars. Berger suggested using the solar power to collect energy in batteries to use as a charging station for the police cars. The Mayor proposed putting solar panels on the south side of the Police Station.

Berger stated that an expert in solar panels should be located to educate the Village as to the available options. The Engineer explained that what was needed was someone who could conduct an energy audit.

The Mayor stated that Dr. Rosenthal called him and wants to sell the Village his property. The Mayor stated he firmly told him no. The committee discussed the potential for utilizing the property in terms of the energy alternatives.

Porter made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 a.m. the meeting, seconded by Berger.

Mark Porter, Chairman

Special Public Utilities Committee Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Village Hall

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Council Member Berger, Mayor Koons, Street Commissioner Alder, Solicitor Matheney, Engineer Haibach

Porter called the meeting to order.

The Engineer provided an update for the Central Retention Basin project and the Manor Brook 319 project. Both projects are substantially complete. The seeding and stabilization were completed by the contractor for the Central Retention Basin project earlier in the week. Regarding the Manor Brook 319 project, Council and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) issued a contract extension due to the suitability for the planting material. The plants needed to be dormant before pulling them out of the ground and replanting them. Mr. Excavator is on track to have the project stabilized, planted, and finalized on or near December 7, 2022.

Porter discussed the ultimate purpose of the Central Retention Basin with regard to the flow of stormwater. The Engineer explained that the basin creates an area of relief whereby if the flow rate exceeds what a 15-inch culvert can handle, then it backs up into that area. As the incoming flow dies down and as capacity allows, then it will drain back out. The Engineer added that water comes not only from Bullfrog Pond but also from the southeast corner as overland flow. There are two points of entry for the basin and one exit.

Regarding replacement of the culverts, the Engineer said the culvert replacements should be advertised for bid this month and contract awarded in November. Approval would take place at the second Council meeting in November. Work could begin as early as December, depending on the contractor. The completion date is spring of 2023. Porter asked if the Police Chief was aware of traffic issues which could arise from the culvert replacement and thought the Streets Department would also be heavily involved in traffic control. The Street Commissioner clarified that this is usually done by the contractor. The Engineer added that the State has also been notified since it is a state route. The Mayor thought special coordination with the lights would be needed. The Solicitor asked if the road would be reduced to one lane, and the Engineer said yes and that the culverts would be replaced half at a time.

Porter asked about the impact with the new traffic light, and the Engineer said it should not. Porter asked when the Traffic Signal Project would be occurring, and the Engineer said he did not know and that the contract was just awarded to Perram Electric on Monday, October 10th. He needs to set up a preconstruction meeting. Porter asked if it would be complete before the culvert replacements, and the Engineer said no that the culverts would be completed first. However, he thought that the contractor for the Traffic Signal would start first for the underground and foundation work, but the poles and mast arms typically have a long lead time. During this wait, he envisioned the Bell and Chillicothe Roads culvert being installed. The Street Commissioner suggested letting the contractor know that the Village will be doing the excavation if they wanted to put in a conduit. The Engineer would let them know at the preconstruction meeting. The Traffic Signal was just awarded to Perram and the Village has yet to advertise the contract for the culvert, but he could rough out some estimated times and discuss the culvert replacement after preconstruction with Perram. The Street Commissioner asked if the culverts

were one project, and the Engineer said yes, and that a portion would be funded through Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and the rest would not.

The Mayor asked if there would be three posts for the traffic signal at the intersection, and the Engineer concurred. The Mayor had not seen any bids for doing Chillicothe Rd. The Engineer said it was on the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Improvement Plan to pave Chillicothe Rd., which would probably happen in late 2023 or 2024. If it were to occur in 2023, the culverts would be installed ahead of the pavement. Regarding the Traffic Signal, there should be no need to open cut anything on the road. The signal work could be done independently of the paving.

Porter addressed the Erosion Special Improvement District (ESID) for Parkland Dam and Country Estates. Berger stated that Country Estates and Parkland have the petitions. The Solicitor stated that Marc Bloch reached out to her and is now in contact with Kevin Butler of McDonald Hopkins. The next step is for them to submit it to the Village and then the Village forms it and sends it on to the county. Kevin Butler and Mike Wise have the template resolution or ordinance that the Village passes to then get it to the county ESID board. Porter asked who was on the ESID board, and the Solicitor reminded the committee that it was the Chair of the Public Utilities Committee, but they should find out who else is on it. The Mayor suggested keeping Porter as the representative. Normally, it should be the head of Public Utilities, but he thought Porter should follow the situation through. Porter said that if the Chair wanted to delegate it to the other member of the committee, he thought he could do that. Porter expressed concern that the residents of Country Estates and Parkland would complete the petitions and the Village would do the legislation and then there would be no one answering the phone at the county. Then the residents would be asking about the status and not have a contact with the Village who knows the status. The Solicitor explained that Butler and Wise represent the county ESID as well as the Village so it is being funneled through the same counsel. She assumed that the County Auditor would be very responsive. Porter reiterated his concern about the need for continuity and said he did not want the residents to wait months and months with nothing happening. Berger said that Parkland had done a lot of investigation and were further along in the process. Country Estates have had preliminary conversations with several of the residents but not all and have work to do, including determining the scope of the project. The Mayor added that Country Estates will have some political issues because half the neighborhood will think it is not their problem because it is the people on the east side who have the three lakes. The Mayor got this impression from Tom Fowler that it would take time to get the community organized. The committee speculated about the scope of the project, and Berger explained that there was more to it involving drainage into the park off Music Street which backs up into Country Estates. There will be a need to coordinate between the park system and Country Estates. The Engineer said the ESID was the perfect mechanism for that. Berger stated that the number one purpose is dredging the pond. Berger informed Fowler that before he pulled the trigger with the contractor to start dredging, he should contact the Village to determine whether it was a Village project, ESID, etc.

The impact of the Central Retention Basin and replacement of culverts on the Parkland Lake Dam was discussed.

Porter addressed Fox Run in terms of the individual who wanted to dig a hole and walk away with 8,000 cubic yards of dirt and is looking for a place in South Russell to do it. The Mayor said the individual bid on a project but does not know if he got it. This would be why he would need 8,000 yards of dirt and

proposed digging the Village a 10-foot pond. The Mayor steered him to Paw Paw Lake because they are going to clean their silt pond. Cavanagh will speak to him about taking their silt. Porter asked if the Public Utilities Committee should contact Fox Run Homeowners' Association (HOA) to determine their interest as they have expressed before in having a detention pond where the bridge and gazebo are. The Engineer recalled that previous discussions with one or two Fox Run residents about constructing a retention pond on the property adjacent to Gurney School seemed promising, but once it involved the HOA, it seemed that they did not want it. He would not hold out hope that the Village would get a glowing reception. Berger said that when the issue was previously addressed, there was a question of whether it would be an easement or acquisition of property. The Engineer said it would be an easement. The Mayor stated that they needed the greenspace to have the minimum lot size. Berger asked if it would be a dry basin, and the Engineer said it could be either. Berger asked who would have responsibility for maintenance, and the Engineer said it would be the Village if the Village builds it. This would mean mowing and checking the outlet structure, which becomes an additional cost.

The Mayor went to their HOA meeting last year. The only negative comment he got was about tree cutting from someone who lives next to what he hopes will be Manor Brook Phase II. No one was saying they wanted to get rid of the land. The bridge is a safety hazard because of erosion. Porter asked if the Village needed Fox Run for a detention pond considering the Manor Brook project and the potential of Manor Brook Phase II. The Engineer said it would help Sugar Bush and said there could never be too much stormwater retention capacity. The Street Commissioner asked if there were a retention plan for Manor Brook Phase II specifically concerning Ralph Richards' property. The Engineer explained that with the culvert replacement near this property, the water will discharge into the floodplain area excavated for Phase I. Porter asked what the size of the Fox Run retention pond would be, and the Engineer said as big as the Village could get. It would not be very big because there is not a lot of land there. It may not be worth the money or hassle. The Engineer did not think it was prudent to explore this with no path forward, but Porter stated that digging and hauling away was the biggest expense and there is someone who wants to do it for no charge. Porter thought, however, that Manor Brook Phase II should go in before doing anything with Fox Run. The Engineer said that this would be the logical progression.

Porter said he would reach out to Chris Smith, Fox Run HOA President to see if there is interest. Berger asked for an estimate of the Village's cost to finish a project after the excavator digs the hole. The Engineer thought \$20,000. Berger thought it would be worth talking to the HOA. The Mayor thought this would be tough logistically. The committee discussed the duration of the project and the benefit to Fox Run. The Engineer did not think Fox Run would benefit much, but everyone downstream would.

Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Special Public Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Village Hall

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Council Member Berger, Street Commissioner Alder
Engineer Brian Meluch

Porter addressed that Manor Brook 319 Project. There will be a joint Council and Planning Commission walk through on December 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will meet at Manor Brook and walk the property. It will include residents south of Manor Brook Dr. According to Porter, the Engineer thought it would be necessary to bring in a landscape architect from CT Consultants to walk the property as well. Porter thought the residents would have questions about landscaping and how screening would be done. Awhile back, a preliminary landscape plan was submitted to the Planning Commission, and he thought there would be a revised plan by spring. The Engineer concurred and said he would be attending the walk through.

Berger recused himself from the project for conflict reasons and would not be attending.

Porter said the hope is that the residents south of Manor Brook Dr. will be satisfied with the project and may be inclined to agree to allow the Village to utilize the south part of Manor Brook Dr. as was originally envisioned. The Village will take the residents' concerns into consideration when doing the landscaping plan.

Regarding the Central Retention Basin, the project is substantially complete with some landscaping that needs to be done in spring. Porter thought there was some interaction with the resident who lives just south of the Central Retention Basin. The Mayor had been in contact with that person. His recollection was that the distance between where the plantings are going to go, and his house is several hundred feet. The Engineer concurred. Berger asked to clarify whether the additional screening was contemplated in the original project or was it something being done in addition to satisfy the resident's concern. Porter's recollection was that when the Central Retention Basin was first discussed in 2006 or 2007, and there was no consideration given for screening for the adjacent homeowner. He thought it was contemplated in the original project that there would need to be some kind of landscaping. The amount of landscaping that is in the plan currently may not be sufficient for the resident to feel like his property is properly screened. This will come out once the plantings are done in the spring. The Village may have to add some. To Berger's point, he thought it would be a Village expense rather than part of the project. Berger responded that trees are not cheap. Porter agreed. Berger stated that it is Village property, and the Village has done nothing improper on that property. If the screening no longer meets the need of the resident, then the resident is more than welcome to put up trees along their property line to screen themselves from the adjacent property. It should not be done at taxpayer expense. Porter said that two things are being balanced with the Village's need for the Central Retention Basin and to do what is right by the resident. Trees are expensive, but it may not be trees that are needed.

In connection with this, Porter envisioned that the culvert replacements that are scheduled for late this year or next year, are an addendum to that project in that stormwater will flow from the Central Retention Basin to the new culverts, across Chillicothe Rd., and there will be no flooding

over Chillicothe Rd. The hope is that the combination of the basin and culverts will do a lot to alleviate flooding within the Village.

Porter verified that Engineer Meluch would be attending the December 12th Regular Council Meeting. He thought Council would want to hear a report from the Engineer about the pending and upcoming projects, including the culverts.

Porter addressed the Erosion Special Improvement District (ESID) encompassing the Village stormwater management, water quality improvement for Parkland and Country Estates. Parkland submitted a petition and Council enacted legislation to forward it to Geauga County to get the project going. The county and Parkland are now essentially taking it over and the Village has done everything it needs to do. Berger concurred. Berger added that they are now in discussions with the county and with Mr. Excavator as the potential vendor. They were soliciting additional engineering firms to verify Mr. Excavator's solution to the problem. Porter said that the committee's role would now be as an over watch of the situation since the project affects not just Parkland or Country Estates, but the Village stormwater management system as a whole. His understanding was that Mr. Excavator's verbal estimate was far below what Parkland's volunteer engineer had quoted earlier in the process. Berger concurred and added that with the most recent rains where there were a couple of inches in the Central Retention Basin, Parkland saw substantially less water overflowing from their swim lake into the Parkland dam area.

Porter said there were issues with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ohio EPA about the work that was done with the Central Retention Basin relative to the stream restoration project. The Street Commissioner said that the part that was damaged will be replaced if it is not already replaced. They may be waiting for the culvert to be replaced and then have the overflow device put in. Then everything will be taken care of at that time. Porter asked if the contract would do the overflow device or the Village. The Street Commissioner believed it was all in the same contract.

Regarding Country Estates, Porter did not think the Village had received a petition. Berger agreed and said that they are in discussions with Geauga Parks about Modroo Farms. The water in Country Estates flows north into Modroo, turning the park area into a swamp. There is then reverse flow which impacts Country Estates. Country Estates approached the Park District to see what could be resolved on the park side because no matter how well they address the problem in Country Estates, there will continue to have problems if the issues are not addressed in the park as well. The committee discussed different solutions to the problem in the Modroo park. Berger added that the Country Estates Homeowners' Association (HOA) president has been communicating with the Mayor, Berger met with him as well. Porter summarized that the Village is awaiting the petition and would take action when it was received.

Porter said with Fox Run, he has Chris Smith's contact information and would reach out to him because the contractor still wants 8,000 yards of dirt and this may be a place for him to get it. The Street Commissioner said the Village has dirt it can give up too. Porter asked if this was the type of dirt the Village will typically give to residents if they call and are on the list. The Street

Commissioner said that up to today, no one has received any of the dirt once they see what it is. It is not topsoil, but spoils from ditching with stones and grass chunks, etc., and not suitable for filling low spots in the yard. It is suitable for fill. Porter thought he would have an update about Fox Run at the January Public Utilities Committee meeting. Berger said that it was unclear whether a detention basin at Fox Run would be a benefit to the system. Manor Brook Part II would be more beneficial to Fox Run than a detention basin. Porter recalled that the Engineer said that having a detention/retention pond is better than not having one. Berger said if it could be done cost effectively for a few dollars, then perhaps this would move it up on the priority list. Porter agreed that Manor Brook south was a higher area of interest for the Village than Fox Run. Berger concluded that the more water that can be held further upstream, the better for everybody on the other end. Porter concurred and said that the Village needed to see how well the Central Retention Basin and Manor Brook functioned. With the addition of Manor Brook south, maybe Fox Run would not be needed.

Porter said that the Family Life Center project is complete, and the Family Life Center paid the \$3,700 which was their portion of the cost. From a stormwater point of view, Porter said that is a major plus for the people on Sheerbrook. In 2022, the Village had dealt with three major stormwater issues. Porter said that the Street Commissioner reported that the Family Life Center is interested in hearing about the management program to keep the water moving the way it is supposed to in the next several years. Berger noted for the record that the Village received a signed contract with the check. The Village has dotted the i's and crossed the t's if after the fact, but it has been done. Porter said the contractor presented an opportunity to get the job done earlier than expected. He commended the Street Commissioner for bringing it to the Mayor's attention and bringing it to the committee's attention, individually, he might add, and it went from there and proceeded well.

Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Mark Porter, Chairman