

TOWN OF MANLIUS

Informative Hearing
Potential Joint Water Service Area

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Dwyer Hall
400 Salt Springs Road
Fayetteville, New York 13066

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2 (Evening Session - March 7, 2018.)

3 MR. THEOBALD: Good evening, everyone.
4 Just to remind everyone, I'm pretty sure Stacey
5 caught everybody but just in case -- I'm sorry,
6 Kristy, just in case, if you haven't signed in
7 please do, and we're going to get started in just
8 a couple of minutes here. All right. So let's
9 see.

10 One of our speakers tonight is long
11 distance, so I will hook him up on the phone.
12 Long distance, Albany.

13 All right. Welcome, everyone. I'm Ed
14 Theobald, Town of Manlius Supervisor, and tonight
15 I want to welcome you to our Salt Springs Road
16 "Potential" Water Service Area Project.

17 Before we get started, just some
18 housekeeping. Emergency exits, in the back and up
19 in front here. More importantly, restrooms right
20 outside the door here. Men, you have to go all
21 the way to the right or you're gonna end up in the
22 maintenance room instead, so.

23 Also, I was reminded there is an SU game
24 tonight at 9:00, so I'm hoping we don't extend it
25 that long, but it will be a full agenda this

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2 evening, and I want to introduce a few of our
3 members here who will be presenting tonight for
4 us.

5 First of all, the prelim -- you have the
6 agenda in front of you, so you can follow along.
7 Preliminary Engineering Report will be Doug Miller
8 from Miller Engineers. Here is Doug right here,
9 if you don't know Doug.

10 The survey that you received was done by
11 Kristy LaManche of KL Consulting, and you met her
12 when you signed in.

13 Funding resources, this is who we have on
14 the phone right now, that's David Phillips, he's
15 an engineer from New York State Department of
16 Health, Bureau of Water Supply Protection, and he
17 will be -- he's in Albany. He would have been
18 here tonight, but there are some weather
19 conditions in Albany. They got about two inches,
20 I think. Just kidding. More than that.

21 And we also have tonight with the water --
22 from OCWA for the water rate information Tavia
23 Gilbert over here, and also Jeff Miller from OCWA.
24 Okay. Very good.

25 In addition tonight, we have added a

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2 stenographer who will be preparing verbatim a
3 transcript of the meeting tonight and this will be
4 available on the Town of Manlius website, along
5 with the power point presentation that you will be
6 viewing this evening.

7 We do ask that you hold all of your
8 questions until the end of the presentation, I'm
9 sure it will be many, and we will probably address
10 some even before they're asked, I think, Doug. We
11 have a Q&A that we're gonna review with you.

12 When it comes to the time of the questions,
13 we ask that you state your name very clearly so
14 that the stenographer can get this accurately.

15 And also, again, speak clearly, and I will
16 have a handheld mic in the event that that helps
17 when we go around the room. So without further
18 adieu, I would like to introduce to start the ball
19 rolling here Doug Miller of Miller Engineers.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. MILLER: Hi, good evening. A lot of
22 familiar faces. We got a short power point to go
23 over some of the project that you're all here to
24 talk about, so I'll give a short -- short synopsis
25 of where the project started. Where it's going.

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2 You know, some costs and some of the specifics,
3 and I'll ship it over to Kristy with the survey
4 aspects.

5 So anyway the Town of Manlius was approached
6 by the Town of Sullivan for a joint project a
7 couple of years ago.

8 And then during the late spring, early
9 summer of 2017, the Town of Sullivan approached
10 the Town once again and asked if the Town would
11 support this project that Sullivan wanted to do.
12 So the Town of Manlius signed an inter-municipal
13 agreement with the Town of Sullivan on May 24,
14 2017.

15 And after that was signed, the Town of
16 Sullivan pursued their own project during the
17 summer of 2017, and they came back to us late in
18 the summer, early in the fall, and they said that
19 they had secured some funding.

20 They didn't have enough to do their project,
21 though, and their project is this map -- part of
22 this project was part of this map. Their project
23 included a second half that goes totally into the
24 Town of Sullivan. Okay.

25 So what they -- what they were pursuing was

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2 they're pursuing a project that was just Town of
3 Sullivan with a pump station, a tank -- a pump
4 station, a tank and a transmission main that would
5 have just gone through the Town of Manlius and
6 just served the Town of Sullivan.

7 But they came back to us and they said --
8 unbeknownst to us we didn't know that that was the
9 project, and they said they had secured funding,
10 but they were quite a bit short of pursuing their
11 goal and making their goal a reality and they're
12 about a million dollars short.

13 So we -- the Town of Manlius representatives
14 said, you know, we support the endeavor. We
15 want -- we want to be transparent. We want to get
16 our people involved but, you know, what's the next
17 step to talk?

18 So Mr. Phillips, who's on the line, got on a
19 conference call with all the parties. He came up
20 with a couple of different scenarios of how like
21 this project -- how this project might be feasible
22 and how both communities, if they shared services,
23 might be able to make the project come to
24 fruition.

25 So that's kind of how we got to where we

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1
2 are. So that being said, we had a preliminary
3 engineering report that we'd done a few years ago,
4 so we dusted that off. We reconfigured the
5 preliminary engineering report, that report is
6 online at the townofmanlius.org, and the report
7 was completed in December, and it comes up with a
8 scenario that the project might be underneath the
9 comptroller's threshold if all these different
10 aspects came into alignment.

11 So as I talk, there will be some acronyms,
12 some terminology that might, you know, many of you
13 may know, many of you may not be familiar with.
14 This is kind of a list of some of those aspects.

15 A couple of the ones that I just highlighted
16 here in my notes. Debt Service Cost. Debt
17 Service Cost would be the cost for the capital
18 infrastructure that would be allocated to any
19 "potential" district, so those would be the hard
20 construction cost and soft cost for environmental
21 engineering and -- and those aspects.

22 An EDU, that's an Equivalent Dwelling Unit,
23 and for the purposes of the report that we've put
24 together and underneath engineering requirements,
25 an EDU, in this district each property that's in

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2 the district with a home on it would be allocated
3 for one equivalent dwelling unit, and I'll get
4 into some of the details on that.

5 A vacant parcel would have a half EDU, and
6 more than likely a strictly ag with an ag
7 exemption would have zero EDU, so an ag property
8 wouldn't pay any tax on this with their exemptions
9 through ag and markets.

10 Water Usage Costs, that's another aspect, so
11 your total cost would be your Debt Service Cost,
12 plus your Water Usage Rate, and for the purposes
13 of this report, we've estimated 60,000 gallons per
14 year per house and that's based on a statistical
15 analysis of 60,000 gallons for a four-family home
16 on an annual basis.

17 Okay. So the proposed project. It's what
18 you see behind me. It's kind of a schematic. We
19 really haven't gotten into a final design. But if
20 your property is in that general location, then
21 you would be a potential -- I'm sorry. Yeah, the
22 map, so if your property is in there, that's the
23 proposed project. Sorry.

24 Okay. You can go back. There you go.
25 Okay. So the proposed project is approximately

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2 26,600 linear feet of eight-inch pipe, water main,
3 valve, fire hydrants, water services, and general
4 pertinences for a water district.

5 In addition to that, there would be shared
6 services that would be shared with the Town of
7 Sullivan for any water district that they might
8 want to do on their side of the county line and
9 their side of the town line. Right.

10 And those shared services would be those
11 aspects that I pointed out to you previously. It
12 would be a pump station, a water storage tank, and
13 approximately 16,400 linear feet of transmission
14 main along Salt Springs.

15 Now, this project, if you're familiar with
16 the area, right down where Salt Springs turns off
17 to North Eagle Village, there is a 54-inch water
18 transmission main. I fielded some questions
19 recently how much water is really available here.

20 There's -- in our coordination with OCWA,
21 there's plenty of water there. It's a 54-inch
22 line that runs from Lake Ontario all the way to
23 Indian Hill Road in varying sizes and lengths, but
24 that's the gist of it.

25 Kind of more of the same. Right. Hydrants

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2 will be 500 feet. New pump station. We looked at
3 a new engineer pump station. We had good luck.
4 We recently designed a couple of those. And a
5 250,000 gallon tank.

6 Uhm, water source. The water would be
7 coming from Lake Ontario. It's filtered in the
8 Town of Oswego. It's stored up at grade. There's
9 a couple of different storage tanks. I'll let
10 OCWA talk about that along the way.

11 But there's storage at Route 31. There's
12 storage at Green Lakes up near the Sisters of
13 Alverna. There's a couple of huge tanks there and
14 then there's a final tank down on Indian Hill.

15 If the project were to come into fruition,
16 the Town of Manlius would not, would not get into
17 the water business.

18 The Town of Manlius would propose to have a
19 lease agreement with OCWA for maintenance and
20 operation.

21 I know that's a small slide, but that
22 basically shows you -- I'm sure people from OCWA
23 can tell you this, where the water in this general
24 area comes from. Right. It starts off at Lake
25 Ontario. There's intake that goes deep into the

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2 lake. It comes down to Route 31 kind of near the
3 old mall up there. Then it comes down and it --
4 once again there's storage, like I said, at Green
5 Lakes and goes back out to the end of the line at
6 Town of Pompey.

7 So when we looked at this area, right, there
8 are a total of 143 parcels within the boundary,
9 114 parcels currently rely on water from
10 individual wells.

11 And there are 29 parcels that are on an
12 existing public water system currently operated
13 and maintained by OCWA, that's the Horseshoe Lane
14 area.

15 The demographics, this is where I talked a
16 little bit about the EDU's, right. Ag land you
17 have zero exemption. Vacant land point five.
18 Parcel with a single-family home one.

19 This area is all zoned either residential or
20 residential ag. There's no commercial in the Town
21 of Manlius in this location.

22 So one of the things when we looked at
23 different funding mechanisms, we got kind of
24 narrowed into just certain funding streams or
25 subsidized loans and that's partially because of

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2 our MHI, the Median Household Income, and for
3 Manlius it's extremely high, it's 78,716.

4 For instance, the Town of Dewitt where I
5 also do work, their MHI is 54,000. Just gives you
6 an idea where those demographics lie.

7 Town of Sullivan is much less. I want to
8 say that they're down around 45, but I think -- I
9 don't have that specific.

10 Okay. I'm going to start to get into some
11 numbers here of costs and assumptions made for
12 looking at this potential area.

13 So one of the magic numbers is on an annual
14 basis the New York State comptroller's office
15 takes a look at all the water districts in Upstate
16 New York, and they come up with a dollar number
17 that's feasible in New York State that they feel
18 is feasible for all the residents to have water.

19 This year it's \$904. Now for those of you
20 that have gone online to look at our report, our
21 report was done in December, and December that
22 rate was 969, but for the purposes of this
23 discussion, I've updated with some of the
24 information that Mr. Phillips has given me, and
25 the numbers that I'm going to show you are numbers

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2 that are current as of March 2018.

3 Okay. So when I start to get into the cost
4 analysis, there were some assumptions that were
5 made, and I'm going to show you three different
6 scenarios, but some of the assumptions that were
7 made in our cost estimate, they're the same
8 assumptions that are online with the preliminary
9 engineering report.

10 I know there have been a lot of questions
11 about subsurface conditions in the area. One of
12 my staff engineers was instrumental in recently
13 putting a waterline from the Mormon Church to
14 Route 173, along North Eagle Village Road, and he
15 tells me that when they did that work on an
16 average they hit 40 percent rock. Okay.

17 So what that means is every shovel they put
18 in the ground, 60 percent of that was top soil and
19 some dirt and 40 percent of it was hardpan
20 limestone rock. Right. And when they're in
21 there, they had difficulties with the rock. Some
22 of it was blasted. Some of it was ripped.

23 So in our cost estimate, we allocated an
24 estimate of 40 percent rock that would have to
25 have alternative methods rather than conventional

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2 just digging for a trench along this entire route.

3 Now, we've also included a ten percent
4 construction contingency. Now, when we get
5 into -- if this project moves forward and we get
6 into a final design, we would absolutely have a
7 geo -- one of my geo-technical engineers come out
8 and do a subsurface scientific allocation of
9 what's actually out there so that we wouldn't have
10 any surprises as we move forward.

11 Uhm, we did not include any cost for
12 right-of-ways. We're anticipating that most of
13 the work would be done in road right-a-ways that
14 are already existing.

15 We did include \$80,000 for land purchases.
16 If you recall, there's a tank and there's a pump
17 station. Right. Those would not be -- we do not
18 have any land that we can put that on. Right.

19 Somebody may offer that to us at a good rate
20 and it may not be a good rate, but we felt that,
21 you know, there's possibly a quarter of an acre
22 per each, so aggregate we carried \$80,000 on that.

23 So the preliminary engineering estimate
24 report that we did in December, I've shared that
25 with Mr. Phillips, who's on the line listening.

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2 He's taken a look at it. He's in general
3 agreement, not specifically, but in general terms
4 it looks fair, it looks reasonable, and he has
5 listed our project at our request on the intended
6 use plan for the DWSRM, right, the Drinking Water
7 State Revolving Fund.

8 So what's that mean? Right now that means
9 that this project he listed it, our estimate has
10 the project -- the project on the Manlius side
11 only at \$6 million.

12 But our -- if you look at our preliminary
13 engineering report, well, we've had discussions of
14 sharing the cost 50/50 with the pump station, the
15 transmission main, and the tank 50/50 with
16 Sullivan. Our estimate for that part of the work
17 was \$4 million.

18 So when we listed it, we had -- we had
19 shared services with the Town of Sullivan of \$2
20 million. So the project was listed, if you go on
21 the IUP, at \$4 million.

22 Now so I'm going to back up and I'm gonna
23 show you three different scenarios of how this
24 project can possibly shake out.

25 Okay. So this scenario that I'm showing you

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2 here, our cost estimate, like Casey Stengel used
3 to say, you can look it up, it's online, it's with
4 the preliminary engineering report, right, and
5 it's very detailed and it breaks everything down.
6 Okay.

7 It's a \$6 million project. So if we -- if
8 Sullivan decides they don't want to do the project
9 any longer and they don't want to participate with
10 the inter-municipal, and I've had no indication
11 either way whether that they do or don't. The
12 indications that we have had is that they have
13 approached us, so I -- we're anticipating that
14 they still want to participate with us.

15 So let's say they don't, right. There's no
16 cost sharing with Sullivan. There's no grant.
17 Based on our intended use plan, the project scored
18 very low, but we do get 2.15 percent financing for
19 30 years. So that's -- remember we talked about
20 Debt Service and water usage, so the Debt Service
21 would be \$2,100 per parcel with a house on it.

22 Then if you hooked up, so everybody who has
23 a house pays that whether you hookup or not.
24 Okay. But if you wanted to purchase water, it's
25 another \$325. So that would put us at \$2,480 a

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2 year, far exceeding the comptroller's threshold.
3 Okay. That's with no participation from Sullivan
4 and that's with no grant money.

5 So the next scenario. All right. This
6 anticipates that Sullivan does want to work with
7 us, which I think they do. I mean they've come to
8 us, why wouldn't they. Right. So there's \$2
9 million. Right. You do the math. You bring it
10 down to a project cost of 4 million, and you can
11 run these numbers yourself, it's just a mortgage
12 calculator dividing it by 126 parcels. Right.

13 So -- right, once again, if you had a parcel
14 with a house on it, whether you hookup or not, in
15 that district it would be \$1,437. Okay. Water
16 cost would be 325. The water usage together, if
17 you hooked up and had water, \$1,762 a year.

18 Now if you have a vacant parcel, because
19 you're in a benefit use district, this number
20 would be a half an EDU. Right. So that number
21 would be -- I have it here, 718. Right.

22 Okay. So now in 2015 and 2016, the Governor
23 had a program that they called the Water
24 Infrastructure Improvement Act. Right. And that
25 -- that program appears that it will be offered

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2 again this year.

3 Now, it's going to take a lot. I don't --
4 realistically I don't think we can get a district
5 in place and complete our environmental reports by
6 this year, but if there's enough -- if there's
7 enough interest, then we would certainly pursue
8 that, and the next slide shows what that scenario
9 looks like.

10 So the Water Infrastructure Act, right, it
11 takes the same \$6 million, okay, cost sharing with
12 Sullivan and the last year -- there's no guarantee
13 to this, and Mr. Phillips can talk to this, but
14 last year a project similar to this that had cost
15 sharings, shared services and the like, had a max
16 of 3 million -- had up to \$3 million, but a max of
17 60 percent of a project cost.

18 So in this scenario, the grant would be 60
19 percent of 4 million for 2.4 million. Bring it
20 down to a project cost of 1.6, which brings the
21 EDU on Debt Service to 575. Average water cost
22 325. \$900 per year for 30 years. Right. And
23 everybody understands that this isn't a one time
24 cost. Right. \$900 a year for 30 years.

25 If that program still even exists. Right.

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2 The indications are, and Mr. Phillips can talk to
3 that, that this year it will be.

4 Yes. Okay. So you know just to clarify
5 some of this, right, vacant land with no tap would
6 be a half EDU. Land with a house not connected
7 would pay Debt Service. You continue to pay.

8 And I'm just looking at my notes here. So
9 those three scenarios, right, if you had vacant
10 land, you know, the best case scenario is if you
11 didn't hookup and you had vacant land, 287 a year
12 on Debt Service. 718, like Rich said, and, you
13 know, nearly \$1,100.

14 And then conversely on the other side, if
15 you had a house and you didn't hookup, you'd be
16 paying 575 on Debt Service, 1,437 and 2,155.
17 Right. And we'll put this information on the web
18 afterwards.

19 Ag and markets with an exemption wouldn't
20 pay is my understanding, but we really haven't
21 gotten into the weeds. I mean it's a preliminary
22 engineering report.

23 So these are just some of the -- just some
24 of the pros and cons of, you know, benefits of
25 water. Good water pressure, you know, fire

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2 protection, property sale management and the like.

3 I think we were going to have questions at
4 the end, but I got a few frequently asked
5 questions that I can just zip through here right
6 away. Right. Do I have to hookup? No. You have
7 a choice. You would be required to pay on the
8 Debt Service. Right. If I don't hookup, why do I
9 have to pay anything? Because it's a benefit use
10 district.

11 What -- this is an issue that's come up.
12 You know, what are the projected connection costs?
13 You know, for our preliminary engineering report,
14 we've carried a one-time annual cost to hookup for
15 a normal house, right, with probably a 60-foot
16 setback, 50- or 60-foot setback and that would be
17 that the water comes through, we would put a
18 connection point off the main to the right-of-way
19 and then the homeowner would be responsible for
20 the remainder of that hookup. So underneath in
21 normal conditions, we estimate that at 1,500 to
22 \$2,200.

23 Now some residents have called me and said,
24 my house sits way back off the road, I have a lot
25 of rock, I blasted for my basement. Right.

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2 Obviously that cost is going to be more. So each
3 scenario is gonna be different. And the cost does
4 not include any plumbing costs inside the house to
5 modify any issues that you may or may not have.

6 Will there be water meters? Yes. And
7 they're radio read.

8 Who will I be paying? Annual payments would
9 be to the District for the Debt Service, and you
10 would receive an independent bill from the Water
11 Authority for the water usage.

12 Will I be able to shut the water off? Yes.

13 So, you know, who would have control, the
14 Debt Service would come back to the district, it
15 would be administered by the Town.

16 The water usage, the maintenance, the fire
17 flows would be with OCWA. Where would the water
18 be supplied from? Lake Ontario.

19 How often are rates reevaluated? Annually.
20 So this estimate of 60,000 gallons for \$325, you
21 know, just like everything else that's probably
22 going to creep up over 30 years.

23 But once the debt's paid off, theoretically,
24 right, your Debt Service will drop, but you'll
25 still have the water rate cost. You know, at 30

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2 years, you may have some more bandaids to put on
3 the system.

4 How long are the funding offers good for?
5 I'll let Mr. Phillips talk a little bit about
6 that.

7 What affect will it have on my taxes? No
8 immediate effects, I wouldn't think, but that's
9 going to depend on what, you know, sales in the
10 neighborhood, and, you know, what other
11 comparable's look like, and the Debt Service Cost
12 would be assigned to a special use likewise.

13 So, you know, if the district's approved,
14 where would we go from there? You know, we would
15 move forward with completing an application. We'd
16 complete the environmental work. We'd try to get
17 the district formed.

18 I think in talking to some of the Town
19 representatives, they would go to a vote, right,
20 but that's an attorney question. Right. So they
21 would, you know, let everybody in the district
22 have a vote and a say on whether they wanted the
23 water or not.

24 What will my yard look like? We take care
25 of those things. Those are kind of ancillary

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2 questions. So I'll wrap up and I'll turn it over
3 to Kristy to talk a little bit about the survey,
4 but if it got to the point for district voting
5 rules, that would be developed by the Town
6 Attorney.

7 It would be anticipated that it would be a
8 referendum with representation and transparency
9 for all potential district users.

10 We would have a future public hearing. This
11 is just a public meeting. We would have a formal
12 public hearing.

13 You know, if supported by the residents, the
14 district would need to complete the application
15 for the possibility of successfully obtaining the
16 WIIA Grant. As you see the numbers here, some of
17 the numbers are quite shocking if the project
18 can't meet the comptroller's threshold without the
19 WIIA grant and the participation of the Town of
20 Sullivan.

21 That doesn't mean that we couldn't do the
22 project, but we'd have to go a different route and
23 the cost would be much higher, and we have to get
24 relief from the comptroller's office.

25 You know, and if things moved along as

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2 quickly as possible, people wanted this district
3 and the funding fell into place, the Town of
4 Sullivan participated, we're thinking that at the
5 earliest construction could start in 2019, early
6 2020.

7 And with that, I will let Kristy talk a
8 little bit about how we gathered some information.

9 MS. LaMANCHE: Good evening, everyone. My
10 is name is Kristy LaManche, and I was brought on
11 to this project to assist Miller Engineers and the
12 Town in developing a "drinking" water survey to
13 assess your interest as residents in the community
14 with pursuing this "drinking" water district.

15 Uhm, I started working with the Town. We
16 developed these surveys. The packet was mailed
17 out in the beginning of February, and it included
18 not only a survey, but a cover letter from the
19 Supervisor, as well as a self-addressed envelope
20 to get your surveys back to me.

21 The initial survey responses were calculated
22 and tallied, and by the end of February we
23 realized that we were a little shy of reaching our
24 goal, so a second mailing was sent out to those of
25 you that I had not received a survey from, as well

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2 as a few sent the surveys back as anonymous, so if
3 it was one of your surveys, that's why you got a
4 second one, as well as if you mailed it in towards
5 the end of February, your response may have
6 crossed paths with the second one that was mailed
7 to you because it's just how the mail system
8 works.

9 So before we mailed out the surveys, the
10 Town established some goals of response rate and
11 how many folks they wanted to see in favor of the
12 project to determine whether or not they wanted to
13 move forward.

14 So we set it at 75 percent response rate,
15 and we wanted of those respondents greater than 50
16 percent to be in favor of the project for us to
17 move forward.

18 As of this afternoon when the mail was
19 delivered to my house, 83 surveys have been
20 returned, which gets us pretty close to that 75
21 percent response rate.

22 Now we are at about 65, 66 percent, so we're
23 pretty close. I have gotten a few more tonight,
24 and I asked most of you when you were signing in
25 if you had sent your survey back. If you didn't

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2 and you have it and you want to mail it to me,
3 that's great.

4 I see someone waving there. Otherwise, I
5 did bring extra copies tonight if you want to take
6 a few minutes before you leave and fill one out
7 and hand it back to me, that would be great.

8 We are asking that all surveys be returned
9 by the end of this week or if you haven't, you
10 want to mail it to me, get it in and postmarked by
11 Friday so your response can be recorded.

12 I thought tonight I'd take a minute and just
13 share with you some of the results so you can get
14 a better idea of what your neighbors are thinking
15 in regards to this project.

16 It was interesting, the questions were
17 pretty simple and straightforward, but not
18 everyone responded to every question, so the data
19 I'm presenting to you today is of the number of
20 people that responded to each individual question,
21 what was their actual answer in a percentage.

22 So question one was pretty straightforward.
23 Most folks, as you've probably realized, have a
24 drilled well, except for the folks, I believe
25 you're over here in the Horseshoe Lane

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2 contingency. You all have a special district
3 formed with service from OCWA.

4 Do you drink your well water? Most people
5 do. And then a lot of people also feel that the
6 water tastes pretty good. And that may be related
7 to the fact that a lot of you use a water
8 filtration or softener system. Carrying those
9 heavy bags in to treat the water to make it taste
10 better or lessen some of the hardness or
11 corrosiveness that you have in the well.

12 Most folks have not run out of water, and
13 also most folks have not gotten a bulk delivery of
14 water since they owned their property. Some of
15 you responded you didn't know. Some of you
16 responded your pump from time to time has failed
17 and you run out of water because of that reason.

18 Or there's an interesting thing going on I
19 believe with the Horseshoe Lane folks, 11:00
20 o'clock on Wednesday night seems to be a lower
21 water pressure, low water availability situation.

22 So some interesting things have come out of
23 the survey, in addition to just the yes and no
24 responses.

25 And then finally some of the other questions

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2 we asked about well contamination. Most folks
3 have said no, but others have indicated a variety
4 of different contaminant issues, whether they're
5 recognized as a public health concern or just the
6 fact that you've noticed some discoloration to
7 your water from time to time.

8 Most folks are concerned about fire
9 protection in one way, shape or form. Some I
10 don't think fully understood the question in terms
11 of fire protection and how it relates to your
12 water or the potential "drinking" water, so I got
13 some question marks and things like that as well.

14 And then lastly and probably most
15 importantly, are you in favor of public water?
16 And at this point, 62 percent of those that
17 responded are, in fact, in favor of public water
18 if we can keep it at that 900 to 1,200 cost per
19 year for each of you, in addition to whatever your
20 connection costs are.

21 So again, I'm asking you to please if you
22 haven't already done so, get your surveys back to
23 me by the end of this week so that we can wrap
24 this up and present the information to the Town so
25 that they can determine the next steps in either

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2 moving forward with the project or reassessing it
3 and/or also letting the Town of Sullivan know
4 where your Town, the Town of Manlius stands on
5 this project.

6 And again, if you need a survey, please see
7 me afterwards, and I'd be happy to give you one so
8 you can fill it out and either hand it back to me
9 or mail as well.

10 And lastly, there were a couple of folks
11 that kind of skirted in late. If you could make
12 sure that everyone is signed in so that we can get
13 an accurate head count for attendance purposes and
14 for the record of this project, and also to --
15 we're asking for your e-mail so if there are any
16 project updates or project information that we
17 would like to share with all of you as this moves
18 forward, e-mail would probably be the best way to
19 get a mass distribution of the same information
20 out to all of you faster than postage.

21 So thank you for your time and thank you for
22 your responses. I'm supposed to introduce Dave
23 Phillips. He's on the phone. So through the
24 power of technology, we are gonna turn it over to
25 him.

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2 If you are having trouble hearing, perhaps
3 raise your hand and we will do our best to work
4 with the technology we have here.

5 Dave is from the Department of Health and he
6 is in Albany today. Thank you for joining us via
7 phone, Dave. Take it away.

8 MR. PHILLIPS: I hope everyone can hear me
9 okay. Just to, you know, reiterate what Doug
10 mentioned about the grant program, Water
11 Infrastructure Improvement Act or WIIA, this is
12 State money that came about in 2015, so we've had
13 three years so far. We do anticipate more years.
14 We don't know exactly how many, but we definitely
15 are anticipating a round for 2018.

16 Don't know the application deadline date for
17 that yet. We don't really know any information
18 about it yet, other than there will be a round of
19 funding for this year. So we can only go by the
20 information that we have for 2017, and we're
21 expecting it to be very similar.

22 And basically, there's quite a bit of money
23 available for drinking water projects. I've been
24 in the drinking water funding business for over 20
25 years and I've never seen a grant program like

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2 this.

3 There is -- it's just really unprecedented
4 the amount of money that's available now and for
5 the next few years at least, we hope longer.

6 But each project is eligible, if it's
7 awarded, it would be for 60 percent of the project
8 cost up to \$3 million, and the 40 percent project
9 cost remaining would have to be funded with an
10 acceptable type of financing that's acceptable to
11 EFC, that's the Environmental Facilities Corp.
12 They're the financing, the bank and the lawyers,
13 so they just want to make sure you have a strong
14 financing for that 40 percent portion.

15 And, you know, that can be from grants, if
16 you can find it from other agencies, or we do have
17 a Federal drinking water State revolving fund
18 program which offers low interest rate loans which
19 this project would be eligible for. Doug also
20 mentioned that.

21 The last two years the funding deadline has
22 been in June, so we're anticipating it'll be in
23 that similar timeframe this year, and we evaluate
24 the projects based on public health benefit,
25 community support.

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2 We also place a high importance on readiness
3 of the project to move forward and that doesn't
4 necessarily mean readiness to go to construction,
5 but just readiness to move ahead with the project.

6 We want to make sure that if a project is
7 funded that it's going to take the money and
8 really start putting it toward steps needed to get
9 the project going.

10 So to that end, we do have some required
11 documents that are necessary to be submitted with
12 the application.

13 And, two, that I want to really stress,
14 because they do take some time and effort, are the
15 environmental reviews, and in this case we would
16 need the district -- the water district to be
17 formed.

18 And I know that could take some time, so I
19 just wanted to make sure if this project -- if the
20 Town does decide to move ahead with the project
21 that they start that process as soon as possible.

22 I don't really know what else to say about
23 the program other than, you know, I can answer any
24 questions that anybody might have about it.

25 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I have a question, if I

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2 can.

3 MR. THEOBALD: David, can you hang on a
4 little bit longer, we have one more presentation
5 to give, and then we were going to ask some
6 questions.

7 MR. PHILLIPS: Sure.

8 MR. THEOBALD: Thank you. All right.
9 Again, we will have -- I know there will be more
10 questions, but let's finish this up and then we
11 will open it up.

12 So we have Tavia Gilbert and Jeff Miller
13 from OCWA who would like to come up and give their
14 presentation.

15 TAVIA GILBERT: Hi, I'm Tavia Gilbert.
16 I'm with the engineering department with OCWA.

17 Uhm, as Doug mentioned, we would be the ones
18 billing for consumption as we consider it. There
19 is a base fee in each bill and that's based on the
20 size of meter that you would have in your home or
21 in a meter pit out by the property line.

22 MANLIUS RESIDENT: There is something
23 wrong with the microphone. I'm not hearing it.
24 Could you start over.

25 TAVIA GILBERT: Again, I'm Tavia Gilbert.

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2 I'm with the engineering department at OCWA.
3 We're just gonna speak a little bit about the
4 billing. Maybe you will have more questions
5 afterward.

6 We do -- we would be the ones that would be
7 billing you for basically the consumption. Our
8 fee -- our bill is based on a base system fee
9 which depends on the size of meter that you might
10 have in your home or business or whatnot, and then
11 you're billed per 1,000 gallons for your
12 consumption. Pretty basic formula for determining
13 your bill.

14 Other than that, the other charges from OCWA
15 are for annual hydrant maintenance. Currently
16 those are around \$72 per hydrant per year.

17 Unless there's other questions perhaps,
18 that's really all I have to add at the moment.

19 MR. THEOBALD: I think what we will do,
20 since Dave is long distance but doesn't cost
21 anything, we'll let him go first so he can get
22 home wherever you are, David. So I think, Matt,
23 you had a question. I have a microphone if you
24 need to use this, but Matt, if you want to -- you
25 had a question for David.

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2 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Yeah. Matthew Zlomek,
3 Horseshoe Lane. I was just wondering how if you
4 could just speak to the environmental review,
5 typically what's involved and how long it might
6 take for a project like this. Thank you.

7 MR. PHILLIPS: Could somebody repeat that.
8 I had trouble hearing the question.

9 MR. THEOBALD: Try it with the mic this
10 time.

11 MANLIUS RESIDENT: It's on.

12 MR. THEOBALD: It's hit or miss.

13 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Yeah, just simply if
14 you could speak to the environmental review,
15 typically what it involves and how long it
16 typically would take for a project like this.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay. You'd have to follow
19 the State Environmental Quality Review or SEQR,
20 S-E-Q-R. It's a standard practice and this
21 project would be considered a type one project, so
22 it would involve a coordinated review with other
23 interested agencies.

24 So you really wouldn't -- it involves a
25 30-day comment period when letters of interest are

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2 sent out to these interested or involved agencies,
3 initially with an environmental assessment form
4 that describes the project and generally the Town
5 would take the lead.

6 They would be called the lead agency, and
7 they would send this environmental assessment form
8 out to the agencies and they'd have 30 days to
9 comment on the project, and once that 30 days was
10 up and assuming there was no comments that would
11 need to change the project, that's just a matter
12 of the Town really passing a resolution stating
13 that there's no environmental effects, and then
14 they have to publish that. That's called a
15 Negative Declaration, and they have to publish
16 that and that's pretty much the process, but
17 again, timing with that 30-day comment period up
18 front.

19 MR. MILLER: Matt, our experience is on a
20 project like this, some of the effected agencies,
21 interested agencies will be Fish and Wildlife.
22 SHPO. The Onondaga and the Oneida Indian Nations.
23 FEMA. DEC. Army Corps of Engineers.

24 I would anticipate that we would get
25 comments back that we would, you know, we would

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2 probably have to do some fieldwork.

3 So like David speaking, right, we'd send the
4 letters out, within 30 days they get back to us
5 with the comments. Right. And they may very well
6 tell us a scenario such as this, that they want us
7 to do a phase one archeological, so then we would
8 have to bring out, have to probably do shovel
9 testing along the whole route, right.

10 That's part of the funding mechanism.
11 Right. So when we send those comments out, right,
12 if we don't get any comments back, like David is
13 saying, then we're good to go.

14 Chances are, my experience tells me from the
15 last few I've done similar to this, that we're
16 going to get comments back and we're going to have
17 to do some fieldwork.

18 So the fieldwork entails us going out,
19 developing reports, getting acceptance from the
20 agencies and then moving forward. Best case
21 scenario is 30 days. I mean longer scenario is
22 six months. That's what my experience tells me.

23 MANLIUS RESIDENT: With comments back. So
24 this line is going to parallel the road, will it
25 not? Basically going along Salt Springs Road?

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2 MR. MILLER: Yeah.

3 MANLIUS RESIDENT: So -- and it's going to
4 be --

5 MR. MILLER: I agree with you, Matt,
6 but --

7 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I'm thinking
8 archeologically and, you know, so on and so forth,
9 whatever might have been there was probably -- I
10 mean it's gonna be following the road.

11 MR. MILLER: Yeah, I don't disagree with
12 you. But I mean every waterline job we do, that
13 my firm does, is in the right-of-way and comments
14 come back, right, and it's usually from SHPO
15 saying, well, you know, did you do a phase one?
16 Right. Then we do the phase one.

17 And then, you know, you have the two Indian
18 Nations saying, well, we want to have somebody
19 witness that when you do it because we want to
20 make sure everything is on the up and up. I mean
21 I'm just --

22 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I appreciate that.

23 MR. MILLER: I agree with you 100 percent.
24 Best case scenario nothing comes back, I mean it
25 makes sense nothing would, but you can't just say

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2 that.

3 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Thank you.

4 MR. THEOBALD: Have any questions for
5 David right now as far as the grant, the funding
6 and all that anyone have any?

7 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Thank you very much for
8 having this meeting. I reside within the proposed
9 area. What I'd like to know, first of all, is the
10 Town of Sullivan is in Madison County. What's
11 that got to do with us here in Onondaga County?
12 And why should we flip the bill for another
13 County?

14 I think this side of Onondaga County is
15 burdened with a lot of taxes. We seem to be
16 picking up everything, and, you know, the water is
17 beautiful up here. Here's a little history for
18 those folks that --

19 MR. THEOBALD: Hold on one second with
20 that one thought. We will get into this more
21 deeply.

22 Does anyone have any questions for Dave at
23 the funding so he can go? We will get back to you
24 to give your last pitch. Back here, you have a
25 question for David?

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2 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Yeah, we wanted to
3 followup. This looks like a great state funding
4 program, and I was just wondering, had a quick
5 question when the -- if we got that funding, it
6 was supposed to be 60 percent, and I was wondering
7 why it was 60 percent of the 4 million and not 60
8 percent of the 6 million? That was my -- I know
9 that was Dave and Doug, I guess both of them.

10 MR. MILLER: Did you hear that, David?

11 MR. PHILLIPS: Could you repeat it again.
12 I can hear you better, wherever you are.

13 MR. MILLER: The question was why did we
14 use 60 percent of \$4 million, and I think that's
15 because the way it's listed in the IUD. Maybe you
16 can speak to that.

17 MR. PHILLIPS: Yeah. Because my
18 understanding is that the project costs of 6
19 million included \$2 million worth of cost that
20 would be paid by the Town of Sullivan because a
21 lot of the infrastructure is a benefit to them, as
22 well as Manlius, so they would pay for their part
23 of the shared cost, and then Manlius would pay
24 their part of the shared cost, plus costs that
25 only benefit Manlius and that my understanding is

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2 that came to \$4 million.

3 MR. THEOBALD: Yeah, that makes sense.
4 Okay. Anyone else for David on the funding, grant
5 funding? Yes, Matt.

6 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Thank you. Yes, sir.
7 If you could -- could you give us an idea of how
8 long your review takes, and then also as you know,
9 because you reviewed this project, the ask was 2.6
10 million, could you give us a sense of what you
11 feel the probability of getting that would be
12 given your experience? Thank you.

13 MR. MILLER: Question was, David, how long
14 review would your agency need on the project and
15 how likely is it that the grant money would be
16 secured by a community?

17 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay. How long a review
18 until they would be awarded if they were awarded;
19 is that the question?

20 MANLIUS RESIDENT: How long would the
21 review take?

22 MR. MILLER: Yes.

23 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay. Based on last year,
24 again, that's what we have to go on, the
25 applications were submitted on June 23rd and

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2 awards were announced in October, so it did take
3 about three and a half months. I don't know, you
4 know, if that would change or not this year.

5 Uhm, but as far as the other part of the
6 question, based on what I've seen other projects
7 that got awarded in the past, there is absolutely
8 no guarantee, but this, in my opinion, is a strong
9 project, and you'd have a strong case to get one
10 of these awards.

11 I mean Sullivan did get an award very
12 similar, you know, it's pretty much the same
13 project so, uhm, and the fact that it's tied to
14 that Sullivan project that was already awarded
15 will also help in the evaluation.

16 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Thank you very much.

17 MR. THEOBALD: One more, David, hold on.

18 MANLIUS RESIDENT: So the Town of Sullivan
19 has already gotten that award. Is there a
20 timeframe as to when that has to be used and are
21 we ever -- are we going to be able to tie in with
22 that money that they received?

23 MR. THEOBALD: Is that for David?

24 MR. MILLER: Question was did the Town of
25 Sullivan actually receive a grant, how long do

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2 they have to use it and how does the Town of
3 Manlius benefit from using that money that the
4 Town of Sullivan got?

5 MR. PHILLIPS: Uhm, so the Town of
6 Sullivan was awarded a grant. They haven't
7 actually received any money. They haven't closed
8 on the financing. They don't have the money
9 dispersed yet, but it's awarded to them, and
10 there's really no set timeframe.

11 Although, you know, the big part of this
12 program, as I mentioned earlier, is to get the
13 money out and get it going towards projects, so
14 it's not out there forever, you know, but we do
15 understand that certain projects may take a little
16 longer to get going and get completed.

17 And as far as Sullivan, like that money is
18 awarded to them and I think, you know, we were
19 looking at what would be best for both
20 communities, is that Manlius would apply for
21 project -- for their portion of the overall
22 project.

23 So again, then they would be paying for a
24 part of the shared services, that's shared between
25 both communities, and then 100 percent of the cost

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2 for the infrastructure that's only used by them,
3 but it would be a separate -- separate grant award
4 to the Town of Manlius.

5 So essentially, the overall project would
6 have grant money for Manlius and then the grant
7 money for Sullivan.

8 MR. THEOBALD: Okay. Hold on. One more.

9 MANLIUS RESIDENT: When was the Town of
10 Sullivan awarded the money and how much of the 2
11 million were they awarded?

12 MR. MILLER: When was the Town of Sullivan
13 awarded this grant and how much of the 2 million
14 did they receive?

15 MR. PHILLIPS: They got an award this past
16 round in October 2017, and their project was
17 actually based on Manlius not being involved.

18 So they had a project cost for everything
19 that's needed to bring water to Sullivan and that
20 includes the pump station, that Doug mentioned,
21 the storage tank and that transmission main.

22 So if Manlius comes in to this project, a
23 lot of those costs will be shared between the two
24 communities because both communities would
25 benefit, so it's very likely that Sullivan's

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2 project costs would decrease and their -- which
3 would potentially affect their grant just because
4 their project cost is lower, 60 percent of that
5 would then be lower, but they would end up paying
6 less in loan debt if Manlius joins in, and again,
7 it's because of the shared cost there.

8 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I don't think that
9 answered my question. My question was if he's
10 saying the award -- they weren't asking for 2
11 million, they were asking for more, how much were
12 they asking for and how much was the award? I
13 don't have a number.

14 MR. MILLER: I'm sorry, maybe want to come
15 up and speak right into that --

16 MR. THEOBALD: Yeah, come up.

17 MR. Miller: So it doesn't lose anything
18 in translation.

19 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I think what you are
20 saying in your answer was they didn't ask for 2
21 million, they actually asked for more; is that
22 correct?

23 MR. PHILLIPS: Yeah, their project cost
24 was 5 million.

25 MANLIUS RESIDENT: So they asked for 5

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2 million. And how much were they awarded of the 5
3 million?

4 MR. PHILLIPS: Their grant is for 3
5 million.

6 MANLIUS RESIDENT: But that's based
7 upon --

8 MR. PHILLIPS: They got 60 percent of 5
9 which is 3 million.

10 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Okay. But those
11 numbers are all being changed by this proposal,
12 correct?

13 MR. PHILLIPS: Well, potentially, yes.
14 If -- if their -- like I said, if Manlius comes
15 in, there's gonna be shared costs between the two
16 communities which would then reduce the cost to
17 Sullivan, so then there's potential that their
18 grant could be reduced accordingly, but that's
19 all -- I -- I -- that's all for the EFC.

20 Like I said, they're, you know, the bankers
21 and the lawyers to look at, but overall it will be
22 more affordable for both Towns, if both Towns are
23 involved.

24 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Right. But at this
25 point, Madison alone has gotten an award of 3

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2 million for a \$5 million project, correct?

3 MR. PHILLIPS: That award has been
4 Sullivan.

5 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I'm sorry, Sullivan got
6 an award of 3 million for a total project of 5
7 million and that award has been out there since
8 October of '17, but not dispersed to them, they
9 haven't collected that money; is that correct?

10 MR. PHILLIPS: Correct.

11 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Okay. That's all.
12 Thank you.

13 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I was -- I guess I was
14 confused about the 60 percent of 4 million. Is
15 the 2 million there is that a grant already that
16 Sullivan got?

17 MANLIUS RESIDENT: That's what I was
18 asking.

19 MR. THEOBALD: He wants to know if that 2
20 million that Sullivan is sharing with us?

21 MR. MILLER: That's just 2 million that we
22 would need from Sullivan.

23 MR. THEOBALD: That we would need from
24 them?

25 MR. MILLER: If they get a grant or have 2

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2 million sitting around, that's what we need from
3 them to participate.

4 MANLIUS RESIDENT: It just seems to me
5 that both Sullivan and Manlius are the same,
6 they're both in the same state. This is a state
7 grant. Wouldn't it be 60 percent of the total?

8 MANLIUS RESIDENT: We missed that vote.
9 Should have gotten it in when Sullivan got theirs.
10 Manlius missed it.

11 MANLIUS RESIDENT: We're talking about the
12 WIIA's grant.

13 MR. MILLER: If you recall, like Mr.
14 Phillips just said, my understanding is the Town
15 of Sullivan had a \$5 million project. They were
16 awarded a \$3 million grant.

17 They came back to Mr. Phillips and the Town
18 of Manlius and said, \$3 million wasn't enough
19 money for them to get underneath the comptroller's
20 threshold.

21 So that being said, Mr. Phillips said, he
22 kept the chips on the table, is what he's saying
23 for Sullivan, that there's still 3 million
24 allocated for them.

25 They can't do a project because they don't

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2 have -- 3 million is not enough funding for them
3 to do a project, so they're dead in the water.

4 So Mr. Phillips said, if we repackage this
5 and combine it with shared services, the way I
6 showed you, with 2 million -- with \$4 million of
7 infrastructure being shared between the two
8 communities, then Mr. Phillips can reallocate the
9 3 million he gave them and give us 2.4, and the
10 projects on both sides could possibly qualify to
11 be underneath the comptroller's threshold.

12 Where Sullivan comes up with the 2 million,
13 I can't tell you, but that's what needs to happen.
14 Okay.

15 MR. THEOBALD: Have a question here with
16 the mic.

17 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Well, again, curious
18 about the whole Sullivan side, because one of the
19 interesting things is that you said early on is
20 like we're blessed in the Town of Manlius to have
21 78,000 per family household, and they only have
22 45,000. Our bill is twice what theirs is.

23 We have 114 families, households that are
24 impacted by this, and our cost seems quite high,
25 and there's some houses like mine that will never

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2 be tied into this because NiMo can't run a natural
3 gas line to my house for less than \$30,000.

4 There's no way I can get water to this house.

5 I'm kind of curious, well, like how many
6 households are in Sullivan that are involved is
7 this gonna effect and for them to get us to pay
8 for a majority of this project to benefit them.

9 MR. MILLER: I can't tell you. I don't
10 represent Sullivan. Right. So I can't tell you.
11 All I can tell you is that with them getting their
12 \$3 million grant, their costs are more than ours.
13 Right. Because they didn't meet the comptroller's
14 threshold. Right.

15 So if -- if the two combine and there's a
16 pot of money that each could get 60 percent of
17 each project, right, the two in aggregate score
18 better than one single.

19 MANLIUS RESIDENT: You say cost. You
20 don't even know what the cost of the project is or
21 how many households are involved.

22 MR. MILLER: All we are talking about is
23 Manlius. Right. That's all we're talking about.
24 Right. Sullivan is kind of -- I get it. I mean
25 you're concerned about it, but it's kind of a

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2 black hole. Right.

3 What we're trying to look at here is how can
4 we get the best bang for the buck. Right. How
5 can we drive that cost --

6 MANLIUS RESIDENT: We don't need a back
7 up. We already have water. We don't need a back
8 up.

9 MANLIUS RESIDENT: We're just subsidizing
10 Sullivan.

11 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Our wells are fine.

12 MR. THEOBALD: Tonight's meeting is not a
13 public hearing. Okay. This is a public
14 information meeting. And there may be a time,
15 believe me, when your opinions of what you think
16 it is, is different than what we want to provide
17 tonight.

18 What we need to make sure is that you grasp
19 what we're -- we need to go through if we're to
20 form the district.

21 And as far as the Town of Sullivan goes,
22 they need us for that to work for them. So where
23 is that \$2 million coming from? That's for them
24 to figure out if they want us to be playing in
25 this district as well. I mean that's my opinion.

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2 Okay.

3 So tonight is really -- and I get the
4 opinions. Everyone feels they don't want. They
5 do want it. I know we saw what the results were
6 with the survey.

7 So tonight, though, I want to make sure that
8 what we presented to you this evening, you
9 understand what we're trying to do, what the
10 numbers look like based on what we have to work
11 with right now with certain assumptions, which,
12 you know, we have to take into account with the
13 Town of Sullivan.

14 All right. In order for these numbers to
15 get below that -- to get to that comptroller's
16 \$904, right, obviously we need some money to come
17 in from the Town of Sullivan to do that.

18 So what I'd really like to know and I know
19 that I cut our young lady off over here, so I
20 would like -- I would like her to finish what she
21 was saying, and then we can go to some more
22 questions.

23 Are we good with David? That's what I want
24 to know. Or do we have any more about -- I think
25 Doug's got a handle on most of the funding

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2 questions. Doug? Or do you think we should let
3 David go on the funding?

4 MR. MILLER: Yeah, if anything comes up
5 and get back to me.

6 MR. THEOBALD: We'll get back to him so we
7 don't have to hang on. Here we go.

8 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Okay. Question is:
9 Why doesn't Madison County take care of their own
10 Town of Sullivan? Why Manlius? Why Onondaga
11 County? That's my primary question. Why?

12 MANLIUS RESIDENT: It's New York State.

13 MANLIUS RESIDENT: You're targeting an
14 area and you are talking about everybody has a
15 good well. We're sitting on top of rock that runs
16 from Virginia to Lake Heron. There's nothing
17 better than an infiltration system of rock.

18 If we bring in this water from Ontario, then
19 we have to think about chlorinating it, doing this
20 and that. And suppose I want out, why should I
21 have to pay the tax for water that I don't want.
22 That's not fair.

23 MR. THEOBALD: Well, that's why we have a
24 referendum, if we get that far. A question over
25 here?

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2 MANLIUS RESIDENT: So it seems like both
3 projects are talking about some of the same
4 things. So there's no way to make this one
5 project with both? I mean that's what it is.

6 Madison -- Town of Sullivan and Manlius are
7 running a line and they're putting fire hydrants
8 in. Well, the fire hydrants would be our side,
9 but I mean there's -- this project is both of us,
10 and the 60 percent should come out of that total.

11 So if we combine our project and their
12 project, what's the total cost? And 60 percent of
13 that should be the grant. They're going to get
14 less than we're gonna get because we're doing most
15 of the work.

16 MR. THEOBALD: Doug, can you answer that?

17 MR. MILLER: I don't have the exact
18 numbers, but if you listened to what Mr. Phillips
19 told us, Town of Sullivan has a \$5 million project
20 and the Town of Manlius has a \$6 million project.
21 Right. Five and six is 11 million. Right.

22 If you heard what he said, the maximum
23 amount of the grant is 3 million, so you combine
24 with 11 and you get 3 and you're way short.

25 So if you go five and six, you get 60

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2 percent of each, so you get 3 million and 2.4 and
3 you get 5.4 million. Right. And you just barely
4 and you just barely skim by that 904.

5 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. THEOBALD: All right. Right here.

7 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Governor Cuomo has an
8 initiative on -- I can be pretty loud -- asking
9 counties to work together. Do you get any points
10 off for that?

11 MR. MILLER: That's exactly what this
12 program is.

13 MANLIUS RESIDENT: So the more we work
14 together, the more we all rise, and I don't -- I
15 still think knowing the very little that I know
16 about politics locally and globally, it's hard for
17 me to imagine that there isn't some overlap
18 between what the Town of Sullivan and the Town of
19 Manlius are doing separately, especially in the
20 study drill.

21 MR. THEOBALD: Those are excellent points.

22 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Thank you. Can you
23 call my mother?

24 MR. THEOBALD: Believe me, sitting over
25 the summer with county executives, the mayors and

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2 the towns supervisors all through Onondaga County,
3 this was part of the goal of shared services.

4 Okay.

5 Now, we were going to do this before the
6 Governor said we should do this. The good thing
7 is now maybe they will have some funding for us in
8 addition. Okay. So that is a part of the study
9 that we'll be hopefully applying for, if we get
10 that far with shared services. Over here. Yup,
11 Eric.

12 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Can you just describe
13 the -- what the next steps are, you know, for
14 maybe the next six months, major milestones?

15 MR. MILLER: Bear with me, Eric, I had
16 some notes on that. There it is. So basically we
17 would start moving forward with completing the
18 application. Right. Then in parallel with that,
19 we would initiate the environmental, like I told,
20 Matt. Right.

21 It seems so simple to do the environmental,
22 but every time we get to that point somebody else
23 throws up another flag. Well, you didn't check
24 this side of the road. You didn't check that side
25 of the road. Right.

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2 So my sense is, you know, if everything were
3 aligned and we're all smart people here and makes
4 sense there is probably a 30-day comment period,
5 my sense is somebody's gonna throw a monkey wrench
6 in and say, go out and do a field study, so then
7 we got to get people mobilized and get them out.
8 Right.

9 And it's probably, you know, my experience
10 it drags into three, four, six months. Then we
11 have to get their approvals, right, on the
12 environmental review. Get everybody to sign off.

13 And then once -- once we have the
14 environmental's behind us, then we can go to
15 referendum. Right. We have a public -- I'm not
16 the expert on how to hold a referendum, but we
17 would have a public hearing. Gather all the
18 comments. Right. And then we would potentially
19 go to a referendum and a vote, right, and
20 everybody would have a say.

21 And that's basically what the Town Board has
22 told me, this is not a Town project. This is a
23 district project. Right. It's for the people in
24 the district. Right.

25 So everybody has a say and everybody would

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2 have some type of a vote to be transparent and,
3 you know, put your input and then, you know, see
4 where the chips lie.

5 Now, let's say that by chance it did pass,
6 right, right, I mean part of the other thing that
7 we would have to do as the environmental could
8 come back and say, you know, well, you need to do
9 a phase one archeological. Right. You just can't
10 go out and just start shovelling. Right.

11 So we would have to have a map of the survey
12 area, so we'd have to get a surveyor out there and
13 we'd have to start surveying things. Right. And
14 then we have to plot all the places where we do
15 the environmental aspect, if they want. So I
16 mean, you know, it starts -- it starts to drag out
17 a little bit, but.

18 MANLIUS RESIDENT: This is all for going
19 through the grant?

20 MR. MILLER: Yes.

21 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I assume the Town of
22 Sullivan has to follow the same process?

23 MR. MILLER: Yes.

24 MR. THEOBALD: Another question over here.

25 MR. MILLER: They would. I don't know

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2 where they stand in it. I think that's part of
3 the reason that they haven't -- I don't know that
4 exactly, but I think that's part of the reason
5 that they haven't secured the grant, that and
6 being that they came to us and said, we don't have
7 enough money with the grant.

8 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Thank you.

9 MR. MILLER: So don't I think -- I don't
10 think David got into the weeds with it, but I
11 think it's gotta be repackaged a little bit.

12 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Doug, if I may, though.

13 MR. MILLER: Yeah, go ahead.

14 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Uhm, you know, you
15 talked about, you know, we all have questions in
16 here about, you know, the Town of Sullivan, what
17 they're bringing, and to use your term, it's kind
18 of a black box right now, so until I assume there
19 has to be some kind of inter-municipal agreement
20 ahead of time for any of this to work with
21 anybody?

22 MR. MILLER: Yeah.

23 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Then why aren't they at
24 the table in some regard right now so we have
25 these answers, otherwise this is just an academic

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2 exercise that we are going through right now.

3 MR. MILLER: They came --

4 MANLIUS RESIDENT: You know, I understand
5 where they're at and all of that, but there's
6 details here that we're saying that we don't know.

7 It's easy enough to have them at the table,
8 to have this Town at the table, figure all this
9 out, see what's agreeable and amenable to both
10 sides, make the funding work for both sides, if
11 everybody is in favor of it, and then we can have
12 a more productive conversation on this than the
13 academic conversation we're having right now by
14 not having some of those answers.

15 MR. MILLER: Do you want to answer that,
16 Ed, or do you want me to answer that?

17 MR. THEOBALD: Go ahead.

18 MR. MILLER: Tony, right, every step along
19 the way, right, the engineering report we've done,
20 our listing on the IUP, uhm, in fact, this
21 meeting, the Supervisor has been in direct contact
22 with the Town of Sullivan, so --

23 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Okay. That said, we're
24 also saying tonight we don't have certain answers.
25 We don't have a certain mutual understanding that

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2 both the Sullivan -- the Sullivan side and the
3 Manlius side were in agreement with the logistics.
4 I'm not hearing that yet.

5 MR. MILLER: Well, we had a conference
6 call. Right.

7 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I understand
8 communications. We all agree with that.

9 MR. MILLER: And we had a conference call
10 and it was agreed to pursue this direction.
11 Right.

12 MANLIUS RESIDENT: On these shared costs?

13 MR. MILLER: Yes, absolutely. Absolutely.

14 MANLIUS RESIDENT: 50/50?

15 MR. MILLER: We've sent -- we've sent our
16 cost estimates and everything to the Town of
17 Sullivan, so, right, we're waiting to hear back
18 from them. The Supervisor has spoken with them.
19 Right. We've got the survey out. So -- right.

20 The next step is to bring them back into the
21 table and say, hey, here's our survey results.
22 Right. They look good or they look bad. Right.

23 Like Kristy said, we're at about 65 percent,
24 so that's not too bad. I mean if people have
25 neighbors and whatnot that they know haven't

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2 filled things out, please talk to the neighbors.
3 If you're hear tonight and you haven't filled it
4 out, please fill it out.

5 But, you know, we feel that if we get to
6 that, as Kristy said, 75 percent mark, we have a
7 good sense one way or the other of where this is
8 going to go. Right. And then, you know, the next
9 steps are we can do that in parallel, which you
10 are absolutely correct, there's some rolling up of
11 the sleeves to say, hey, we are here. Ready to do
12 what you wanted us to do. Here is where it is.
13 Our people seem like they want this or don't want
14 it. Right.

15 I mean to pardon what you are saying, I
16 agree, but as we've moved forward, right, every
17 step along the way, you know, Ed's been in contact
18 with Supervisor Becker.

19 MANLIUS RESIDENT: How is it determined
20 like what households we've involved in this water
21 district?

22 In other words, if there is a, you know, you
23 mentioned Brae Leure, MacClenthen, Salt Springs,
24 there's only three homes on Salt Springs, there's
25 whatever number of homes on Brae Leure, and if a

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2 majority of those people wanted out of this, is
3 there a reason for this water district?

4 So if that's the case, if a particular
5 neighborhood or street wanted to opt out of this,
6 is that possible?

7 And who said that we have to -- that these
8 homes or neighborhoods have to be involved in this
9 water district?

10 MR. MILLER: That's part of the reason we
11 did the survey to see where the strong opinion of
12 the --

13 MANLIUS RESIDENT: The threshold was 75
14 percent respond greater than 50 percent, it's not
15 broken down by street.

16 MR. MILLER: We have that information.

17 MR. LaMANCHE: That will be in the final
18 report when I put it together. I will sort the
19 data in different ways to give the Town a view of
20 how you responded, whether you're based on streets
21 or things of that kind, so we can manipulate the
22 data in any way, shape or form to glean as much
23 information as possible to help the Town make a
24 decision if they want to move forward in pursuing
25 all the next steps of the process.

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2 MANLIUS RESIDENT: So is it possible that
3 a particular area could -- the water district
4 could change based on that survey of who wants to
5 participate and who doesn't want to participate?

6 And, therefore, the number of houses changes
7 and, therefore, the costs change for everyone.

8 MR. MILLER: Then it becomes a different
9 project. Based on the input that we've had over
10 the last few years and the different reports that
11 have been out there, we've tried to stay
12 consistent with the reports, and we've tried to
13 collect that data and put it in the survey to see
14 where we wind up.

15 MR. THEOBALD: You know, that's a good
16 point. If you have like Brae Leure is figured in
17 this, what's the other one? MacClenthen, okay,
18 they're sort of separate from Salt Springs and the
19 Sky Ridge Water District, but I think that's
20 probably you, sir, you're going in that direction,
21 those streets.

22 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Is Strawberry Lane
23 included?

24 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Only three homes on
25 there. Again, it's like --

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2 MR. THEOBALD: Well, I think the survey
3 might help us with that, too, when we get to that.

4 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I know that Debt
5 Service is based on the number of units right now
6 that we figured out.

7 What happens in the future if additional
8 units want to join in, would that then reduce the
9 Debt Service?

10 MR. MILLER: Yes.

11 MANLIUS RESIDENT: New home construction,
12 yes.

13 MR. THEOBALD: Another question here.

14 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Doug, maybe I missed
15 it, but appears as though Townsend Road is not in
16 the district and why is that? I live on Townsend
17 Road. I have a lot on Salt Springs, benefit to
18 that lot, but Townsend Road.

19 MR. MILLER: Townsend Road was not. I
20 mean this was what we were commissioned to do,
21 right, and we did not look at Townsend Road in
22 this project.

23 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Why not? Because all
24 those other streets are offshoots and Townsend
25 Road is an offshoot of Salt Springs.

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2 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I mean we are right
3 there.

4 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Why --

5 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Then I propose that you
6 go on it and we go off it.

7 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Why would that be that
8 it wasn't considered to be part of that survey?

9 MR. MILLER: I guess you're the first
10 people that said you wanted it on Townsend Road.

11 MR. THEOBALD: Well, can you become part
12 of it?

13 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I second that they
14 become part of it.

15 MR. THEOBALD: Well, you know what, Tom,
16 we will have to look into that, research that part
17 of it for you, and we can have further discussion
18 on that.

19 MR. MILLER: Okay. I will make a note.

20 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Uhm, I don't know -- I
21 don't know, just to followup on that gentleman's
22 question regarding MacClenthen and Brae Leure.

23 I live on MacClenthen Road, and I am the
24 first house south of Salt Springs Road, and I am
25 1,200 feet down from the intersection of Salt

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2 Springs and MacClenthen, and you have to go 1,200
3 feet down from that intersection south before you
4 hit my house which is the first house.

5 Now, according to the information that you
6 presented, this district would cover 2,600 feet of
7 MacClenthen Road, and you've got to go almost half
8 that distance to get to the first house which is
9 mine, and then you hit two more houses, and then
10 you head back west and you have Brae Leure.

11 Now, I did some research on my house before
12 I bought it in 1983, and I talked to a gentleman
13 named Gary Soto, who at that time was the
14 geological engineer for Onondaga County, and he
15 told me that we are sitting on top of a 40-foot
16 aquifer of water.

17 Now, if the people in the three homes on
18 MacClenthen and the people on Brae Leure want to
19 opt out from this potential district and you are
20 doing this as an offshoot, an offshoot from the
21 main east-west line along Salt Springs Road, I did
22 not get a clear answer to your question, sir, as
23 to whether or not we can opt out of this district.
24 I just need a simple yes or no?

25 MR. MILLER: Let's see what the survey

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2 data comes back. Right. I mean I think that will
3 speak for it. I mean if the majority of the
4 people are for the water in that area or majority
5 of the people are against that, we will take that
6 into consideration.

7 MR. THEOBALD: I think to help clear that
8 up a little bit, just like on Salt Springs,
9 they're contacted by different streets, roads and
10 knew we were doing this and asked if they were
11 interested in it. Okay.

12 So we sort of went on that sort of general
13 opinion. You know, nothing specific, take it out
14 and it will go up.

15 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Yeah, but doesn't that
16 bring the cost down if --

17 MR. MILLER: Oh, yeah.

18 MANLIUS RESIDENT: -- by putting all these
19 streets in here and creating this water district,
20 you're creating this water district, you have Salt
21 Springs, Brae Leure, a portion of MacClenthen, you
22 got them all in here, is that bringing this number
23 down to meet the comptroller's threshold to
24 proceed with this project?

25 MR. MILLER: It may or may not. It's all

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2 dependent actually on each street, so you have to
3 look at it on its -- on its own report.

4 MANLIUS RESIDENT: The data you're
5 presenting shows you will basically cover three
6 homes on MacClenthen Road.

7 It seems like a terrible waste to run an
8 offshoot off of a main line that's running east
9 and west on a road.

10 MR. MILLER: Well, we'll take a look at
11 the survey. I know what you're saying.

12 MANLIUS RESIDENT: We would just be
13 subsidizing the project.

14 MR. THEOBALD: Any other questions?

15 MANLIUS RESIDENT: Thank you for allowing
16 us the opportunity to get information on this.

17 I live on Salt Springs, and not unlike some
18 of the people here, my house is a distance off the
19 road.

20 So I think when I'm listening to you, you
21 give information about the project costs, I don't
22 feel that you're giving the honest information to
23 the normal homeowner on this property -- or on
24 this street.

25 So one, you're sugaring coating the

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2 connecting cost. It should be a calculator that
3 allows them to figure out when they're 200, 400,
4 300 feet off the road, that it's going to be
5 between 10, 20, \$30,000 to connect because they
6 will have to dig through solid limestone.

7 That's important because they might not want
8 to do it or participate or might vote the other
9 way when considering this project.

10 Number two, most of us built a house in the
11 country or bought a house in the country so we
12 wouldn't have to deal with this type of thing.

13 And you said that you were commissioned.
14 Commissioned by who? You know what's not included
15 in your conversation is -- and I believe there
16 inherently is, unless you tell me truthfully no,
17 that there has to be a reason why we are even
18 considering this.

19 Is there a developer petitioning and asking
20 for submission?

21 Is there some underlying cost that the Town
22 of Manlius would then recoup value back to the
23 Town of Sullivan to increase its tax base?

24 Because otherwise this doesn't make sense.
25 Most of us have good water. And by the way, for

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2 those of you that don't have good water, the
3 \$5,000 to drill another well is much less than the
4 \$30,000 you'll pay in fees over the next 30 years
5 regardless of the connect fee.

6 (Applause.)

7 MANLIUS RESIDENT: And you have no trouble
8 with a well?

9 MANLIUS RESIDENT: I built my house four
10 years ago. My well drilling cost was less than
11 \$5,000.

12 MANLIUS RESIDENT: How deep are you?

13 MANLIUS RESIDENT: 164 deep, 30 gallons a
14 minute. Pure water. No problems.

15 MANLIUS RESIDENT: We can't drill wells on
16 Horseshoe.

17 MANLIUS RESIDENT: But you have your own
18 water district already.

19 MR. THEOBALD: All right. It's a good
20 conversation, you know, but I know we'd go back
21 and forth all night, but I think that we have a
22 general crux of what's been presented tonight and
23 a lot of questions which we hope we answered the
24 majority of them.

25 The ones that we didn't, we will -- we will

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2 certainly get back to you. Points are all well
3 taken. Okay. Every one of them here. And this
4 is really sort of a -- to me a preview, if we ever
5 get that far, to a referendum, to a public hearing
6 of how far this will really go. All right.

7 What we're doing is we're trying to work
8 with another town, in another county, and again,
9 we do believe in shared services. We've been
10 doing it over 35 years in the Town of Manlius
11 starting with the police department. Okay.

12 So this is an attempt to continue that
13 shared services. Whether or not it goes through
14 is entirely up to you. Not the Town.

15 The residents that live on those roads and
16 streets, that's what matters. We also will take
17 into consideration some concerns with those that
18 maybe only have two or three houses, but that's
19 going to be all part of the few -- the discussions
20 going forward.

21 I would ask -- I think you all have my
22 contact information because I sent you the letter,
23 and I know you have our website. There's a place
24 on our website where if you have comments, you can
25 e-mail on the website any concerns regarding this

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2 project.

3 But I always say that usually if a meeting
4 goes more than an hour, we're saying the same
5 things over and over again, but there are some new
6 things being said tonight that are not repeated,
7 and I really think that's tremendous that we are
8 able to do that tonight.

9 So we have a long way to go and there is a
10 lot involved, as you can see, from the Engineer's
11 point of view, the Town's engineers, the Board.
12 We have four members of the Board here tonight,
13 too, that is taking all this in.

14 So, you know, with that, I would like to
15 wrap this up tonight and thank all of you that are
16 here tonight. And if you have any further
17 questions, you just let us know.

18 And again, have some surveys, we need to get
19 those completed as well. All right. So thank you
20 very much, everybody. Appreciate you being here
21 tonight.

22 (Proceedings adjourned.)

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