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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME, IT IS 7:04 PM AND I WOULD CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ORDER.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, HERE, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON, HERE, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, HERE, TRUSTEE WESLEY IS ABSENT AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN.  
HERE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE DO HAVE A QUORUM.  
I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS HAS BEEN PRESENTED.  
MOTION BY LEVING-JACOBSON AND SECOND BY EDER.  
ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

MOVING TO THE MINUTES ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 2026 APRIL 21 MEETING.

ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

MINUTES ARE APPROVED.

WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THIS EVENING.

AND I AM MOVING TO THE WRONG PAGE.

DO WE HAVE ANY NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT THIS EVENING?

>>CLERK WATERS: YES, WE DO.

JENNIFER?

>>JENNIFER: GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS JENNIFER B, A MEMBER OF THE CONDO ASSOCIATION ON THE 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH EUCLID AVENUE.

I AM HERE TONIGHT REPRESENTING NOT JUST THE RESIDENCE OF MY BUILDING, BUT ALSO THE RESIDENCE OF THE 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH EUCLID AVENUE TO ADDRESS THE LATEST ISSUES WITH A PROJECT THAT CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE A YEARS LONG PATTERN OF POOR COMMUNICATION, LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND FAILURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY WHICH HAS DIRECTLY IMPACTED THE RESIDENCE OF OUR BUILDING AND OUR BLOCK.

WHILE I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE ALL OF THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING SINCE THIS PROJECT BEGAN IN 2019 MY TIME IS SHORT AND I WILL JUST FOCUS ON THE CURRENT ISSUES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS WITH YOU TONIGHT.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND SAFETY.

ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE ISSUES FROM MUNIFICATION AND WE WERE SURPRISED TO FIND WORKERS IN VEHICLES DIGGING UP THE RECENTLY COMPLETED ALLEY BETWEEN OAK PARK AVENUE AND WESLEY AVENUE.

WE WERE IN THE DARK WHEN THIS WORK BEGAN DESPITE PROMISES FROM PETE'S TO ACTIVELY COMMUNICATE WHEN WORK IS TO OCCUR ON OUR BLOCK OR IN THE ALLEY THAT WOULD IMPACT RESIDENCE.

THIS IS A ONGOING PROBLEM AND WHILE COMMUNICATION DID IMPROVE FOR A BRIEF TIME AFTER WE INVOLVED THE VILLAGE, OUR ATTORNEY AND THE WEDNESDAY JOURNEY, PETE'S IS BACK TO THE LACKADAISICAL APPROACH TO COMMUNICATION.

WE ARE DISAPPOINTED, BUT NOT SURPRISED.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT THE SAME VILLAGE BOARD AND PRESIDENT WHO ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT WITH PETE'S MARKET YEARS AGO, BUT THIS IS THE VILLAGE BOARD WHO HOLD PETE'S ACCOUNTABLE.

HE IS FAILING TO MEET EVERY DEADLINE AND NOT JUST IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT IN OTHERS AS WELL, A SIMPLE GOOGLE SEARCH WILL REVEALS THIS.

THE CONTRACT WAS REVISED AND THERE ARE CONTRACTS TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE PURE THE FACT THAT THEY STOPPED COMMUNICATING WITH US IS BECAUSE THEY DON'T THINK THAT ANYONE IS WATCHING ANYMORE.

EVEN MORE ALARMING THAN THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION FROM PETE'S IS HOW DANGEROUS OUR HISTORY AND ALLIE HAVE BECOME.

THE 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH EUCLID AVENUE IS NOW A THROUGH STREET FOR ALL TRAFFIC ON WASHINGTON AVENUE.

DAY AND NIGHT, CARS SPEED DOWN OUR STREET AND THROUGH OUR ALLEY HONKING THEIR HORNS, GOING AT A SPEED THAT IS COMPLETELY UNSAFE.

THERE IS NO SIGNAGE, NO SPEED CONTROL, NO SPEED BUMPS TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.

WE HAVE ASKED PETE'S TO INSTALL A SAFETY MIRROR ON THEIR BUILDING TO HELP WITH VISIBILITY IN THE ALLEY, THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED.

WE ASKED THE VILLAGE TO ADDRESS SAFETY AND AGAIN NOTHING HAS HAPPENED.

ONE POINT THERE WAS A CROSSWALK ON WASHINGTON STREET THAT WAS SOMEWHAT HELPFUL, BUT IT IS NOW GONE AFTER SEVERAL REPAVING'S. THERE HAS BEEN A LARGE CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE PARKED IN OUR CUL-DE-SAC AND IT HAS BEEN THERE FOR OVER A WEEK.

NOW IT IS PARKED IN FRONT OF OUR BUILDING AND TAKING UP THREE PARKING SPACES ON A ALREADY CROWDED BLOCK.

WITH MANY MULTIUNIT FAMILY HOUSING BUILDINGS.

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

HOW IS THIS SAFE?

IF CHILDREN LIVE AND PLAY ON OUR STREET.

WE DO NOTICE THAT THE VILLAGE NEVER TICKETS THE CARS ON OUR BLOCK, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE SAME DILIGENCE WOULD APPLY IN ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS ON OUR BLOCK.

PARDON ME.

WHEN WE CONTACTED VILLAGE ABOUT ANY OR ALL OF THESE MATTERS THE RESPONSES THAT THEY'LL BE PASSED OFF TO PUBLIC WORKS OR THAT IT IS PETE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD TO TAKE OUR SAFETY, CONCERNS SERIOUSLY.

AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ALL ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY NO MATTER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE SAFETY IS ADDRESSED AND PETE'S IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>JENNIFER: WOULD YOU LIKE THIS?

>>CLERK WATERS: THANK YOU.

CHRIS?

CHRIS B?

>>CHRIS: THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS CHRIS B, WITH COMPASS ARCHITECTURE AND I'M REPRESENTING A SOMEWHAT AD HOC GROUP OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS, GENERAL CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

WE JUST WANT TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEING OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS WE THINK PRIMARILY DUE TO THE NEW FIRM THAT THE VILLAGE HAS HIRED TO OUTSOURCE A LOT OF THEIR PERMIT REVIEWS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

ALL OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THAT.

AND WE ARE ALL FOR LIFE SAFETY CHECKS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, BUT IT HAS REALLY BEEN GETTING INTO A LOT OF MINUTIA.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT PEOPLE LIKE ME AND PEOPLE LIKE THEM, WE ARE GOING TO STOP WORKING IN THE VILLAGE BECAUSE IT HAS BECOME SO ONEROUS.

THE ALTERNATIVE IS THAT WE HAVE TO RAISE OUR PRICES AND NECK IS PASSED ON TO THE TAXPAYERS IN THIS VILLAGE.

AND I DO NOT THINK ANYBODY WANTS EITHER OF THOSE THINGS.

AND SO I THINK THAT THIS IS KIND OF OUR FIRST STEP TO SIMPLY BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION AND I THINK WILL MEET WITH CRAIG IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT HOW THIS MAY BE RESOLVED, AS WELL.

BUT, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU KNOW THIS OUTSIDE FIRM AS PART OF THE BUDGET THAT YOU ALL APPROVE AND SO WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WORTH BRINGING TO YOUR ATTENTION, AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRANISE (SP?).

>>SPEAKER: MY NAME IS TRANISE FORD.

I LIVE AT 103 FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT LANE IN OAK PARK AND I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN FOR MY SAFETY AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF MY NEIGHBORS.

FELLOW HOMEOWNERS ON FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT LANE.

ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS A NUMBER OF FOUL BALLS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD HAVE LANDED EITHER IN OUR PATIOS OR ON THE LANE ITSELF.

AND THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CLOSE CALLS AND IN FACT MY WIFE WAS ALMOST HIT BY A FLYBALL WHEN SHE WAS ON HER PATIO AND RECENTLY THE CHILD OF ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORS WAS ACTUALLY HIT BY A BALL.

LUCKILY NO MEDICAL ATTENTION WAS REQUIRED, BUT IT RAISES THE LEVEL OF CONCERN FOR THE BALLS THAT HAPPEN SOMEWHAT FREQUENTLY.

WE HAVE MADE THE HIGH SCHOOL AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS, BUT TO NO AVAIL. THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION.

MY NEIGHBOR SAID THAT WHEN SHE TALKED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL THEY SIMPLY SAID THAT WELL, IF YOUR WINDOW GETS BROKEN, WE WILL REPAIR IT.

THAT IS VERY LITTLE CONSOLATION, OBVIOUSLY.

SO, WE TRIED TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE BASEBALL FIELD.

BUT, IT IS NOW A REALLY APPARENT THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE.

WHICH IS WHY I AM HERE.

WE ARE NOT REQUESTING THINGS CRAZY LIKE NO MORE BASEBALL GAMES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BUT AT THE VERY LEAST I THINK THEY SHOULD RAISE THE HEIGHT OF THE NETTING.

I THINK THAT IS A REASONABLE REQUEST.

BUT, SINCE THE HIGH SCHOOL IS NOT VERY SYMPATHETIC IN GENERAL I HAVE COME TO ASK THE VILLAGE TO UNDERSTAND ON OUR BEHALF.

THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>CLERK WATERS: THAT IS IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT.

WELL, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WILL RESPOND AS IMPROPERLY AS WE CAN PLEASE IF YOU DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT -

>>CLERK WATERS: AND OTHER NON-AGENDA PUBLIC,?

WAS IT FOR AN AGENDA ITEM?

OKAY.

YOU CAN COME ON UP.

IS THIS YOU?

>>SPEAKER: YES, IT IS ABOUT THE BASEBALL FIELD AS WELL BE A HELLO MY NAME IS TORI REDMAN AND I AM ALSO A RESIDENT AT FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT LANE AND I AM HERE TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE ONGOING SAFETY CONCERN. OUR MANAGEMENT COMPANY DID CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT ON JUNE 3 OF LAST YEAR AND AT THAT TIME THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN REPORTED 17 REPORTED INCIDENTS OF BALLS IN BACKYARDS AND THINGS AND OF THE UNITS BEING REALLY AFFECTED.

THE SUPERINTENDENT DID HAVE SOME CORRESPONDENCE BACK AND FORTH BY ENDED AUGUST 6 AND AT THAT TIME HE SAID THAT - HE SAID THAT HE HAD PUT IN AN INFLATABLE CANOPY, BUT THAT IS ONLY USED DURING PRACTICE, NOT DURING GAMES.

AND THEY WERE GOING TO EXPLORE DOING A CANOPY AND CONTACTING VENDORS AND MAY BE PLANTING TREES.

HOWEVER, AS RECENT AS APRIL 11, A NINE-YEAR-OLD WAS STRUCK BY A FOUL BALL WHILE ON OUR PROPERTY AND SHE WAS SENT TO THE ER AND SHE IS OKAY AND I BELIEVE THE FAMILY DID FILE A REPORT WITH THIS COOL DISTRICT.

SO, I DID ATTEND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY AND KIND OF ASKED THEM TO BRING THIS BACK INTO THE AWARENESS SOONER THAN LATER. BUT, I AGREE WITH MY NEIGHBOR THAT IT SEEMS EXTENDING THE NETTING WOULD REALLY HELP A LOT.

SO, THAT IS IT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

WE HAVE A FEW PROCLAMATIONS THIS EVENING.

>>CLERK WATERS: WHICH ONE WAS YOURS FOR?

NON-AGENDA -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: PLEASE JOIN US.

HOW ARE YOU?

THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU, I'LL TRY TO BE BRIEF AS POSSIBLE.

SO, I ACTUALLY HAVE KIND OF THREE POINTS.

THE FIRST IS A MAJOR INTRODUCTION AND THE OTHER IS VERY MINOR.

I WANT TO START WITH THE MINOR ONES.

AND THIS IS ADDRESSING SOME OF THE HIRING PROCESSES, FORMS AND PROCEDURES THAT WE AS A VILLAGE HAVE.

FOR THE MINOR PARTS I WAS SIMPLY LOOKING ONLINE AND DID A SCRAPE OF THE WEBSITE TO LOOK FOR ANY GUIDELINES, HIRING PRACTICES - THERE IS EEO LANGUAGE AND A REQUEST TO FILL OUT A EEO FORM, BUT THAT IS THE EXTENT OF ANY SPECIFICATION THAT IS PROVIDED.

I LOOKED ONTO THE APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR THE OAK PARK VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

IT JUST SCANNING THROUGH I FOUND EIGHT GRAMMATICAL SPELLING ERRORS - EASILY FIXED, BUT SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

ONE MORE PART THAT FORM - I BELIEVE IT IS OUTDATED.

THE SPACE TO ENTER ALL OF YOUR COMPUTER EXPERIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - LIST EVERYTHING - IS LESS THAN ONE THIRD OF A LINE.

I JUST FEEL LIKE THAT IS NOT UP-TO-DATE WITH WHAT THE VILLAGE WOULD BE LOOKING FOR IN AN EMPLOYEE.

MOVING ON - ON THE WEBSITE, THE INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED SAYS PLEASE KNOW WE ARE VERY BUSY, WE HAVE A LOT OF APPLICATIONS.

DO NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM US.

THAT IS THE ONLY INFORMATION THAT IS PASSED ON.

FIRST OF ALL, THAT IS NOT A BEST PRACTICE.

THAT IS NOT IN LINE WITH WHAT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR THE PUBLIC SECTOR COMPETITORS FOR THE EMPLOYEES THAT THE VILLAGE WANTS ARE DOING.

THIS WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE VERY EASILY FIXED AND QUICKLY SET UP AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR APPLICATION WE ARE MOVING ON TO SOMEBODY ELSE.

A SIMPLE RESPONSE LIKE THAT IS VERY EASY TO SET UP THE EMAIL AND TO POPULATE WHEN YOU KNOW SOMEBODY IS NO LONGER A CANDIDATE.

THAT KIND OF COMMUNICATION, THE VERY FIRST GUIDELINE OF THE VILLAGE IS COMMUNICATION.

AND I FEEL THAT THAT IS A MESS.

AND I DON'T THINK THAT IT IS IN LINE WITH WHAT THE VILLAGE WANTS TO PROJECT TO POTENTIAL PEOPLE.

THE MORE MAJOR POINT AND I KNOW THAT I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME IF THAT IS STILL MY CLOCK - IS I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER GIVING A PRIORITY OR PREFERENCE TO CURRENT - TO CURRENT OR SOON-TO-BE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE, CHICAGO HAS IT CODIFIED TO BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO YOU MUST LIVE THERE WITHIN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME AND I AM NOT ASKING OR PROPOSING THAT THE VILLAGE GO THAT FAR YOUR DIFFERENT SIZED PONDS, RIGHT?

WE WANT THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST TO COME HERE.

WE WANT TO ALSO ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY AND THE GREAT RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE.

I THINK THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE WHO WANT TO BE A PART OF THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT AND ITS PROCESSES AND ALL OF ITS APPLICATIONS PROVIDE A GREATER SENSE OF INVESTMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

YOU LIVE HERE.

IT IS PART OF WHO WE ARE AS OAK PARK.

AND I THINK THAT THAT REALLY BRINGS SOMETHING AS WELL AS MANY PEOPLE WILL APPEAR FOR MANY YEARS AND HAVE A KNOWLEDGE THAT IS INSTITUTIONAL.

AND WILL BE PICKED UP.

THE LAST POINT TO THAT - GEOGRAPHY IS NOT A PROTECTED CLASS.

SO, THERE IS NO CONCERN ON THE LEGAL SIDE IN SO FAR AS GIVING SOME SORT OF PREFERENCE OR PRIORITY AND AGAIN LIKE THE CITY OF CHICAGO - THAT HAS BEEN CODIFIED FOR YEARS.

IF IT HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED, IT WENT IN FAVOR OF KEEPING IT.

SO, I DO NOT SEE IT AS A BURDEN, BUT I SEE IT AS A POSITIVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND GROWING AND MAINTAINING HOW WE FACE OUTWARDLY AND HOW WE WORK TOGETHER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, SO OUR FIRST PROCLAMATION THIS EVENING I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF MAY 2026 AS A PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2026 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH HERE AT MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY LEVING-JACOBSON AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE EDER.

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION SERVES TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE VALUE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, PROMOTE INTEREST IN PUBLIC SECTOR CAREERS AND RECOGNIZES THE DEDICATION IN HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS BY THOSE WHO SERVE AND WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THOSE WHO SERVE THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK.

THANK YOU.

AND MAY IS ALSO BUILDING SAFETY MONTH IS SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING CODES, PROMOTING SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES AND HIGHLIGHTS THE CRITICAL ROLE OF BUILDING SAFETY PROFESSIONALS IN PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTIES.

ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE SECOND IS TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH OF MAY, 2026. MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE EDER AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON AND I WOULD ASK HER TO PLEASE READ THIS ALOUD.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: WHEREAS, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IS OBSERVED EACH MAY TO RAISE AWARENESS, REDUCE STIGMA, AND PROMOTE

ACCESS TO CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES;  
AND

WHEREAS, THE 2026 NATIONAL THEME FROM MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA, "MORE  
GOOD DAYS, TOGETHER," EMPHASIZES THE  
IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTION, COMMUNITY SUPPORT, AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY  
IN IMPROVING MENTAL WELL-BEING; AND

WHEREAS, NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) CALLS ON COMMUNITIES  
TO TURN "SILENCE INTO CONNECTION," REINFORCING  
THAT NO ONE SHOULD FACE MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES ALONE; AND

WHEREAS, MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS HIGHLIGHTS THE MENTAL  
HEALTH NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS DURING PREGNANCY AND  
THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD, RECOGNIZING THAT UP TO 1 IN 5 WOMEN NATIONALLY  
EXPERIENCE A MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER, AND MANY DO  
NOT RECEIVE TREATMENT; AND

WHEREAS, IN COOK COUNTY AND ACROSS ILLINOIS, MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH  
CONDITIONS ARE AMONG THE MOST COMMON  
COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY AND THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD, WITH DISPARITIES  
IN ACCESS TO SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT IMPACTING  
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AT DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGHER RATES; AND

WHEREAS, MENTAL HEALTH IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OVERALL HEALTH,  
AFFECTING INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND THE BROADER  
COMMUNITY, AND ACCESS TO COMPASSIONATE, CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CARE  
REMAINS ESSENTIAL; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A SUPPORTIVE  
AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY WHERE RESIDENTS CAN  
ACCESS RESOURCES, ENGAGE IN OPEN CONVERSATIONS, AND SUPPORT ONE  
ANOTHER'S WELL-BEING; AND

WHEREAS, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, AND COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS THROUGH OUTREACH, SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES,  
INCLUDING EFFORTS FOCUSED ON MATERNAL WELLNESS AND EARLY  
CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THESE EFFORTS REFLECT A SHARED COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT  
ALL INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH

CHALLENGES ARE TREATED WITH DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND ACCESS TO CARE;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNA LEVING-JACOBSON ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT VICKI  
SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

MAY 2026 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS  
TO FOSTER CONNECTION, ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITIES, SUPPORT AWARENESS EFFORTS SUCH CHECK IN ON FRIENDS, FAMILY,  
AND COLLEAGUES, AND HELP CREATE A COMMUNITY WHERE MORE  
GOOD DAYS ARE POSSIBLE FOR ALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

I DO SEE THAT WE HAVE NAMI WITH US AND MOSAIC AS WELL.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

YOU HAVE A WIRE AS WELL AND WE WILL GO ONE AT A TIME IF YOU HAVE EVENTS FOR THE MONTH, PLEASE DO SHARE.

YOU AND ALL I, MY NAME IS SEAN O'CONNOR AND I AM THE NAMI SUBURBAN PROGRAM CENTER HERE IN OAK PARK AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR HONORING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

NAMI IS THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS AND WE HAVE OUR DROP-IN CENTER IN OAK PARK WHICH HAS BEEN SERVING COMMUNITY MEMBERS SINCE 1992. I AM A OAK PARK RESIDENT AND I WAS RAISED IN OAK PARK AND TO BE BACK WORKING WITH NAMI HERE IN OAK PARK IS VERY SPECIAL TO ME.

NOT JUST SOMEBODY WHO WORKS FOR NAMI BUT ALSO WHO RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT THROUGH NAMI AND I WANT TO SAY THAT IT IS AN EXCITING TIME AND I MENTIONED THAT WE HAVE OUR DROP-IN CENTER THAT IS OPEN EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR FOR PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER FOR PEER SUPPORT SERVICES, WELLNESS ACTIVITIES AND CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY.

WE ALSO JUST OPENED OUR BRAND-NEW OAK PARK LIVING ROOM.

THE LIVING ROOM IS OPEN EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR BETWEEN 12 PM AND 8 PM.

IT IS A FREE SERVICE FOR ANYONE 18 AND OLDER EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.

NOW PEOPLE CAN GO TO THE LIVING ROOM NEXT TO THE DROP-IN CENTER FOR ONE-ON-ONE PEER SUPPORT AND ALSO FIND COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION NEXT DOOR AT THE DROP-IN FOR THE WELLNESS RECOVERY.

AND IF PEOPLE ARE SEEKING HIGHER LEVELS OF SUPPORT, WE ARE WORKING ACTIVELY WITH OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND I CAN SEE THRIVE AND MOSAIC HERE AND WE OFTEN WILL MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE AT AND ASK WHAT SUPPORT LOOKS LIKE FOR THEM AND HELP ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE SAFE PASSAGE TO SERVICES THAT BEST SUPPORT THEM.

AND ALSO OUR SERVICES ARE MEANT TO BE A ONGOING SUPPORT AND REDUCE HOSPITALIZATION.

SO, IT IS AGAIN MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS, ANYBODY WHO HAS NOT VISITED THE DROP-IN CENTER OR THE LIVING ROOM, PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO POP IN AND VISIT.

WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE PROVIDING TOURS OF OUR SERVICES AND WE OFFER FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, AS WELL.

AND THROUGHOUT POLK COUNTY.

WE ARE ALL ABOUT CONNECTING PEOPLE TO OPTIONS OF RESOURCES.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.  
AND THRIVE?

>>SPEAKER: HELLO, I AM SARAH W, CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF THRIVE COUNSELING CENTER HERE IN OAK PARK AND I REITERATE THE APPRECIATION FOR TAKING A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS.

THRIVE COUNSELING CENTER IS OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER WHICH MEANS ARE BREAD AND BUTTER IS MEDICAID WHICH IS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE THAT WE HAVE HERE.

WE TAKE ALL INSURANCE AS WELL, BUT WE PROVIDE 24/7 CRISIS SERVICE AND WE GO OUT AS A MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM AND WE PARTNER VERY CLOSELY WITH NAMI AND OTHER PARTNERS IN THE AREA TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALL BEING THOUGHTFUL IN HOW WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN THE SUPPORTS.

WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF OUR PARTNERS.

WE DO OUTPATIENT YOUTH AND ADULT THERAPY SERVICES AND WE DO COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENTS AND SO CHECK OUT OUR THRIVE IT TALKS IF YOU'RE JUST LOOKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH TOPICS AND HAVE SOME MORE AWARENESS AND WOULD MEDICATION AWARENESS SERVICES AND CASE MANAGEMENT AND I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING - THERE IS A LOT GOING ON.

I THINK MY OVERALL MESSAGE AND JUST TO THINK ABOUT THIS AS A MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IS JUST ONE THING I ALWAYS LIKE TO SHARE IS THAT OUR OWN PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH IS ON A CONTINUUM.

AT ANY GIVEN POINT WE MAY NEED HELP WE COULD BE DOING WELL ONE DAY AND THEN SOME DAYS THAT WE ARE NOT DOING WELL.

SO, HAVE GRACE WITH YOURSELF AND WE NEED TO REACH OUT AND GET SUPPORT AND TO SHARE THAT COMPASSION WITH OTHERS WHEN YOU SEE THAT SOMEBODY ALSO STRUGGLING AND NEEDING SUPPORT AS WELL.

WE ARE HERE AND HAVE LOTS OF PEOPLE HERE AND WE HAVE GREAT RESOURCES IN OAK PARK FROM PRIVATE CLINICIANS TO A LOT OF DIFFERENT MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS AND WE ALL KNOW EACH OTHER AND WORKED ACTIVELY TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE'S NEEDS ARE MET.

SO, THANK YOU.

WE HAVE A OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 28.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE.

MY NAME IS KYLA MARIE GILMORE AND I'M THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF MOSAIC COUNSELING AND WELLNESS WHICH IS THE NAME THAT IS LIKELY TO BECOME A LITTLE BIT MORE FAMILIAR IN THE VILLAGE.

AS WE ARE EXTENDING TO OUR THIRD LOCATION.

THERE IS SUCH A DEMAND FOR QUALITY CARE ACROSS OUR VILLAGE AND OF COURSE THE NATION AS A WHOLE.

BUT, I WANTED TO JUST REALLY BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT OUR WHY AND I'M TRYING TO CHANNEL OUR COFOUNDER WHO JUST HAD A WONDERFUL PIECE IN THE WEDNESDAY JOURNAL TALKING ABOUT HER PERSONAL WHY AND I'VE HAD THE

PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH HER FOR GOING CLOSE ON TWO DECADES IN MY CAREER.

AND WE ARE REALLY ALIGNED IN OUR VALUES AND IN OUR MISSION TO BRING DIGNITY AND HIGH-QUALITY COMPREHENSIVE HOLISTIC INTEGRATIVE CARE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT INCLUDES PARTNERING WITH OUR NAMI, THRIVE AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

WE DO THIS WORK WELL WHEN WE DO IT IN A NETWORK OF INTENTIONAL CARE AND COLLABORATIVE CARE.

AND SO THAT IS VERY MUCH WHAT WE REPRESENT WITHIN OUR PRACTICE WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME TO RECEIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH THE LIFESPAN.

OUR YOUNGEST CLIENT IS FOUR AND OUR OLDEST IS 100.

AND YOU CAN BOTH RECEIVE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT AND SO WE ARE HERE TO PARTNER WITH THE VILLAGE AND TO CONTINUE OFFERING EXCEPTIONAL CARE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND WE THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS PROCLAMATION AND THIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND I THINK THAT IS EVERYONE WE HAVE AND I'LL PROBABLY HAVE YOU STAND UP AND TAKE A QUICK PHOTO.

AND I WILL JUST SHARE THAT I DID PARTICIPATE IN THE PEER-TO-PEER CLASS WITH NAMI WHICH IS A FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES AND SO TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING OR UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH HAS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE FOR ME.

I ALSO - WE HAVE A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT KNOW, IT IS A 708 BOARD WHICH MEANS THAT A PORTION OF YOUR TAXES HELP PAY FOR MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY WHO LIVES HERE IN THE VILLAGE HAS ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE.

SO, IF YOUR INSURANCE IS NOT ABLE TO PAY FOR THAT SERVICE THEN YOU CAN GET FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD WORKING WITH THE MANY PROVIDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND THEY ALSO PROVIDE GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH THAT MISSION.

AND SO WE WILL - IF ANYBODY WANTS TO JOIN ME I HAVE A FEW PROCLAMATIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE - DID I DO A ALL IN FAVOR?

ALL IN FAVOR.

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 3 THROUGH THE NINTH OF 2026 AS NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK. MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED TO.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES BEGINNING IN 1963 HONORS THE VITAL ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN CREATING JOBS AND GROWING THE ECONOMY AND ANCHORING OUR COMMUNITIES.

AND WHEREAS A SMALL BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE ENGINE OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY SERVING APPROXIMATE 62 MILLION WORKERS AND CONTRIBUTING 6 TRILLION IN ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

AND WHEREAS, DATA ANALYSIS BY CAPITAL ONE SHOPPING HAS DETERMINED THAT, BY SHOPPING AT LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES, \$68 OUT OF EVERY \$100 SPENT REMAINS IN THAT RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AREA IS HOME TO MORE THAN ONE MILLION SMALL BUSINESSES, CONSTITUTING 99.6% OF ALL BUSINESSES IN THE REGION, INCLUDING MORE THAN 30,000 VETERAN-OWNED, 420,000 MINORITY-OWNED, AND 450,000 WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS HOME TO TWELVE (12) DEFINED AND DISTINCT BUSINESS DISTRICTS, EACH OFFERING A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS; AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, AND BUSINESS-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND WORKERS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS; AND

WHEREAS, THE STRENGTH OF OAK PARK'S SMALL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM IS SUPPORTED BY DEDICATED COMMUNITY PARTNERS, WHOSE LEADERSHIP AND LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT HAVE HELPED LOCAL BUSINESSES ACCESS CRITICAL FINANCING, NAVIGATE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES, AND REMAIN CONNECTED TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, DURING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY'S BRENNAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, IS HOSTING A SERIES OF FREE EVENTS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT, EMPOWER, AND CONNECT LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS, INCLUDING SESSIONS FOCUSED ON WOMENAND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING AND FINANCE, STARTING A BUSINESS IN

OAK PARK, AND ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESOURCES; AND  
WHEREAS, THESE PROGRAMS PROVIDE MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS OWNERS TO ENGAGE WITH EXPERTS, BUILD CONNECTIONS, AND ACCESS ACTIONABLE TOOLS TO START, SUSTAIN, AND GROW THEIR ENTERPRISES; AND  
WHEREAS, ACCESS TO CAPITAL REMAINS ESSENTIAL TO SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS, AND IN 2026, LOCAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE PROVIDING SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)-GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAMS IN OAK PARK, INCLUDING SBA 7(A) LOANS FOR WORKING CAPITAL AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, SBA 504 LOANS FOR LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS SUCH AS REAL ESTATE AND EQUIPMENT, AND SBA EXPRESS LINES OF CREDIT FOR TIMELY ACCESS TO OPERATING FUNDS; AND  
WHEREAS, THESE SBA-BACKED PROGRAMS OFFER FLEXIBLE FINANCING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURS AT VARIOUS STAGES, FROM START-UP TO EXPANSION, AND COMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL LOCAL LENDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH OAK PARK-BASED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; AND  
WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK CONTINUES TO INVEST IN THE SUCCESS OF ITS BUSINESS COMMUNITY THROUGH TARGETED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS, INTERIOR UPGRADES, CLIMATE-READY INVESTMENTS, AND FIRE SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS, HELPING LOCAL BUSINESSES REMAIN COMPETITIVE AND RESILIENT; AND  
WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE HAS EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR KEY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY FOR BUSINESSES TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN ADVANCE OF OR DURING UPCOMING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS; AND  
WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK HAS DELAYED THE RENEW THE AVENUE PROJECT IN THE HEMINGWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO 2026 TO ENSURE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING, WHILE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT AFFECTED BUSINESSES THROUGH EXTENDED GRANT

OPPORTUNITIES AND PROACTIVE MAINTENANCE EFFORTS AHEAD OF CONSTRUCTION; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY CONTINUES TO FOSTER PARTNERSHIPS THAT EXPAND ACCESS TO CAPITAL, EDUCATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, STRENGTHENING OAK PARK'S BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM AND ENSURING LONG-TERM ECONOMIC RESILIENCE; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, THROUGH ITS OFFICE OF ECONOMIC VITALITY, IS HOSTING FREE BUSINESS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR EXISTING AND PROSPECTIVE OAK PARK BUSINESSES DURING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK; AND NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 3-9, 2026, AS NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AND ENCOURAGE ALL PEOPLE TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND CELEBRATE THEIR MANY ACHIEVEMENTS. THANK YOU.

AND WE DO HAVE SUSIE WITH THE BANK, SUSIE, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SHARE? THANK YOU.

AND YOU ALSO SERVE ON THE DOWNTOWN OAK PARK BOARD.

>>SUSIE: YES, I AM THE PRESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN OAK PARK AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I LOVE WORKING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES.

I CANNOT THINK OF A BETTER PLACE THAN OAK PARK TO DO IT.

I RAISED MY FAMILY HERE.

I HAVE BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE BANK.

OUR NUMBER ONE COMMUNITY BANKING STRATEGIC PLAN IS TO PROVIDE FOR OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES.

THE BANK KNOWS THAT IT CAN BE INTIMIDATING TO SMALL BUSINESSES BUT AT BYLINE WE ARE HELPFUL.

THE SBA IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY TOOLS THAT WE CAN PROVIDE.

AND BUILDING A STRONG RELATIONSHIP IS PARAMOUNT.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, SUSIE.

SUSIE, I THINK WE ARE ALSO GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I'M NOT MISSING ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE CHAMBER FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP AS WELL AS DOWNTOWN OAK PARK AND THE MANY BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

JOHN?

DO YOU HAVE A FEW THINGS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

>>JOHN: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

I THINK THAT PROCLAMATION SAID IT ALL.  
ALL THE THINGS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT IN THERE!

>>JOHN: ABSOLUTELY, WE HAVE ASSEMBLED A GREAT TEAM.

WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE ALL OF HIS PARTNERSHIPS WITH ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU DESCRIBE, BUT I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP NICOLE WHO SPEARHEADED ALL OF THE PROGRAMMING FOR THESE EVENTS THIS WEEK AND SHE HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HER THE MICROPHONE FOR JUST A FEW MOMENTS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

WELCOME, NICOLE.

>>NICOLE: SO, JUST A FEW QUICK THINGS TO SAY.

THE US SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN MARKING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK FOR OVER 60 YEARS AND IN OAK PARK WE CELEBRATE OUR SMALL BUSINESSES EVERY DAY FOR OUR BAKED GOODS AND OUR CHECK ENGINE LIGHTS WHEN THEY UNFORTUNATELY COME ON.

SO, IT FELT VERY NATURALIZED TO FORMALIZE THAT CELEBRATION BY PARTNERING WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY TO BRING LOCAL AND NATIONAL EXPERTS TOGETHER TO SUPPORT LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND BRINGING RESOURCES DIRECTLY TO THEM HERE IN OAK PARK.

AND WE HAVE HAD INCREDIBLE TURNOUT AND INCREDIBLE SUPPORT AND HONESTLY EVERY BIT OF EFFORT THAT WENT INTO THIS WEEK OF PROGRAMMING HAS JUST COME BACK IN SPADES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING MORE PROGRAMMING AND DOING THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYBODY FOR GIVING ME A SECOND TO SPEAK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU, NICOLE.

FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT AND INTO THE MANY OTHER PARTNERS AND IT IS REALLY WONDERFUL HOW MANY AS WAS MENTIONED EARLIER SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ARE ALSO OAK PARK RESIDENCE.

TRULY FANTASTIC.

SO, SUSIE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME UP AND TOOK A PHOTO?

JOHN?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BRING YOUR TEAM UP FOR ANOTHER PHOTO?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE HAVE ONE MORE.

ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION TO APPROVE RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH AND AND MAY EIGHT OF 2026 AS PROVIDER APPRECIATION MONTH.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>>SPEAKER: MOTION.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE EDER.

WHEREAS, NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH IS OBSERVED EACH MAY TO

RECOGNIZE THE MORE THAN 390,000 CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE ACROSS THE UNITED

STATES, AND TO HONOR THE FOSTER PARENTS, KINSHIP CAREGIVERS, FAMILIES, VOLUNTEERS, AND

CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THEIR SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND

WELL-BEING; AND

WHEREAS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE OFTEN FACE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES,

INCLUDING TRAUMA, INSTABILITY, AND SEPARATION FROM THEIR FAMILIES, AND BENEFIT FROM

COMPASSIONATE, COORDINATED, COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT THAT PROMOTE

HEALING, RESILIENCE, AND LONG-TERM STABILITY; AND

WHEREAS, STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AMONG LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURING THAT CHILDREN

AND FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THEY NEED TO THRIVE ACROSS ALL

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS, EDUCATORS, AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS PLAY A FOUNDATIONAL ROLE IN STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND BUILDING HEALTHY

DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN, FORMING A CRITICAL PART OF THE BROADER CONTINUUM

OF CARE THAT SUPPORTS CHILDREN FROM EARLY LEARNING THROUGH TIMES OF CRISIS AND TRANSITION;

AND

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COLLABORATION FOR

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION, RECOGNIZES THE INTERCONNECTED

SYSTEM OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE, FAMILY SUPPORT, AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES THAT

COLLECTIVELY STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND PROMOTE CHILD WELL-BEING; AND

WHEREAS, HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1897, PROVIDES CRITICAL SERVICES INCLUDING FOSTER CARE AND FOSTER PARENT LICENSING, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ABUSE OR NEGLECT, FAMILY SUPPORT AND COUNSELING SERVICES, AND ENRICHING AFTER-SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EACH YEAR; AND WHEREAS, THE COLLABORATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKS ALONGSIDE LOCAL PARTNERS TO SUPPORT, ELEVATE, AND SUSTAIN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE, RECOGNIZING THAT HIGHQUALITY CARE AND EDUCATION ARE ESSENTIAL TO LIFELONG HEALTH, LEARNING, AND STABILITY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; AND WHEREAS, PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY, OBSERVED ANNUALLY IN MAY, RECOGNIZES THE ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHILDCARE PROVIDERS, EARLY EDUCATORS, AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS WHOSE WORK STRENGTHENS FAMILIES, SUPPORTS WORKING PARENTS, AND FOSTERS THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN IN THEIR EARLIEST AND MOST FORMATIVE YEARS; AND WHEREAS, THE DEDICATED STAFF, CAREGIVERS, EDUCATORS, FOSTER PARENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THESE SYSTEMS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN CREATING SAFE, NURTURING ENVIRONMENTS WHERE CHILDREN CAN HEAL, GROW, AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING INITIATIVES THAT STRENGTHEN FAMILIES, PROMOTE CHILD WELL-BEING, AND EXPAND AWARENESS OF THE ONGOING NEED FOR FOSTER PARENTS, CHILDCARE PROVIDERS, AND SUSTAINED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICKI SCAMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2026 AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH AND RECOGNIZE FRIDAY, MAY 8TH AS PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERCONNECTED SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, HONOR THE PROFESSIONALS AND CAREGIVERS WHO SUSTAIN THEM, AND CONSIDER WAYS TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY. ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

I KNOW THAT WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR OF THE HEPHZABEH AND LAURA FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD AND IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WISH TO SHARE, YOU ARE WELCOME.

OTHERWISE WE WILL JUST MAKE YOU TAKE A PHOTO.

OKAY, HE IS NEXT!

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING FOSTER CARE AND PARTICULARLY THE INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM THAT IS CARING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

HEPHZABEH IS ALMOST 130 YEARS OLD.

I HAVE NOT BEEN KNOW THAT ALL TIME, BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN COMMITTED TO THIS COMMUNITY AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE WORK THAT WE DO WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IS WORK THAT HAS IMPACT ACROSS GENERATIONS.

THE CHILDREN THAT WE WORK WITH TODAY COULD BECOME SUCCESSFUL PARENTS INTO THE FUTURE.

OUR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM FOR EXAMPLE HAS CHILDREN IN IT WHOSE PARENTS WERE IN OUR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AND WHOSE GRANDPARENTS WERE IN OUR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM.

AND SO WE SEE EVERY DAY THAT THE WORK WE DO IS IMPORTANT AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE NOT JUST FOR THAT CHILD, BUT FOR THIS IMMUNITY. AND THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IS BY HAVING THE SUPPORT OF EVERYONE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT ARRIVE EARLIER TODAY.

JOHN FROM THE WELFARE SOCIETY AND THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC.

WE WORK WITH SO MANY AMAZING ORGANIZATIONS HERE IN TOWN.

WE ARE BLESSED WITH HAVING SUCH INCREDIBLE NONPROFIT SERVICE ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS REGARDLESS OF WHAT IT IS AND WE ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING WITH THEM AND RELYING ON THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CLIENTS WE SERVE AND THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE SERVE THAT WHAT THEY NEED.

WE ARE PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE DO, BUT HONESTLY WE ARE MORE GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THIS OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, FROM PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT AND OF COURSE ALL OF YOU.

SO, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU REGARDLESS OF WHAT IT IS THAT YOU CARE ABOUT WHETHER IT IS FOOD SECURITY, WHETHER IT IS HOUSING, WHETHER IT IS CHILDREN'S HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH, WHATEVER IT IS, FIND THAT ORGANIZATION HERE IN TOWN, BECAUSE THERE IS ONE AND MAYBE GIVE THEM A LITTLE BIT OF SUPPORT.

BECAUSE, THEY ARE DOING GREAT WORK AND WE ALL APPRECIATE IT.

SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

>>SPEAKER: HOW MUCH TIME DO I GET?

I'LL BE VERY QUICK.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND THE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

NOT ONLY OF THE WELFARE SOCIETY AND OUR MISSION, BUT ALSO OF THE INCREDIBLE VALUES THAT YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED AND THE SORT OF LOCAL SCENE AND PROJECTING OUT TO THE NATIONAL SCENE.

IT HAS BEEN A ROLLER COASTER YEAR FOR OUR COUNTRY AND I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT WITH COLLABORATING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND WE WANT TO BE A BIGGER ASSET TO THE VILLAGE AND MEETING SOME OF THE HEALTH NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS AND I WILL TELL A VERY QUICK STORY AND THEN I'LL STEP BACK.

ONE IS THAT PRESIDENT SCAMAN CONTACTED ME AND SAID THAT WE HAVE SOME STUDENTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL WHO ARE HAVING TROUBLE PLAYING SPORTS, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO GET THE PHYSICAL. IS THERE ANYWAY YOU CAN HELP?

AND SO I IMMEDIATELY SAID YES, I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT A LONG STORY SHORT WE HAVE A PORTABLE DENTISTRY BAND THAT WE USE AND I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT TRYING TO CONVERT THAT OR USE THAT ALSO FOR LIKE PRIMARY CARE NEEDS AND SO WE WANT TO LAUNCH OUR SORT OF PILOT PROJECT WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL AND TRY TO BRING THE VAN TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AND BEGIN TO PROVIDE PHYSICALS TO MAKE SURE THE KIDS GET THE THINGS THEY NEED.

THERE IS A WHOLE BUNCH OF OBSTACLES TO WORK AROUND AND WE ARE WORKING ON THAT.

SO, WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND THE SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY WHICH IS INCREDIBLE, PHILANTHROPY IS A PART OF THE DNA WHICH IS WHY I MOVED HERE AND WHY I AM STILL HERE 28 YEARS LATER.

SO, THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

AND LAURA, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME INSERTING FOR JUST A MOMENT, I AM REALLY SO PROUD TO HEAR THAT, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT MY MOTHER-IN-LAW WAS A PART OF SPONSORING THE DENTAL PROGRAM INITIALLY.

SO, IT IS REALLY WONDERFUL TO SEE THAT CREATIVITY.

>>LAURA: IT IS AMAZING AND NOT AT ALL SURPRISING AT HOW AND TIED -- HOW INTERTWINED ALL OF THESE PROCLAMATIONS ARE.

I AM LAURA CRAWFORD FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD AND IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE THIS EVENING.

WE WANT TO START BY CELEBRATING THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO GREET OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN EVERY MORNING. TO KNOW WHICH KIDS NEED A EXTRA HUG AND WHICH ONES ARE READY FOR A NEW CHALLENGE.

WITH 90% OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT HAPPENING BY AGE OF FIVE, WHAT HAPPENS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS AND CARE SPACES MATTERS ENORMOUSLY.

BOTH FOR CHILDREN RIGHT NOW AND FOR THOSE WHOSE CHILDREN THEY WILL BECOME.

BEYOND THE DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT EARLY LEARNING PROVIDERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR FAMILIES TO WORK.

COME BACK TO THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WE HEARD ABOUT EARLIER.

THEY ARE A CORNERSTONE OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AND OAK PARK IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MANY DEDICATED SKILLED PROFESSIONALS CHOOSING THIS WORK.

ON THE DATA ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IT IS ACTUALLY VERY SOBERING.

MORE THAN A ORDER OF CONFIRMED VICTIMS ARE UNDER THREE YEARS OLD.

VERY YOUNG CHILDREN CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES OR SEEK HELP AND THAT

IS WHY THE WORK ON BOTH SIDES OF TONIGHT'S PROCLAMATIONS AND ALL SIDES OF TONIGHT'S PROCLAMATIONS IS CONNECTED.

STRONG EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORT INCLUDING HIGH-QUALITY CARE AND EDUCATION ARE AMONG OUR MOST POWERFUL TOOLS FOR PREVENTING MALTREATMENT BEFORE IT EVEN STARTS.

WHEN FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO TRUSTED PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, CHILDREN ARE JUST SIMPLY SAFER.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HEPHZIBAH FOR THEIR TIRELESS WORK SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR THE FOSTER FAMILIES TO PROVIDE SAFETY AND STABILITY.

AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO VILLAGE PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS WHO SHOW UP EVERY DAY AND HELP US BUILD THE KIND OF COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY CHILD IS KNOWN, SUPPORTED AND PROTECTED.

YOU MENTIONED TO DO A SHOUT OUT FOR EVENTS THAT ARE COMING UP AND IF ANYBODY DOES KNOW A RISING KINDERGARTNER, WEEK FROM SUNDAY ON THE 17TH, WE HAVE A FABULOUS EVENT AT REED PARKER CALLED BLAST OFF TO KINDERGARTEN SPONSORED IN PART BY BYLINED BANK!

AND THAT IS A GREAT PLACE FOR EVERYBODY TO COME AND GET RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES STARTING KINDERGARTEN.

AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN OUR VILLAGE!

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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IS THE BUBBLE MACHINE GOING TO BE THERE?

>>LAURA: THE PARK DISTRICT IS BEING A BUBBLE MACHINE!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MY GRANDCHILDREN WERE JUST FULL OF BUBBLES!

OKAY, DO NOT GO TOO FAR BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE PHOTOS AS WELL.

AND SO THE COMMENTS TONIGHT HAVE BEEN REALLY SPOT ON, BUT JUST TO HIGHLIGHT THAT MANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SERVE A GREATER REGION.

BUT, THE FACT THAT THEIR HOMEBASE IS OAK PARK SAYS A LOT ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT OUR PHILANTHROPIC.

AND ALSO SOMETIMES IT IS GREAT THAT WE TAKE THIS TIME TO HIGHLIGHT THE RESOURCES THAT EXIST, BECAUSE IT STILL IS SOMETIMES HARD TO KNOW WHAT IS OUT THERE.

AND THE INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY - WE MENTIONED THAT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD CAN SUPPLEMENT IF YOU NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND FOR ANYONE UP TO THE AGE OF 18, YOU CAN GET FREE DENTAL OR MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IF YOU QUALIFY AND IT IS BILINGUAL SERVICES, AS WELL. UP TO AGE 20.

I THINK THAT MAY HAVE CHANGED - ALL RIGHT - YES.

AND WE ARE LUCKY AS A COMMUNITY TO ALSO HAVE OUR OWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

I OFTEN FORGET THAT BY THE WAY.

SO, IF WE CAN ALL TAKE A PHOTO AGAIN!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

WE HAVE UPDATED CALENDARS FOR MAY, JUNE AND JULY AND IF THERE ANY QUESTIONS I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE THEM AT THIS TIME.

IF NOT, THAT WOULD CONCLUDE MY REPORT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

OKAY.

WONDERFUL.

APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

AND WE DO HAVE ALSO OUR CITIZEN COMMISSION VACANCY REPORT PROVIDED BY OUR VILLAGE CLERK 'S OFFICE, ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A BOARD OR COMMISSION PLEASE EMAIL CLERK WATERS AT [CLERK@OAK-PARK.US](mailto:CLERK@OAK-PARK.US).

WE DO HAVE TWO APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS THIS EVENING, CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE?

>>CLERK WATERS: MARK JOHNSON APPOINT AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AS WELL AS STEPHEN F SMITH TO APPOINT AS COMMISSIONER TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CONSENT THESE APPOINTMENTS.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AWESOME.

THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THOSE SERVING ON A BOARD OR COMMISSION FOR THE VILLAGE.

AND SO WE DO - SO, I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, BUT I WOULD WELCOME THE ADDITION OF ITEM L FOR APPROVAL WITH THE CONSENT AGENDA IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED SO MOVED WITH THE AGENDA ADDITION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

SO, WE ARE ADDING ITEM L TO THE CONSENT AGENDA.

AN MOTION BY TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON AND DO WE HAVE A SECOND?

AND SECOND BY TRUSTEE STRAW.

CLERK WATERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON, TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE TAGLIA, PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

YES, SO THE ITEM L IS AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND CONSENTING TO APPROVAL OF A COOK COUNTY CLASS VIIC DESIGNATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF A BUILDING AT 222 LAKE STREET, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS WHICH IS BY BAYAN CERAMICS STUDIO LLC, A WOMAN OWNED AND MINORITY OWNED CERAMICS STUDIO AND EDUCATION CENTER.

THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR BOARD GOALS AND SUPPORTED BY THE ECONOMIC FIDELITY TEAM AND I DO KNOW THAT THE OWNER IS HERE TONIGHT AND I WOULD WELCOME FOR HER TO PLEASE SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HER BUSINESS. AND CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AND I DON'T KNOW JOHN, IF YOU HAVE MORE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE?

>>SPEAKER: SO, MY JOURNEY STARTED ACTUALLY IN COLLEGE.

I DID CERAMICS FOR ONE SEMESTER TO GET AN EASY A, BUT FAST-FORWARD ABOUT A FEW YEARS AGO, MY SON 'S GIRLFRIEND AT THAT TIME HAD US WATCH THE GREAT POTTERY SHOWDOWN.

AND I SAT THERE AND I WAS LIKE OH MY GOODNESS, I REALLY MISS DOING THAT.

SO, IT STARTED AS A HOBBY AND IT THEN FORMED INTO THIS LOVE.

DURING THE DAY I AM A CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER FOR A FINTECH AND DEALING WITH PEOPLE LIKE ALL OF YOU GUYS KNOW AND SOME DAYS ARE GREAT AND SOME DAYS ARE NOT AND IT REALLY BROUGHT BACK YOU KNOW WITH NAMI AND THRIVE AND MOSAIC OF THE WHOLE WELLNESS PART OF THE AND THEIR STUDIES SHOWING THAT PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO GET BACK TO MORE TACTILE ACTIVITIES, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE REALLY DON'T MAKE MANY THINGS.

AND SO POTTERY HAS BEEN MY TAGLINE IS CENTER, CREATE AND CONNECT.

AND THOSE THREE PILLARS EXEMPLIFY OAK PARK AND EXEMPLIFY WHAT I DO AND I HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE 2002 AND RAISE MY TWO KIDS.

AND IT HAS REALLY BROUGHT THIS SANCTUARY TO ME.

AND I DID NOT REALIZE HOW MUCH OF A COMMUNITY MAKING EXPERIENCE IT WAS AND WE HAVE - I THINK THIS IS MORE COMPLEMENTARY TO THEM AND IT IS MORE OF A SPACE THAT REALLY CONCENTRATES ON BREATHING AND BEING IN THE MOMENT. AND HAPPENSTANCE - SMALL WORLD, GETTING MY SON A SBA LOAN THROUGH BYLINE AND I MET SUSIE THERE A FEW MONTHS AGO AND I ACTUALLY LIVE DOWN THE STREET FROM INFANT WELFARE AND I WAS SUPPOSED TO LEASE OVER THERE AT 44 MADISON, BUT THE UNIVERSE CAME AND WAS ABLE TO GET SOME FUNDING AND FELL IN LOVE WITH 222 LAKE STREET AND SAW THE POTENTIAL AND SAW A BUILDING THAT I HAVE SEEN SINCE 2000 OR MID 2000 NOT BEING USED.

AND SO THAT IS MY STORY.

AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

SEPTEMBER, WE WILL HAVE A SOFT OPENING, HOPEFULLY AND YOU GUYS CAN EXPERIENCE WHAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL INVITE US.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SHARING.

AND IT IS A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT THAT YOU'RE MAKING AND SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

JUST EAST OF RIDGELAND.

ANYTHING TO ADD?

>>SPEAKER: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS ORDINANCE ALIGNS WITH ALL OF THE VILLAGE BOARD GOALS AND VILLAGE 'S FORMAL ECONOMIC ELEMENT STRATEGY TO GROW, ATTRACT AND RETAIN SMALL BUSINESS AND WOMEN OWNED ENTERPRISES CHOOSING TO INVEST IN OAK PARK AND THIS IS A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE COOK COUNTY CLASS VIIC PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO DO TO REINVEST IN THE COMMUNITY.

THERE IS GOING TO BE A 610,000 REHABILITATION IN THIS BUILDING TO BRING BACK TO PRODUCTIVE USE.

AND SO I AM JUST DELIGHTED AT THE VILLAGE BOARD AND THIS INITIATIVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS.

AND THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY.

MOVING FORWARD TO THE REGULAR AGENDA.

ITEM M IS A PRESENTATION ON WATER AND SEWER RATE DESIGN ALTERNATIVES AND THEIR

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER BILLS.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>MANAGER JACKSON: YES, PRESIDENT SCAMAN, TRUSTEE MEMBERS I INTRODUCE ROB SPROUL AND HE WILL ACTUALLY INTRODUCE ITEM M, N AND O AND YOU WILL PROVIDE INPUT ON EACH OF THEM IN TURN.

ROB SPROUL.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

>>CLERK WATERS: YES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: LET'S TAKE THE PUBLIC COMMENT FIRST AND THEN ANSWER QUESTIONS AS WE GO.

YES, CLERK WATERS WILL CALL UP THOSE NAMES.

I APPRECIATE IT.

>>CLERK WATERS: MICHELLE?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HELLO.

>>MICHELLE: HELLO, I AM MICHELLE SUE, GOOD EVENING PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

THANK YOU FOR OUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU ON A TOPIC THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO MY NEIGHBORS AND I ARE NORTH OF EUCLID.

IN EARLY FEBRUARY, MY NEIGHBORS AND I RECEIVED THIS LETTER INFORMING US THAT LEAD PIPES WOULD BE REPLACED ON OUR BLOCK AND THAT AS RESIDENTS WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO FOR THE COST OF HER PLACING THE WATER SERVICE LINE.

A COST THAT RANGES BETWEEN 7500 - \$12,000.

ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE OPTION A, RESIDENTS MAY PAY IN FULL PRIOR TO THE START OF THE WORK.

OPTION B, THE VILLAGE HAS DEVELOPED A PAYMENT PLAN WERE RESIDENTS WILL BE BILLED AND MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE THE PLAN IS FINALIZED.

IN ADDITION, THIS LETTER ALSO STATES THAT THE VILLAGE PLANS TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THIS WORK IN MAY 2026 AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

PAYING \$7500 UP TO \$12,000 ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE IS A BIG ASK IN THIS ECONOMY. THE RESIDENCE OF OUR VILLAGE JUST FINISHED PAYING THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF OUR COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAX BILLS WHICH KEEP GOING UP EVERY YEAR.

IN ADDITION, THE COST OF LIVING HAS GONE UP DRAMATICALLY FOR ALL OF US.

GROCERY AND GAS PRICES HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED.

HOME AND CAR INSURANCE HAVE DOUBLED AS OF RECENT.

HEALTH COSTS HAVE DRASTICALLY RISEN AS WELL AND CURRENTLY A LARGE PORTION OF MY FAMILY'S INCOME GOES TO SENDING TWO KIDS TO COLLEGE.

SAFE DRINKING WATER SHOULD BE A PRIORITY FOR THE VILLAGE.

LEADPIPE REMOVAL IS A NEED, NOT A WANT.

CURRENT HOMEOWNERS DID NOT CHOOSE LEAD SERVICE LINE DECADES AGO WHEN OUR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE WAS ESTABLISHED AND LONG BEFORE THE DANGERS OF LEAD WERE UNDERSTOOD WE NOW FACE A GOVERNMENT MANDATED INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR.

AS THIS IS FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL RESIDENTS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, THE BURDEN OF COMING UP WITH A MINIMUM OF \$7500 SHOULD NOT BE PLACED SOLELY ON CURRENT RESIDENCE.

OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES OF RIVERSIDE, FORCE CLARK AND ELMWOOD ARE PAYING 100% OF HER PLACING LEAD SERVICE LINES.

OTHER EXAMPLES ARE NAPERVILLE AND IT IS TRUE ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF NAPERVILLE'S PIPES ARE LEAD AND THEY DID INITIATE A PROGRAM IN 2024 THAT COVERS 100% OF HER PLACING LEAD SERVICE LINES.

DENVER WATER IS REPLACING ALL LEAD SERVICE LINES WITH COPPER PIPES WITH NO COST TO HOMEOWNERS, A PROJECT THAT WILL TAKE 15 YEARS.

NEW WORK NEW JERSEY COVER THE FULL COST OF REPLACING 23,000 SERVICE LINE FOR HOMEOWNERS COMPLETING THE PROJECT IN 2022.

THE CITY REPLACED BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PORTIONS OF THE LINES UTILIZING A FUNDING PLAN SUPPORTED BY COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES.

I AM ALMOST DONE.

DETROIT IS COVERING THE COST OF LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT BEGINNING IN 2018.

THIS IS A 10 YEAR INITIATIVE THAT WILL REPLACE A ESTIMATED 80,000 LINES.

MILWAUKEE STARTED LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENTS IN 2023 AND PLANS TO CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL 2037 TO MEET THE EPA MANDATE.

SO FAR THEY ARE COVERING THE FULL COST OF REPLACEMENT.

PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY ALSO COVERS THE COST OF REPLACING LEAD SERVICE LINES AND OVER 14,000 BLOODLINES HAVE BEEN REPLACED AS OF EARLY 26 AND TOLEDO, OHIO IS COVERING THE COST OF REPLACING LEAD SERVICE LINES.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE EXAMPLES AND FUNDING FOR THESE PROGRAMS CAN COME FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES, CITY BUDGETS, WATER UTILITY FUNDS AND FEDERAL GRANTS.

AND SO MANY OF THESE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE FIGURED OUT A WAY.

SO CAN WE.

I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE LOOK AT WAYS IN WHICH THE BURDEN IS NOT SOLELY PLACED ON CURRENT RESIDENCE AS REPLACING LEAD PIPES IS AN INVESTMENT IN A HEALTHY COMMUNITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF OAK PARK.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>CLERK WATERS: KRISTIN?

>>KRISTIN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE FOR HAVING ME AGAIN.

I WAS VOLUNTEERED BY MY NEIGHBORS TO BE THE SPOKESPERSON AGAIN AND I REALIZE I SPOKE AT A PREVIOUS AND IF MY NEIGHBORS COULD PLEASE TANNED UP FROM THE 1100 BLOCK OF SOUTH SCOVILLE.

WE WOULD JUST LIKE TO REITERATE THE THANK YOU AND MICHELLE OUR COUNTERPART ON NORTH EUCLID SAID SO ELOQUENTLY THAT THIS IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO OUR BLOCK AND A BURDEN TO MANY OF US.

I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM SOME OF MY NEIGHBORS AND MANY OF THEM HAVE SMALL CHILDREN IN DAY CARE AND WE ARE JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST OF THIS PROJECT BEING HANDED TO RESIDENTS.

AND AS MICHELLE SAID IT DOES NOT ALIGN WITH WHAT OTHERS HAVE DONE BOTH LOCALLY AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

I DID ALSO - I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PUBLIC WORKS SO GRACIOUSLY SPOKE WITH US AFTER THEY DROPPED THE FLYER ANNOUNCING THIS PROGRAM AND DID SHARE MORE WITH US, BUT I THINK COMMUNICATION NEEDS TO RAMP UP PRETTY FASTER BOTH FOR OUR BLOCK IN THE VILLAGE SO THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS WHAT IS BEING TAKEN.

I READ THE DRAFT 2026 PLANNED THAT I THINK THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT.

AND I DO FEEL FOR THOSE IN THE VILLAGE WHO ARE WORKING ON IT AND IT SEEMED LIKE MANY THINGS ARE CHANGING AND MAKING IT A MOVING TARGET.

HOWEVER, IT IS NOT THERE TO HAND A HANDFUL OF BLOCKS THAT ARE CURRENTLY FACING EMERGENCY REPAIRS IN OAK PARK.

SO, WE HAD OUR WATER MAIN BREAK TWICE LAST YEAR AND THAT IS WHY THIS IS HAPPENING TO US FIRST.

TO HAND US THE COST WHILE FRANKLY THE VILLAGE WORKS TO FIGURE THE REST OF THIS OUT AND PART OF THE PLAN IS THAT WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR GRANTS AND WE ARE STILL EXPLOIT DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND WHAT ABOUT US RIGHT NOW? MANY OF US HAVE HEARD ANECDOTALLY THAT THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN COVERING A GREATER PORTION OF THE COST FOR OTHERS IN THE VILLAGE THROUGHOUT THE PAST FEW YEARS AND I DID A REQUEST ABOUT THAT AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT I WOULD HEAR ABOUT IT ON FRIDAY.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS EQUITABLE TO ALL HOMES IN OAK PARK HOW THIS IS BEING APPROACHED.

AND I ALSO THINK THAT AS WE ARE PURSUING THESE OPTIONS FOR DIFFERENT GRANTS I DO THINK THAT WE SHOULD PRIORITIZE LOW AND FIXED INCOME HOMES AND THERE ARE FOLKS ON HER OWN BLOCK THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THAT AND I ALSO THINK THAT THE VILLAGE NEEDS TO COMMIT TO PURSUING REIMBURSEMENT IF YOU CANNOT GET THE GRANTS BEFORE WE ARE AFFECTED, BUT THAT THEY COULD REIMBURSE SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE FUTURE AND I REALIZE THAT THIS IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO IMPACT MY FAMILY, BUT THERE ARE FOR SOME THAT IT WOULD.

AND I WAS ALSO ALARMED WITH THE PUBLISHED PROPOSAL TODAY THAT THERE WAS A LOT MORE INFO IN THEIR ABOUT HOW THIS REPLACEMENT UPS THE AMOUNT OF LEAD IN OUR WATER FOR SIX MONTHS.

THERE NEEDS TO THE MORE COMMUNICATION ABOUT THAT.

OVERALL THE MESSAGE MY NEIGHBORS WANT TO SEND IS THAT THIS IS TOO BIG OF THE BILL FOR THIS SUMMER IN THE VILLAGE SHOULD BE DOING MORE FOR US NOW AND NEEDS TO HAVE A WIDER CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW EVERYONE PAYS FOR THIS IN THE FUTURE.

A 7500 ARE YOUNG WITH INTEREST THIS SUMMER IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

THAT IS ALL?

ALL RIGHT, I APPRECIATE IT, THANK YOU.

OKAY, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>ROB: GOOD EVENING, ROB SPROUL.

TONIGHT WE HAVE THREE ITEMS THAT WE WILL BE COVERING THAT HAVE A POTENTIAL IMPACT TO THE WATER AND SEWER FUND UPCOMING PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR RATE PLAN THAT WE WILL BE BRINGING TO THE BOARD LATER IN THE YEAR AND IN THE INTERMEDIATE WE WOULD BE STOPPING BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN JULY TO GAIN A RECOMMENDATION FOR THEM BASED ON ONE OF THOSE PLANS, BUT THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT ITEMS THAT WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THIS EVENING THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR EITHER FEEDBACK OR DIRECTION ON FROM THE BOARD THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO IMPACT THAT AND I'LL TOUCH ON THEM REALLY QUICKLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN ARTICULATE EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR EACH OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS AND THEN WE WILL TAKE THEM ONE AT A TIME.

SO, THE FIRST ITEM THAT WILL BE TALKING ABOUT IS STRUCTURE METHODOLOGY. WHEN WE SPOKE TO THE BOARD DURING THE 2026 PREAPPROVAL PROCESS AND TALKING WITH YOU ALL ABOUT THE UPCOMING FIVE-YEAR PLAN, WE DISCUSSED WHETHER OR NOT OR THE BOARD KIND OF ARTICULATED AN INTEREST IN EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE RATE STRUCTURE METHODOLOGY AS OPPOSED TO THE CURRENT STRUCTURE THAT WE HAVE AND SO WE WILL HAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON THREE DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR RATE STRUCTURE METHODOLOGY LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK FROM THE BOARD ON ARTICULATING IF ONE OF THOSE MODELS IS A PREFERENCE TO MOVE FORWARD WITHIN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN SO WE CAN FOCUS MORE ON THAT PARTICULAR MODEL RATHER THAN TRYING TO PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR ALL OF THE DIFFERENT MODELS.

AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE THE METHODOLOGIES WOULD IMPACT WITH SPECIFIC USERS PAY, IT DOES NOT IMPACT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE ENTERPRISE FUND THAT THE ENTERPRISE FUND NEEDS TO COLLECT.

JUST WHO PAYS AND HOW MUCH THEY PAY.

THAT IS WHAT METHODOLOGY IMPACTS.

AND THE SECOND ITEM IS AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST STATE AND FEDERAL LEAD LINE REGULATIONS AND THE IMPACT ON THE VILLAGE REPLACEMENT PLAN AND SO AS STAFF CONTINUES TO WORK ON THE FINAL PLAN THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS RAISED AROUND THE VILLAGE POSITION ON THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRIVATE SIDE OF LEAD SERVICES.

THE VILLAGE BOARD HISTORIC POSITION ON THIS HAS BEEN THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF THE PRIVATE SIDE LEAD REPLACEMENT AND THE VILLAGE AND WATER SEWER FUND PAY FOR THE PUBLIC SIDE.

BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SIDE RANGING COST BETWEEN SEVEN AND \$12,000 AND PER PUBLIC SIDE AND FOR THE PRIVATE SIDELINES AND SO HISTORICALLY THE VILLAGE CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN ABOUT AFTER THE TOTAL COST OF THE REPLACEMENT AND IF THE VILLAGE BOARD WISHES TO DEVIATE FROM THIS HISTORIC POSITION, STAFF NEED THAT DIRECTION AND THAT FEEDBACK IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE COSTS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR IN OUR FIVE-YEAR PLANS THAT WE WILL BE PRESENTING LATER ON SO THE BOARD HAS AN UNDERSTANDING

OF WHAT THE ACTUAL RATES WILL BE AND WHAT MONEY IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THAT CHANGE.

THE THIRD ITEM IS A PROPOSED PILOT OWN PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PRIVATE SIDE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT.

AND THAT IS TIED TO THE UPCOMING 2026 WATER REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR BLOCKS OF WHICH WE WILL BE DOING.

AND IF THAT PRODUCT IS SHOWN SUCCESSFUL AND SUSTAINABLE THE PROJECT COULD BE REFINED IN UPCOMING YEARS.

SO, WE WILL TAKE EACH ONE OF THESE ITEMS ONE AT A TIME.

THE FIRST ONE WILL BE STARTING WITH IS AGAIN THE METHODOLOGY AND WILL BE ASKING FOR FEEDBACK ON THAT AND THEN MOVING ONTO THE NEXT ITEM.

AND WITH THAT I WILL INTRODUCE ERIC C FROM NEWGEN STRATEGIES FOR A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON METHODOLOGY.

IF I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO EXPAND THIS - IS LOOKING STRANGE, RIGHT?

>>ERIC: WE WILL TRY TO DO A LITTLE BIT BETTER WITH THE SLIDES HERE AND I'LL DO MY BEST TO GO THROUGH THIS.

THANK YOU PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEES, IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY, MY NAME IS ERIC C, PARTNER AT NEWGEN BEEN WORKING WITH STAFF ON THE WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY AND I HAVE A PRESENTATION HERE OF COURSE ON THE METHODOLOGIES AND DISCUSSION ABOUT RATE STRUCTURES. I'LL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE BACKGROUND AND OUR SCOPE OF WORK AND WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT.

REALLY ESTABLISH THE GOALS FOR TODAY'S DISCUSSION AND TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE ALTERNATIVES THAT WE ARE INTRODUCING FOR DISCUSSION AND SOME SAMPLE CUSTOMER BUILT IMPACT AND I'LL BE CLEAR THAT THESE ARE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY AND WE HAVE NOT DUG INTO THE DATA AND WHEN WE COME BACK WILL HAVE MORE SORT OF TANGIBLE IMPACT BASED ON THE DIRECTION AND THEN I'LL TALK ABOUT NEXT STEPS.

AND AS A QUICK REMINDER I WAS HERE LAST SEPTEMBER, NOT 2026, 2025 TO BRING YOU THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2026 WATER AND SEWER RATES AND YOU CAN SEE HERE THAT WE RECOMMEND INCREASING OR FIXED AND VARIABLE FEES IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE WATER AND SEWER FUNDS AND THE PERCENTAGE AND DOLLAR IMPACT OR TYPICAL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS INDICATED AT THAT TIME AND THOSE RATES WERE ADOPTED.

AND AT THAT TIME I ALSO DISCUSSED THE PHASE 2 OF OUR SCOPE OF WORK WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE IN NOW.

THERE ARE SEVERAL ITEMS ON HERE AND THEY ARE FOCUSED ON ESSENTIALLY TWO THINGS DEVELOPING A FIVE-YEAR RATE PLAN TO FULLY FUND THE EXPENSES OF THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES AND DEVELOPING POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE RATE STRUCTURES AND HOW YOU WOULD CHARGE FOR THOSE.

THE TWO HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS ARE WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DISCUSSING TODAY AND TALKING ABOUT INTRODUCING THE IMPACT WITH A FOCUS ON AFFORDABILITY. AND AGAIN THE GOALS OF TODAY ARE REALLY FEEDBACK.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU WHAT WE SHOULD BE EVALUATING WHEN WE LOOK AT RATE STRUCTURE, PARTICULARLY VOLUMETRIC RATE STRUCTURES.

WE WANT TO KNOW WHICH ALTERNATIVES YOU WANT US TO INVESTIGATE AND ANY GUARDRAILS CONCERNING CUSTOMER IMPACT AND TO KNOW THAT EVERYTHING IN THIS PRESENTATION IS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY, THESE ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTUAL ANALYSIS.

AND A REMINDER OF OUR INITIAL FINDINGS FOR OUR PHASE 1, WE DID NOT RECOMMEND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR FIXED COSTS REFER RECOVERY AND YOUR METER ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, HOWEVER WE DID RECOMMEND THAT YOU INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT YOU GET THOSE CHARGES AND THAT WAS A PART OF OUR FISCAL YEAR 2026 RECOMMENDATION.

AND WE ARE WORKING WITH STAFF ON EVALUATING TRANSITIONING TO MONTHLY BILLING.

AND I'LL NOT GO THROUGH THIS TABLE AND THERE ARE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES, BUT I THINK IT IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT AS WE DISCUSSED SOME OPTIONS THAT IT MAY BE THE TIME TO EVALUATE THAT AND INCORPORATED INTO THIS STUDY.

REDESIGN IS AN ART.

THERE IS CERTAINLY ANALYSIS THAT GOES INTO IT AND WE WANT TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THE DATA, BUT THERE IS REALLY THREE PARTS OF IT AND THE FIRST IS THE COST OF SERVICE AND WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT CAUTION YOU TO RECOVER FROM YOUR RATE AND THAT HAS TO BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION AND THE RATEMAKING IS THE ABILITY AND THE DIFFERENT METHODOLOGIES THAT WE WILL TALK ABOUT TONIGHT AND REALLY THE IMPORTANT PART IS THAT GREEN BOX RIGHT THERE, IT IS POLICY.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT YOUR RATES HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE THIS IS REALLY IMPACTING THEM AND HOW YOU RECOVER THESE COSTS.

I'LL NOT GO THROUGH THIS AND THIS IS BASED ON THE AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION SORT OF 10 COMPONENTS AND THERE IS MORE THAN 10 HERE, BUT THEY ARE RELATED, 10 COMPONENTS OF WHAT YOU EVALUATE WHEN YOU ESTABLISH A RATE STRUCTURE.

AND WILL JUST GO ACROSS THE TOP AND TALK VERY BRIEFLY ABOUT THE MAIN CATEGORIES AND THE ONE ON THE LEFT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION AND THAT IS THE INTERNAL CAPABILITY TO IMPLEMENT DIFFERENT RATE STRUCTURES AND WHAT IS THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN AND WHAT IS THE LEGAL COMPONENT PART OF THAT AND HOW DO THESE IMPACT YOUR ORGANIZATION?

THE SECOND IS EQUITY AND WE WILL TALK A LOT ABOUT RESIDENTIAL VS. COMMERCIAL OR SMALL VS. LARGE PROPERTIES AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND HOW DO WE BALANCE RECOVERY COST AMONGST THESE DIFFERENT TYPES OF USERS. IN THE THIRD IS CUSTOMER AND WRITE UP TOP IS AFFORDABILITY PAIRED WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE BOTH SUSTAIN THESE SYSTEMS AND MAKE SURE THAT IT IS WITHIN YOUR CUSTOMERS ABILITY TO PAY.

AND CONSERVATION AGAIN IS A CONSIDERATION ENVIRONMENTALLY AND FOR REGULATION FOR COMPLIANCE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE USING WATER AS A RESOURCE IN A ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WAY AND FINALLY FINANCIAL.

THESE ARE THE FOUNDATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.

YOUR RATES NEED TO GENERATE ENOUGH REVENUE.

AND WE ARE BALANCING THE NEED FOR REVENUE SUFFICIENCY WITH RATE DESIGN CUSTOMER AFFORDABILITY.

IT IS A BALANCE AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE THESE POLICY DISCUSSIONS.

I MENTIONED VERY BRIEFLY RATE DESIGN, BUT ESSENTIALLY YOU HAVE A COST ASUS FOR WHY YOU CHARGE FIXED RATES AND THERE IS A BALANCE HERE AND A SLIDING SCALE BETWEEN THE LOWER YOUR FIXED CHARGES AND THE HIGHER YOUR VOLATILITY BASED ON DEMAND BOTH SEASONALLY AND MONTH-TO-MONTH. WE ARE LIKELY GOING TO CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THIS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE ON WHICH YOU ORGANIZE THOSE RATES AND SO INCREASING THAT PERCENTAGE OF THE DOLLARS KNOWING THAT YOU WILL GET FROM YOUR CUSTOMERS ON A BILLING CYCLE BASIS IS IMPORTANT. AND AGAIN, THERE IS A RELATED DISCUSSION ON AFFORDABILITY OF POLICY BALANCE WHEN IT COMES TO FIXED RATES.

AND WE TALKED ABOUT SEVERAL VARIABLE RATE DESIGNS AND I WILL GO THROUGH EACH OF THESE VERY BRIEFLY IN UNIFORM RATE IS WHAT YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW ON THE TOP LEFT.

IN THESE CHARGE SHOW AS CONSUMPTION AS WATER USE INCREASES THROUGHOUT THE CYCLE, HOW DOES THE FEE THAT YOU CHARGE CHANGE? FOR THE UNIFORM RATE IT DOES NOT CHANGE.

EACH UNIT OF SERVICE FOR ALL CUSTOMERS IS THE SAME WHETHER THEY USED A LITTLE WATER OR A LOT OF WATER.

AND THE TOP RIGHT REPRESENTS A INCLINE BLOCK STRUCTURE AND THIS IS WHERE THE PRICE PER UNIT CHANGES AS THE PRICE GOES UP AND SAW A LOW USER WILL STAY IN THE FIRST BLOCK AND PAY UNIT FROM THAT AND AS THAT INCREASES IN DEFINED INCREMENTS THAT LARGE USER WILL START PAYING MORE PER UNIT FOR EACH UNIT OF WATER AND WE WILL HAVE SOME EXAMPLES OF THIS IN THE NEXT SLIDE.

AND DECLINING BLOCK IS THE OPPOSITE OF THAT AND WHEN YOU GO TO COSTCO YOU CAN PURCHASE MORE AND PAY LESS PER UNIT AND THAT IS A RATE STRUCTURE THAT INCENTIVIZES USE AT A LOWER COST AS YOU INCREASE.

AND SEASONAL IS SORT OF A HYBRID OF THE INCLINE BLOCK AND THE UNIFORM HOWEVER THAT CHANGE IS NOT BASED ON MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OR ORDERLY, IT IS SEASONAL AND WOULD CHARGE MORE PER UNIT IN THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN THE DEMAND IS HIGH AND LESS IN OTHER MONTHS AND YOU CAN ALSO TARGET THAT TO CERTAIN CUSTOMERS AND HOW THEY USED THE SYSTEM AND WE WILL GO THROUGH SOME EXAMPLES OF THESE AND HOW THEY IMPACT CUSTOMERS.

I'LL NOT GO THROUGH THIS, THIS WAS IN YOUR PACKET AND THIS WAS PROVIDED IN THE PHASE I REPORT AND THESE ARE THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ALL THESE DIFFERENT TYPES OF FEE STRUCTURES.

AND AGAIN THERE IS A BALANCER THAT WILL TALK ABOUT.

WHAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED HERE IS A SAMPLE INCLINING BLOCK WATER RATE STRUCTURE AND WE ARE TALKING THIS ONE AN AGGRESSIVE ONE, BECAUSE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHARGES FROM THE LOWEST TIER TO THE HIGHEST ARE PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL.

AND THE LOWEST TIER ON THAT TOP RIGHT RIGHT THEREFORE ALTERNATIVE RATES STARTS AT FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST 9000 UNITS OF USAGE.

AND BY THE TIME YOU GET TO OVER 36 THOUSAND GALLONS FOR THE BILLING CYCLE THE FEE PER GALLON GOES UP TO \$15.

THIS IS A VERY STEEP INCLINE BLOCK TARGETING REVENUES FOR THOSE HIGHEST USERS.

AND YOU CAN SEE IN THE BOTTOM TABLE HOW THIS WOULD IMPACT YOUR AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER AND YOUR AVERAGE COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER.

YOUR AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER WOULD ACTUALLY SEE ABOUT A 34% DECREASE IN THEIR BILL, BECAUSE THERE FEE YOU CAN SEE IN THAT FIRST BLOCK WENT FROM ABOUT \$12 PER 1000 GALLON TO FIVE DOLLARS AND THEY ARE THE SORT OF TARGET OF THAT DECREASE IN THEIR FEE WHEREAS THE AVERAGE COMMERCIAL WHO USES INTO THOSE HIGHER TIERS IS GOING TO START PAYING MORE THAN THE \$12 PER 1000 UNIT RATE FOR THOSE HIGHER GALLONS.

AND THEREFORE THE FEE WOULD INCREASE ABOUT 21% UNDER THIS HYPOTHETICAL STRUCTURE AND THIS IS JUST TO DEMONSTRATE BY ORGANIZING YOUR CHARGES AT THESE DIFFERENT LEVELS YOU CAN HAVE DIFFERENT IMPACT THROUGHOUT YOUR SYSTEM ON THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CUSTOMERS.

QUESTIONS?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT COMMERCIAL MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL, DOES THAT FALL UNDER THE COMMERCIAL BUCKET?

>>ERIC: THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION.

DIFFERENT UTILITIES HANDLE MULTIFAMILY AS A SEPARATE CLASS AND HAVE RATES ORGANIZED SPECIFICALLY FOR THEM AND SOME OF THEM ROLLED THEM INTO RESIDENTIAL WITH SINGLE FAMILY AND SOME OF THEM CONSIDER THAT COMMERCIAL AND OBVIOUSLY THERE IS MIXED USE AND WE WOULD HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW EXACTLY YOU ARE CHARGING THOSE ACCOUNTS.

THANK YOU.

YES?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST TO CONFIRM, THESE REVENUE NUMBERS, I KNOW THAT THEY ARE JUST EXAMPLES, BUT THEY DON'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CORRECT, ANY OF THE EFFECTS OF THESE ON THE ACTUAL CONSUMER AND WHAT THE RESPONSE TO THESE RATES WOULD BE.

THAT IS A BIG GAS.

>>ERIC: THAT IS A GREAT POINT AND THANK YOU.

THIS APPROXIMATELY \$16 MILLION IS WHAT WE MODELED YOUR VARIABLE-RATE REVENUE UNDER YOUR EXISTING 2026 RATES.

THE TARGET REVENUE FOR THIS ALTERNATIVE IS THE SAME.

AND IT IS WHAT WE CALL REVENUE NEUTRAL.

YOU NEED THAT \$16 MILLION.

IT IS WHERE IT COMES FROM, BUT YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT THIS ASSUMES THAT THE USAGE WITHIN THESE TEARS WOULD REMAIN EXACTLY THE SAME UNDER BOTH OF THESE STRUCTURES.

AND SO WHEN WE DO THESE ANALYSES WE WILL LIKELY EVALUATE WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE IF SOMEBODY'S BILL SUDDENLY INCREASES BY A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE, WILL THEY INCENTIVIZE IT TO USE LESS WATER AND HOW DO WE ADDRESS THESE FEES OR THE STRUCTURE TO ACCOUNT FOR THAT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: AND ALSO THE PEOPLE THEY'LL BE PAYING LESS MAY BE INCLINED TO USE MORE, CORRECT?

>>ERIC: EXACTLY.

THERE IS A DECENT BODY OF STUDY ON THIS AND HOW THESE IMPACTS HAPPEN AND I WILL INCORPORATE THAT INTO THE ANALYSIS THAT WE DO.

THIS NEXT SLIDE IS ORGANIZED THE SAME WAY AND THIS IS INCLINING, BUT MORE MODERN.

AND YOU SEE THAT THIS IS FIVE DOLLARS AND NOW IT IS NINE IN THE TOP TIER IS 15 AND NOW IT IS 19 AND THESE ARE DESIGNED BASED ON THE USAGE OF ALL OF THESE TEARS TO GENERATE ALL OF THE \$16 MILLION OF REVENUE.

AND YOU CAN SEE THAT THE LOWER TIER CAME UP IN THE TOP CAME DOWN.

AND IF YOU THINK OF IT LIKE A SEESAW WE WERE REALLY TILTED AND NOW WE ARE A LITTLE BIT MORE FLAT AND NOW NOT ALL THE WAY FLAT, BUT STILL AN INCREASE.

THERE IS A BALANCE THERE.

AND BASED ON OUR PHASE 2 ANALYSIS WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PINPOINT ON YOUR ACTUAL CUSTOMERS ON THEIR USAGE PROFILE.

THIS CHART IS VERY COMPLICATED BUT I'LL TRY MY BEST TO EXPLAIN IT.

IF YOU ARE ENDEAVORING TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT RATES FOR DIFFERENT CUSTOMER CLASSES AND SO RIGHT NOW ALL OF OUR CUSTOMER CLASSES ARE ON THE SAME RATE SCHEDULE DEPENDING ON THE METER SIZE AND HOW MUCH WATER THEY USE.

IF YOU WANTED TO DO AN ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE RATE THAT IS DIFFERENT FOR SAY RESIDENTIAL VS. COMMERCIAL, THIS IS THE ANALYSIS YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO AND THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT CUSTOMER CLASSES.

AND WHAT THIS ESSENTIALLY SHOWS IS THAT BOX ON THE LEFT IS YOUR COST AND THAT WILL BE FIXED NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO.

AND WE WILL GENERATE RATES THAT GENERATE RATES THAT YOU NEED.

IN THE MIDDLE IS CALLED FUNCTIONALIZATION.

WHAT IS YOUR SYSTEM DOING?

IS THERE A DIFFERENT COST FOR THE SUPPLY VS.

PUMPING VS. STORAGE AND HOW ARE YOUR CUSTOMERS USING?

AND THE THING WE LOOK AT IS CALLED PEEKING FACTORS AND SOME OF YOUR CUSTOMERS THROUGHOUT THEIR BILLING CYCLES USE WATER CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR OR THROUGHOUT EACH MONTH.

THEY ARE STEADY AND SOME USE A LITTLE WATER SOMETIMES AND A LOT OF OTHER TIMES AND THAT IS CALLED PEEKING.

AND THROUGH THIS ANALYSIS WE CAN IDENTIFY HOW CUSTOMERS INCUR COSTS DIFFERENTLY BASED ON WHERE THEY FALL INTO THAT PROFILE.

AND THOSE GREEN BARS TO THE RIGHT REPRESENT A DIFFERENT CUSTOMER CLASS.

HOW MUCH OF EACH OF THOSE COMPONENTS IS BEING CAUSED BY THESE DIFFERENT CLASSES ROLLS UP TO WHAT THEY SHOULD PAY FOR THE SYSTEM.

AND BECAUSE THEY USE THE SYSTEM DIFFERENTLY, WE CAN IDENTIFY DIFFERENT RATES FOR DIFFERENT CLASSES.

IN GENERAL, THE FLATTERED YOUR CONSUMPTION PROFILE, THE LOWER THE RATE, BECAUSE THAT IS A BASE DEMAND AND THE MORE VARIABLE YOUR RATE IN TERMS OF PEEKING, THE HIGHER COST WE CAN IDENTIFY AND THAT IS A VERY GENERALIZED STATEMENT AND THIS IS CERTAINLY THE MOST DETAILED ANALYSIS THAT WE DO WHEN DEVELOPING RATE STRUCTURES.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT YOU CAN GROUP CUSTOMERS IN A WAY IN THE SAMPLE THAT IDENTIFY THESE USAGE CHARACTERISTICS AND ASSIGN COST DIFFERENTLY BETWEEN THE TWO.

THIS IS A VERY SIMPLIFIED EXAMPLE AND YOU CAN SEE THE PEEKING FACTOR THERE AND ASSUMING THAT YOUR RESIDENTIAL MINIMUM VS. MAXIMUM IS ONLY A FACTOR OF 1.12 AND YOUR NONRESIDENTIAL IS A FACTOR OF 1.4 AND THE PEAK USAGE IS ALMOST DOUBLED THE AVERAGE.

WE CAN ASSIGN MORE COST TO THEM WHILE STILL GENERATING THE \$16 MILLION THAT WE NEED.

AGAIN, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE AND IT IS NOT BASED ON A ACTUAL COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS, BUT IN DOING THE ACTUAL ANALYSIS WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A TABLE THAT SAYS FEAR IS HOW MUCH REVENUE YOU'RE GETTING RIGHT NOW AND HERE'S HOW MUCH YOU CAN POTENTIALLY GET.

AND THIS IS A SAMPLE IMPACT BASED ON THOSE RATES AGAIN BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE IN THE PEEKING FACTOR, RESIDENTIAL RATES GO DOWN AND NONRESIDENTIAL RATES GO UP SIMPLY BASED ON THE ALLOCATION OF COST TO GET TO THAT BUCKET.

AND SO FINALLY THE NEXT STEPS HERE AND THEN I AM HAPPY TO HAVE DISCUSSION.

OUR NEXT STEPS ARE TO COMPLETE THE FIVE-YEAR REVENUE REQUIREMENT FORECAST.

AGAIN, THAT IS INDEPENDENT OF THE RATE DESIGN.

YOUR REVENUE REQUIREMENT IS GOING TO BE BASED ON WHAT YOU CAN FIND WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE AND WHAT THE COSTS ARE GOING TO BE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND OUR ABILITY TO FORECAST THOSE COSTS AND ENSURE THAT WE RUN THESE SYSTEMS PROPERLY.

AND THEN AFTER THAT WE DEVELOP THE RATE FORECAST AGAIN THAT GENERATES THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF REVENUE AND WE WILL DEVELOP A FINAL RECOMMENDED RATE AND WE WILL BE BACK HERE IN JULY TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THIS ANALYSIS AND BACK HERE LATER THIS YEAR TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ANTICIPATING NEW RATES AFFECTED IN YEAR ONE OF OUR NEW FIVE-YEAR FORECAST OF JANUARY 2027.

AND WITH THAT, THANK YOU AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I AM LOOKING AT SLIDES 14 AND 15 WHICH HAVE A AGGRESSIVE VS.

MODERATE INCLINED RATE AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS STICKING OUT TO ME IS WITH THE AGGRESSIVE INCLINE WHICH THAT MEANS THAT THERE IS A LARGER GAP BETWEEN THE BOTTOM AND THE TOP RATE STRUCTURES AND RESIDENTIAL USERS SEE HOW MUCH A LARGER DECREASE WOULD BE IN COST AND ACTUALLY THE AVERAGE COMMERCIAL USER SEES A SMALLER INCREASE IN COST.

DOES THAT MEAN THAT WE HAVE SORT OF A FEW OUTLIERS IN THE VILLAGE WHO ARE BEARING THE LARGEST BURDEN OF ADDITIONAL COST?

>>ERIC: YES, THIS IS TYPICAL OF ANY SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEM WHICH IS THAT YOU HAVE A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL USERS, SMALL METERS THAT USE WATER IN A AGGREGATE THAT MAKE A DECENT PROPORTION OF YOUR DEMAND AND YOU ALSO HAVE A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF VERY HIGH USE CUSTOMERS AND IT CALLS THAT AVERAGE VERY HIGH.

AND JUST TO GET SOME CONTACT FEAR IF I GO BACK IN OUR ORIGINAL - YOUR AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL HAS A SMALL METER OF 14,000 GALLONS PER QUARTER AND THE AVERAGE COMMERCIAL IS 72.

THAT 72 WE CAN BRING THE NUMBER AND IT IS NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENTATIVE. THAT IS A AVERAGE.

YOU HAVE A FEW VERY HIGH DEMAND NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS THAT WOULD BEAR THE BRUNT OF THAT AGGRESSIVE RATE STRUCTURE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, CAN YOU GIVE US - CAN YOU GIVE US SOME SPECIFICS LIKE WHAT DID THE VERY HIGH USERS LOOK LIKE? WHAT BUSINESSES ARE THEY?

>>ERIC: WE HAVE THAT DATA FROM LAST YEAR WE NEED TO UPDATE FROM THE 2025 DATA AND WHAT WE CAN DO IS COMPILE THAT AND BUILD A PROFILE OF TIERS FROM 0 TO 1 AND ALL THE WAY UP AND WE HAVE NOT DONE THAT ANALYSIS YET BECAUSE THE DRIVING - THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ANYTHING THIS YEAR IS THAT \$16 MILLION.

WHAT DOES THAT NEED TO BE.

AND SO IN MAKING A RECOMMENDATION, AFTER DEVELOPING THAT FINANCIAL PLAN, THAT IS WHEN THE ACTUAL IMPACT ON THE CUSTOMERS WE WILL BE ABLE TO BRING THAT BACK TO YOU AND SAY THESE RATES ARE GOING TO HAVE THIS IMPACT AND IT MAY BE A VERY FEW NUMBER OF HIGH USE CUSTOMERS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SURE.

AND I THINK LIKE I UNDERSTAND THAT AND SAYING WHETHER I AM LEANING TOWARDS AGGRESSIVE OR MODERATE LIKE SOME OF THAT GOES TO THOSE QUESTIONS OF WHO AM I SAYING THAT WE SHOULD INCREASE THE COST ON? BECAUSE, I DO LIKE THE IDEA OF DECREASING THE COST THAT ARE RESIDENTIAL USERS ARE PAYING, BUT IT IS LIKE IF IT IS RUSH THAT IS WHO WE ARE TALKING ABOUT INCREASING THE COSTS ON THE MOST, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE VALUABLE TO KNOW VS.

IS IT AN ABANDONED SITE THAT HAS A GIANT WATER LEAK OR I DON'T KNOW - IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHERE THOSE SORT OF MEGA-USERS ARE.

>>ERIC: THAT IS HELPFUL FEEDBACK NOW, BECAUSE IN DESIGNING THAT RATE AND IDENTIFYING THOSE CUSTOMERS, YOU CAN PUT A GUARDRAIL THAT I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GO UP MORE THAN 20%.

MY HIGHEST USER CANNOT BE IMPACTED MORE THAN 20% AND THAT DEFINES THE BALANCE IN WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I AM GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF A INCLINING BLOCK RATE APPROACH - I AM INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF HOW WE ADDRESS THE LARGE MULTI FAMILY BUILDINGS AS RESIDENTIAL VS. COMMERCIAL, BECAUSE I THINK THAT OBVIOUSLY IF YOU HAVE 100 HOUSING UNITS IN A STRUCTURE, THEY ARE GOING TO IF YOU ARE BILLING - IF YOU ARE NOT INDIVIDUALLY BILLING PER UNIT, THEY ARE GOING TO END UP IN A MUCH LARGER POCKET AND IN A WAY THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY FAIR TO THEM.

SO, THERE ARE SOME DETAILS THAT I THINK NEED TO BE -

>>ERIC: WE HAVE DESIGNED RATES THAT HAVE A PER UNIT TIER AND SULFUR MULTI FAMILY, THAT FIRST BLOCK OR WHATEVER YOU DEFINE IT AS IS A PER UNIT. AND SO THAT LARGE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GET THE BENEFIT OF STAYING IN THOSE LOWER TIERS AND THERE IS ALSO A BLEND THAT WE CAN DO HERE AND SOME OF OUR CLIENTS HAVE A TIERED SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE AND A UNIFORM NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE AND SO THOSE LARGER NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS DO NOT SEE THAT INCREMENT IN THEIR RATE, BUT THE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS GET THE BENEFIT OF THE LOWER TIER AND THE HIGH RESIDENTIAL USERS THAT MAKE THE CHOICE TO USE WATER PAY A PORTION - PROPORTIONALLY MORE.

AND SO THERE IS SORT OF A HYBRID.

AND THAT GOES BACK TO THE CLASS COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS AND IF WE WERE TO DO THAT, WHAT AMOUNT OF REVENUE SHOULD BE GOOD FOR THOSE TIERS AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE PAYING A PROPORTIONATE SHARE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THE OTHER THING THAT I WANT TO FLAG AND THEN I'LL HAND IT BACK IS THE CONVERSATION AROUND SERVICE CHARGES.

THE FLAT RATE SERVICE CHARGE I THINK TO ME THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF A CONCERN THAT THE FLAT RATE SERVICE CHARGE CAN WORK OUT TO BE LESS EQUITABLE THAN THE PER USAGE, BECAUSE IT IS HITTING EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU LIVE IN A MANSION OR THE SMALLEST HOUSE AND REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH WATER YOU USE.

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE BELOW THAT MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE.

AND SO I WOULD PREFER TO LEAN MORE ON THE SORT OF VOLUMETRIC CHARGES AND LESS ON THAT FLAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, DEREK.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THANK YOU.

THAT CHART WAS A LITTLE BIT CONFUSING BUT I FELT LIKE I UNDERSTAND YOUR EXPLANATION -

>>ERIC: IT IS NOT OUR FAVORITE, BUT IT CONVEYS A LOT!  
IT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I APPRECIATE TRUSTEE STRAW 'S AS WELL AND I THINK THAT I AM KIND OF ON A SIMILAR PAGE AND I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF FOLLOW-UP RUSSIANS AND I'M ALSO VERY CURIOUS TO KNOW AND MY FIRST QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE DISTRIBUTION LOOKING LIKE AND I THINK THAT YOU KIND OF STARTED TO ANSWER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE -

>>ERIC: YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A TAIL AT THE END OF IT LIKE EVERY OTHER SYSTEM OF ALL SIZES THERE IS A CORE BASE THAT HAS A NICE CURVE TO IT AND A LONG TAIL -

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IS THAT THE SAME FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL?

>>ERIC: IT IS LESS NOTICEABLE ON THE COMMERCIAL SIDE, BUT IN THE AGGREGATE YOU LIKELY HAVE A FEW NUMBER OF VERY LARGE USERS IN THE RESIDENTIAL CLASS THAT HAVE A TAIL AT THE END.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, THAT IS HELPFUL.

I AM CURIOUS WHAT WHEN YOU ARE THINKING OF - I DON'T WANT TO SPECULATE TOO MUCH, BUT ONE QUESTION THAT CAME TO MIND IS WHAT OTHER GOVERNMENTAL BODIES FALL UNDER THIS LIKE WHAT ABOUT THE SCHOOLS AND I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT AND LIKE THE PARK DISTRICT AND THE POLLS AND STUFF ARE THEY COMMERCIAL OR DO THEY CHARGE DIFFERENTLY?

>>ERIC: THEY WOULD FALL UNDER NONRESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL AND WE DO HAVE SOME CLIENTS THAT IDENTIFY MUNICIPAL CLIENTS AND CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS SEPARATELY, BUT THEY STILL IN TERMS OF A DEMAND PROFILE FALL INTO THE NONRESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENT HAVE A VERY NOTICEABLE DEMAND DAILY DEMAND CURVE AND THEY ARE TYPICALLY NOT HOME DURING THE DAY AND THEN IT IS AT NIGHT.

AND THAT TYPICALLY DEFINES YOUR RESIDENTIAL OR MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND EVERYTHING ELSE TYPICALLY FALLS IN THAT CATEGORY.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: ALL THE MORE REASON WHY I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, BECAUSE IF THOSE LARGE CUSTOMERS - YOU KNOW THAT OF PUBLIC DOLLARS THAT ARE PAYING THAT ANYWAYS AND SO THEY ARE JUST SORT OF CHARGING OURSELVES, RIGHT?

AND SHIFTING IT, RIGHT?

SO, I WOULD WANT TO KNOW THAT AND THAT WOULD BE A FACTOR IN DECIDING WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE.

I WOULD SAY THAT I AM GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF THE CONCEPT OF A INCLINING RATE STRUCTURE AND I THINK I SAID THAT WHEN YOU WERE HERE LAST TIME. AND I AM MOSTLY INTERESTED JUST FROM THE BEHAVIOR CHANGE POTENTIAL OF IT. I ALSO SEE IT AS A MECHANISM FOR REDUCING AN DIS-INCENTIVIZING SUPER HIGH LEVELS OF CONSUMPTION AS THAT IS LIKE THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT TO MOVE TO MAKE.

AND THAT IS ALSO AT ODDS WITH THE DOLLARS THAT YOU WOULD GET. AND SO YOU HAD SORT OF SAID THIS IN YOUR PRESENTATION THAT YOU CAN PROJECT OUT WITH THE BEHAVIOR CHANGE AND SO WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICAL MATTERS?

IS IT LIKE OKAY, A COUPLE YEARS HAVE GONE BY ANOTHER BIGGEST CATEGORY WHICH LIKE THE TOP TIER IS LIKE THE LION'S SHARE OF THE REVENUE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AGGRESSIVE LINE LIKE THAT IS LIKE \$11 MILLION AND LIKE OKAY, IF THAT DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY WE ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE TO RECONFIGURE THESE NUMBERS ANYWAY AND WE MAY JUST COME BACK HERE AND WE WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE IT AGAIN AND SO I AM JUST CURIOUS LIKE WE HAVE SEEN THIS HAPPEN AND HOW IS THAT PLAYED OUT?

HOW DO WE DO IT ANYWAY - IF WE DID GO THIS ROUTE THAT MINIMIZES THE AMOUNT OF JUST CHANGE, BECAUSE ANYTIME WE CHANGED IT WILL ADD CONFUSION AND ADD FRUSTRATION TO FOLKS AND I AM ALSO JUST READ COGNIZANT OF THAT AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW YOU ADDRESS THAT.

>>ERIC: GREAT QUESTION.

IN DOING THAT ANALYSIS, WHAT WE CAN DO IS MODEL POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE SPECTRUM.

LET'S SAY IF WE CHARGE THESE RATES, THAT TOP-TIER IS GOING TO BE REDUCED BY 10% AND WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON THE REVENUE AND WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL FORECAST?

THAT IS WHY THE REVENUE REQUIREMENT IS RELATED TO THE RATE DESIGN. WE NEED TO BUILD IN ENOUGH RESERVES AND FINANCIAL PLANNING TOOLS TO SUSTAIN THE ENTERPRISE FUNDS IN THE FACE OF THOSE DEMAND FLUCTUATIONS WHETHER IT IS IN RESPONSE TO A BLOCK STRUCTURE OR TO A DROUGHT AND DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS AND SO IF WE WERE TO MODEL SOMETHING THAT SAID YOU CAN IMPLEMENT THESE RATES AND IF YOU DO, YOUR TOP-TIER GOES DOWN BY 10%, YOU ARE STILL MEETING ALL OF YOUR FINANCIAL METRICS.

AND IF THEY DON'T, THAT IS GREAT.

MAYBE YOU CAN DEFER A RATE INCREASE BASED ON YOUR REVIEW DURING THE BUDGET CYCLE.

SO, OUR ANALYSIS HAS TO BE COGNIZANT THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE IN RESPONSE TO WHAT WE DO, BUT IF WE MODEL THEM APPROPRIATELY WITH ENOUGH GUARDRAIL FINANCIALLY THAT YOU CAN SUSTAIN A YEAR OR TWO OF IMPACT, THEN OUR PLAN ACCOUNTS FOR THAT ESSENTIALLY.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, THAT IS ALL FOR ME.

I THINK THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.

AND LAST ONE ACTUALLY - I AM CURIOUS AND I SAW THE CHART WITH THE FOUR DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND I TAKE IT BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER PLACES THAT I'VE DONE THIS AND IS THE INCLINING RATE STRUCTURE A COMMON ONE? IS IT RARE?

WHAT IS THE MOST COMMON BECAUSE I'M CURIOUS WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE.

>>ERIC: AWA DOES A SURVEY EVERY YEAR AND BY FAR IS THE UNIFORM AND WITH THOSE YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT OVER HALF OF THE WATER UTILITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND I WOULD SAY THAT A LOT OF THEM ARE EVOLVING TO INCORPORATED A PLANNING BLOCK AND A LOT OF THE STUDIES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAVE BEEN MAKING THAT CHANGE.

SO, I WAS TO BETWEEN THOSE TWO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A VAST MAJORITY AND YOU GET INTO COMPLICATED RESEARCH THAT IS BASED ON WATER BUDGETS AND IS VERY POPULAR OUT WEST WHERE SNOWPACK IS AT 8% OF WHAT IT SHOULD BE IN THE COLORADO MOUNTAINS RIGHT NOW AND SKI SEASON WAS NOT VERY GOOD, BUT THEY ARE ALREADY UNDER DROUGHT RESEARCHERS IN PLACES LIKE DENVER WATER AND CALIFORNIA.

SO, THERE IS A LOT OF COMPLICATION HERE AND PART OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO BALANCE IS THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN AND COMMUNICATION TO NOT MAKE YOUR LIVES EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IN DESIGNING A RATE STRUCTURE THAT IS HARD TO COMMUNICATE AND HARD TO UNDERSTAND AND ALSO ENSURING THAT YOU ARE SENDING THE SIGNALS THAT YOU WANT AND BOTTOM LINE GETTING ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE SYSTEMS.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THAT IS REALLY HELPFUL.

JUST TO PUT A POINT ON THIS YOU KNOW I AM INTERESTED IN THE CLIMATE ASPECTS AND THE BEHAVIOR CHANGE, BUT I DO NOT WANT US TO COME BACK HERE AND CHANGE THIS ALL THE TIME AND IT IS BAD FOR US AND BAD FOR THE RESIDENTS AND FOR PEOPLE PAYING THEIR WATER BILLS.

SO, TO THE DEGREE THAT WE CAN SET IT AND FORGET IT IT IS NOT CHANGING AND THAT IS WHAT I WANT AND THAT WOULD JUST BE BETTER.

SO, THAT IS IT FOR ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: JIM?

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

I AM NOT A POLICY EXPERT ON UTILITY RATESETTING.

I CANNOT SAY IT ANY MORE PLAINLY THAN THAT.

I APPROACH THIS FROM MY BACKGROUND AS AN ACCOUNTANT BUT ALSO JUST AS A RESIDENT IN LOOKING AT THIS FROM A COMMON SENSE STANDPOINT.

AND I HAVE SEVERAL THOUGHTS ON THIS.

FIRST OF ALL REGARDING THE INCLINING BLOCK RATES, YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER PER OUR DOCUMENTS WHO THIS IMPACT POTENTIALLY THE MOST DISPROPORTIONATELY AND IT IS BLACK AND BROWN FAMILIES.

AND THAT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER.

ALSO FAMILIES GENERALLY.

LARGE RESIDENTIAL USERS.

SO, FAMILIES ARE GOING TO BECOME AFFECTED BY THIS.

AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO LIVE IN OUR VILLAGE AND WE TALK ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME AND WE TALK ABOUT INCREASING DENSITY AND AFFORDABILITY AND THIS WORKS AGAINST THOSE THINGS FOR THOSE GROUPS AND I ASK WHERE IS THE EQUITY ON THAT?

AND WE ARE ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT A EQUITY ANALYSIS AND I'M CONCERNED BASED UPON AGAIN THE DOCUMENTS THAT I HAVE READ THAT THERE ARE SOME EQUITY CONCERNS.

THE SECOND ISSUE THAT I HAVE IS THE PROBLEM THAT WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO SOLVE BY CHANGING AND I UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF CONSERVATION AND I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THAT AND WHEN THE PLANE WAS BEING WRITTEN I MADE A POINT TO PUSH TO INCLUDE INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT WHICH IS WHAT WE DO WHEN WE MANAGE OUR LEAKS THAT WE HAVE HERE.

WE HAVE A LOT OF LEAKS.

AND CURRENTLY IN YEARS PAST TALKING TO ROB AND OTHERS, WE LOSE ABOUT 1/4 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER AND SO THERE IS A LOT OF WATER - AND THAT IS WHY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CONSERVATION LIKE THERE ARE WAYS TO CONSERVE THAT ARE MORE FRUITFUL TO CONTINUE AND WE HAVE HAD MIXED SUCCESS I WOULD SAY SO FAR.

IT HAS NOT BEEN BEST, BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE DOWN THAT PAST AS EVANSTON AND OTHER COMMUNITIES HALF AND PAYBACK FOR THAT.

AND SO WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS FROM A CONSERVATION STANDPOINT I THINK THAT WE CAN ALSO GAIN A LOT MORE BY RELIGIOUS TIGHTENING UP OUR SYSTEM AND I THINK THAT IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION THAT REALLY - I FEEL LIKE WE DID NOT ADDRESS THAT.

AND IN TALKING ABOUT PRICING, THE PRICE OF OUR WATER ITSELF SERVES CERTAINLY AS SOME SORT OF A LIMITATION FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE ALREADY. PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT WATER IS EXPENSIVE.

THERE USED TO BE TIMES WHEN PEOPLE WOULD HAVE GONE ALL DAY AND YOU DON'T SEE THAT.

AND I WATCH MY CONSUMPTION VERY CAREFULLY AND I LIKE TO SEE MY YARD GREEN, BUT NOT LIKE PEBBLE BEACH YOU KNOW I WANT IT TO BE JUST A LITTLE BIT GREEN.

AND SO I WATER IT TO THE POINT THAT IT DOES NOT GO DORMANT.

AND YOU DO THAT AND PEOPLE DO THE ALREADY AND WE ARE ALREADY DOING THAT IN OUR VILLAGE AND WE ARE CONSERVING.

OAK PARKERS ARE VERY COGNIZANT OF CONSERVATION ALREADY.

AND I DON'T KNOW IF PENALIZING THEM IN THAT WAY WOULD YIELD LIKE IT DOES IN OTHER COMMUNITIES WHICH IS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY.

AND ALSO I WOULD JUST SAY JUST SOME NOTES THAT AS SOMEBODY WHO HAS RAISED FIVE CHILDREN IN OAK PARK THAT THE PRICE OF WATER THAT PARENTS PAY UNFORTUNATELY IS NOT GOING TO MAKE CHILDREN USE THEIR SHOWERS ANY LESS. THEY ARE GOING TO SHOWER AND SHOWER AND SHOWER AND SO THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT YOU CAN AND CANNOT DO AND CERTAIN THINGS AND PRICING AND THESE PROPOSALS WILL DO.

AND SO A COUPLE OTHER POINTS AND I WILL BE DONE IS NUMBER ONE, NOBODY IS ASKING US TO DO THIS.

THERE IS NO CLAMBERING AND WE HAVE NOT GOT 20 EMAILS OR 100 OR EVEN ONE THING THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT CHANGE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE DOING THIS AND WHY WE SHOULDN'T LOOK AT IT, BUT THERE IS NOT LIKE THERE'S A GREAT DESIRE, BURNING DESIRE TO DO THAT.

AND I THINK THAT IN SOME WAYS THAT CAN BE PUNITIVE TO CERTAIN GROUPS AND TINKERING WITH THE PRICING MODEL AND SHIFTING COSTS WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE DOING BETWEEN USERS AT THE BOARD DIRECTION AND HAVE LONG-RANGE CONSEQUENCES AND CAN IMPACT FAMILIES AND EVEN CAUSED THE INCREASE TO OUR WATER COSTS IF OUR FIXED COSTS ARE NOT OPERABLY COVERED.

AND THEREFORE I LOOK AT THIS AND I APPRECIATE WHAT IS BEING PRESENTED, BUT I DO NOT SUPPORT A CHANGE FOR THAT REASON TO THE EXISTING WAY THAT WE PRICED IT AND THE UNIFORM RATES WHICH SEEM TO WORK VERY WELL AND I WILL GO OVER THERE IN A SECOND.

AND NOW I WOULD JUST SAY IF IT IS NOT BROKEN, DON'T FIX IT, BUT IF WE LOOK AT WHAT WAS WRITTEN INTO THIS AND I WILL RECAP FOR JUST 30 SECONDS, UNIFORM RATES IT SAYS A LINE CHART IS MORE DIRECTLY WITH USAGE AND EVERY CUSTOMER PAYS IN PROPORTION TO WHAT THEY CONSUME WHICH CAN REDUCE EQUITY CONCERNS.

THAT IS WHAT IT SAYS.

THAT IS THE WRITE UP FOR OUR VILLAGE.

REVENUES RISE PROPORTIONATELY WITH DEMAND MAINTAINING A STABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONCEPTION AND REVENUE RECOVERY.  
VERY IMPORTANT.

WE DO NOT WANT TO GET THOSE OUT OF WHACK.

WE START TINKERING WITH THIS FORMULA AND I KNOW IT WOULD BE AT YOUR ADVICE AND DIRECTION, BUT OUR COMMUNITIES MIGHT REACT DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU EXPECT AND FINALLY IT JUST SAYS RAISING WATER RATES ALTERNATIVELY AND CHANGING THIS CAN HAVE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND ESPECIALLY ON HOW THEY AFFECT LOW INCOME AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES AND THAT IS IMPORTANT AND THAT THIS IS BECAUSE INCLINING BLOCK RATES ARE DESIGNED TO SUPPRESS HIGH CONSUMPTION THAT THEY CAN CREATE REVENUE INSTABILITY AND HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES.

AND WE DON'T WANT THAT.

WE DON'T NEED UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, WE HAVE ENOUGH.

AND IT IS A SUDDEN - MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE UTILITY TO COVER THE FIXED COST AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY OF THOSE ISSUES RIGHT NOW.

WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A PREDICTABLE BOLD LINE SYSTEM AND IT WORKS AND MY VOTE WOULD BE TO STICK WITH IT, BUT AGAIN I WANT TO HEAR WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION, DEFINITELY CLARIFY SOME THINGS THAT WERE NOT CLEAR TO ME IN THE DOCUMENTS AND I

ALSO HAVE NO EXPERTISE IN UTILITY RATE DESIGN AND THE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT, THE WATER 123, WHOEVER GAVE THAT TO US, VERY INTERESTING AND APPRECIATED AND SO THANK YOU FOR THAT, AS WELL.

AND I THINK THAT I HAVE HEARD SOME OF MY PREPARED QUESTIONS REITERATED MAY BE IN LIKE DIFFERENT WORDING AND I AM ALSO INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN OUR COMMERCIAL CLASS IN THE VILLAGE AND HOW THAT DESIGNATION WOULD BE MADE.

I DO NOT KNOW IF THIS IS A IGNORANT QUESTION, BUT GOING THROUGH THE TEXT I AM CURIOUS IF USE IS THE MOST EQUITABLE WAY TO DETERMINE RATES AND WHETHER OR NOT THAT ENDS UP HAVING AN IMPACT OR NOT AND I AM INCLINED TO WANT TO TAKE SOME COST BURDEN OFF OF RESIDENCE AND MAYBE PUT IT ON TO AN ABANDONED POLLUTER AND THAT IS LIKE A REALLY NICE IDEA TO BE ABLE TO SHIFT THE BURDEN.

BUT, UNDERSTANDING LIKE WHAT WE HAVE IN TERMS OF COMMERCIAL ACROSS THE VILLAGE AND THEN IF USE REALLY IS THE WAY THAT WE ARE DETERMINING EQUITY, BECAUSE WE SHARED AS A HIGH PRIORITY AS WELL AS SUSTAINABILITY AND SO I AM NOT SURE THAT I HAVE THE BEST INSIGHT TO LEAD TO A REVISED STRUCTURE, BUT I THINK THAT SOMETHING THAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT BECAUSE OF ALL THE OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, THIS REVENUE REQUIREMENT, I APPRECIATE THAT IT IS KEEPING US IN LINE, RIGHT?

BUT, IT IS ALSO WHAT IS GOING TO SUPPORT THESE VERY EXPENSIVE SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT.

AND SO IS THERE AND MAYBE IT IS NOT YOU AND MAYBE IT IS SOMETHING ELSE - IS THERE A CONSIDERATION OF RAISING THAT PART THAT WE ARE AIMING TOWARDS ACHIEVING IN TERMS OF REVENUE GIVEN THE MULTI-DECADE LONG INVESTMENT THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT?

>>ROB: SURE, JUST TO CLARIFY THERE ARE NO ABANDONED POLLUTERS WHO ARE PAYING THEIR WATER BILL AND JUST LETTING THE FAUCET RUN.

IF THERE IS AN ABANDONED PROPERTY AND THEY ARE NOT PAYING THEIR PROPERTY THEY ARE GETTING SHUT OFF.

AND SO THERE IS NOT SOMEBODY WHO IS JUST - AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE AND I KNOW IT SOUNDS GREAT, BUT THAT DOES NOT EXIST.

AND YOUR BIGGEST USERS ARE GOING TO BE YOUR LARGEST, LIKELY YOUR LARGEST USERS AND WE CAN PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND WE DON'T HAVE IT HERE, BUT WE CAN GET THAT TO YOU AND PRESENT THAT TO YOU.

AND TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I ARTICULATED AT THE BEGINNING LEVEL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS JUST RATE DESIGN.

AND THE POT OF MONEY THAT WE NEED TO GENERATE IS BASED ON OUR CAPITAL NEEDS AND THAT IS YEAR-TO-YEAR AND THAT IS INFLUENCED BY THE LEAD SERVICE LINE OBLIGATIONS THAT WE HAVE WITH THE STATE AND THE FEDS AND AARON ON OUR NEXT ITEM WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THOSE OBLIGATIONS AND ONE OF THE BIG? THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT IS THE PRIVATE LINE REPLACEMENT COST.

AND THAT WILL BE ONE OF THE INFLUENCES OUT OF TONIGHT THAT WOULD ADJUST OUR MODEL AND OUR COST AND THEN WE WOULD BE THEN BRINGING BACK A RATE AND THAT IS WHAT WE TALK ABOUT LIKE THAT 16 MILLION IS JUST A NUMBER. IT IS NOT A NUMBER REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR COST FOR NEXT YEAR OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

IT IS JUST A SAMPLE NUMBER.

SO, THIS IS INDEPENDENT OF THAT CONVERSATION.

AND IF OUR COST ARE 24 MILLION, WE WOULD THEN CALCULATE A INCLINING RATE TO GET US OUT ONLY 4 MILLION AND IT WOULD BE ADJUSTED IN THOSE CLASSES WOULD BE SET TO SUPPORT THAT CAPITAL PLAN AND THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PLAN.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: SO WE COULD APPROVE A ADJUSTED STRUCTURE THAT LOWERS THE RATE BUT ENDS UP - REGARDLESS OF THE STRUCTURE, AND SEPARATING THE MONTHLY BILL BECAUSE WE HAVE THESE LONG-TERM NEEDS?

>>ROB: YES.

>>ERIC: TO ADDRESS YOUR FIRST QUESTION WHICH IS NOT A IGNORANT ONE AT ALL - BECAUSE OF THE AFFORDABILITY CONCERNS YOU MENTIONED, A LOT HISTORICALLY PAY THEIR WATER BILL AND IT IS NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL. WELL, NOW IT IS A BIG DEAL.

IT IS A INCREASINGLY BIG DEAL AND OUR INDUSTRY HAS THE TOOLS THAT WE HAVE FROM A FINANCIAL RATESETTING PERSPECTIVE IN THIS MANUAL IS WRITTEN IN THE 50S AND THEY ARE BASED ON ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES ABOUT CAPACITY AND USAGE.

IN THOSE OTHER TOOLS THAT WE HAVE TO DESIGN THESE.

AND A LOT OF COMMUNITIES ARE STRUGGLING WITH IF YOU LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS WE ARE TRYING TO SOLVE, THE RATE DESIGN CAN HELP, BUT IT IS A VERY BLUNT INSTRUMENT TO DO SO.

AND IN ALL OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WE ARE BALANCING WHAT IS THE INDUSTRY-STANDARD WAY TO DO THIS?

AND THE REALITY THAT MOST OF YOUR COSTS ARE FIXED AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP VARIABLE RATES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE OR AS BALANCED AS POSSIBLE IN THE FACE OF THAT - IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION ON ALL OF THESE POINTS.

SO, WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT IS VOLUME THE BEST THING?

MAYBE.

MAYBE NOT.

BUT, THAT IS THE TOOL WE HAVE.

AND DRAMATICALLY CHANGING THE FUNDAMENTAL WAY IN WHICH WE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICES WOULD BE A RADICAL SHIFT IN THE WAY THAT IT HAS BEEN DONE.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT FOR BETTER OR WORSE THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO GET REVENUE FROM THE PEOPLE THAT USE THE SYSTEM IN THE WAY THAT IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO USE AND THE CAPACITY IT HAS AND THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO, ARE YOU ON A INCLINED, BUT A MODEST INCLINED?

OR ARE WE WAITING TO HEAR WHO THE OTHER USERS ARE?

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I THINK SO.

THAT IS PRETTY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE ALREADY HAD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VS. KEEPING IT UNIFORM.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I THINK THEY WILL DO IT EITHER WAY.

>>ROB: JUST TO CLARIFY WE HAVE THE UNIFORM RATE RIGHT NOW.

SO, IT WOULD BE THE INCLINING RATE BASED ON USAGE WHICH IS THE RADICAL CHANGE THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

AND ONE FURTHER CLARIFICATION THAT WE CAN MAKE AND IT SEEMED LIKE THERE IS MAYBE SOME INTEREST IN THAT, YOU COULD JUST DO A INCLINED RATE REGARDLESS OF USER OR YOU CAN START TO SET THOSE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL, NOT RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND THAT IS WHERE THAT ONE SAMPLE THAT SHOWED AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL VS. AVERAGE COMMERCIAL.

YOU COULD SEPARATE THEM THAT WAY OR YOU COULD JUST SAY THAT WE WANT A INCLINING RATE REGARDLESS OF USER AND THAT WOULD BE KIND OF A MORE BASIC INCLINING RATE MODEL.

OR WE CAN ADD IN THAT SECOND UNIFORMITY WHERE WE BREAK INTO GROUPS.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I THOUGHT IT WAS A LITTLE BIT MORE HYBRID.

>>ERIC: IT CAN CERTAINLY BE HYBRID AND THIS IS JUST MAY BE SOMETHING THAT YOU BASED OFF OF THE USAGE PROFILES AND DOWN TO CAPTURE 80% OF THE RESIDENTIAL DEMAND IN TIER ONE, BUT THAT REALLY DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU CHARGE ON TIERS TWO AND THREE AND ALL THOSE TOOLS ARE TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHO WOULD BE PAYING WHAT UNDER THESE DIFFERENT SCENARIOS.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: THAT IS WHAT WE ARE ASKING TO SEE BEFORE WE MAKE ANY - LIKE -

>>ROB: ALL WE ARE ASKING FOR RIGHT NOW IS IF THERE ARE GENERAL INTEREST IN THOSE IDEAS.

SO, IF YOU ARE SAYING YES TO BOTH OF THOSE THINGS THEN WE'LL JUST MAKE SURE THAT THE MODELS THAT WE PREPARE THAT WE PRESENT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE INCORPORATE THOSE THINGS AND THEN WE WILL TALK MORE ABOUT THE SPECIFICS ABOUT THOSE AND HOW MAYBE WE DIFFERENTIATE THEM WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

RIGHT NOW WE ARE JUST TRY TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF LIKE WHICH LARGE MODEL AND IF WE ARE LEANING TOWARDS A INCLINING BLOCKER RATE, ARE WE ALSO INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT USAGE TYPE OR DO WE WANT TO JUST KEEP IT AT INCLINING BLOCK REGARDLESS OF USAGE?

AND SO THAT IS ABOUT THE LEVEL OF INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE AT THIS POINT.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT THE FIXED COSTS AND I READ THAT IN THERE AND OF COURSE THAT IS SOMETHING TO DISCUSS LATER ON ALSO.

AND I ALSO HEARD WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT BEING A BLUNT INSTRUMENT AND OUR RESIDENTS DO NOT LOVE BLUNT INSTRUMENTS, THEY HAVE HAD A FEW THROWN AT THEM THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND I THINK THAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE SOFTER APPROACH, PERSONALLY.

BUT, THAT IS JUST MY OPINION.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WOULD GO TO CHIBIKUE, AFTER.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WONDER IF YOU COULD SPEAK A LITTLE BIT MORE TO THE EQUITY QUESTION AND WHETHER SORT OF IN YOUR ANALYSIS AND SORT OF IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL OPINION IS THE UNIFORM RATE OR THE INCLINING BLOCKER RATE - WHICH OF THOSE IS LIKELY TO BE MORE FAVORABLE TO LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS?

>>ERIC: TO BE CLEAR, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT EQUITY IN TERMS OF WATER AND WATER RATE DESIGN, IT GOES BACK TO WE EVALUATE EQUITY FROM SYSTEM DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS AND THAT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY AN ISSUE, BECAUSE TRUE EQUITY HAS A LOT MORE TO DO WITH OTHER THINGS THEN WHAT SIZE IS YOUR TAP AND HOW MUCH WATER YOU USE.

IT IS TO DO A LOT OF THINGS.

AND GOING BACK TO OUR LEAST FAVORITE CHART RIGHT HERE, WHAT WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY IN TERMS OF COST ALLOCATION, THIS IS WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AND THESE ARE THE TOOLS THAT WE HAVE.

WHAT MONEY DO YOU NEED?

WHO ARE YOUR CUSTOMERS AND HOW ARE THEY USING THIS SERVICE?

AND WE CAN COME BACK AND SAY BECAUSE OF THIS ANALYSIS, YOUR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER SHOULD PAY X AND YOUR NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER SHOULD PAY Y AND IF THAT IS ASK OBLIGATED AS WE GET, IF WE DESIGN RATES THAT GET THOSE DOLLAR AMOUNTS BASED ON THIS ANALYSIS, THAT IS THE WAY THAT WE ARE USING EQUITABLE IN TERMS OF COST ALLOCATION.

NOW, ALL OF THESE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT, BUT THEY ARE NOT THE TOOLS WE ARE USING NECESSARILY UNLESS US POLICYMAKERS SAY THAT WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO PAY FOR ANY WATER THEY USE BELOW A CERTAIN THRESHOLD AND THAT MINIMUM RATE I KNOW THAT WE TALKED ABOUT THAT IS ONE AND TO MAKE THAT DECISION BECAUSE OF ALL THIS OTHER EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS HAS AN IMPACT ON WHAT YOU CAN CHARGE OTHER CUSTOMERS. SO, I THINK IT IS A BROADER DISCUSSION ON IMPACT AND I THINK GETTING THOSE IMPACTED NUMBERS FOR THESE DIFFERENT STRUCTURES WILL HELP FACILITATE THAT DECISION-MAKING.

BUT, WHAT WE TALK ABOUT EQUITY FROM A COST ALLOCATION PERSPECTIVE IN THIS PROCESS AND AGAIN IT IS A SMALL SLICE OF WHAT THAT MEANS IN THE BROADER SENSE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHEN WE DO HAVE THIS COME BACK, HAVING A EQUITY ANALYSIS THAT IS MORE IN THE DEI SENSE AND LESS IN THE SIZE OF THE PIPE AND AMOUNT OF VOLUME DEFINITION OF EQUITY WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

I THINK SORT OF ON ROUGH-CUT IT APPEARS THAT THE INCLINING BLOCK MODEL DECREASES COST FOR MOST RESIDENTIAL USERS AND SO IT SEEMS LIKE THAT WOULD IMPROVE EQUITY OUTCOMES, BUT I WOULD PREFER TO HAVE A STAFF ANALYSIS FROM OUR DEI OFFICE.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: ABSOLUTELY.

AND THESE ARE REALLY GOOD CONSIDERATIONS COMING UP TO TRY TO LOOK AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF BURDEN AND THE COST ALLOCATION AND HOW THOSE TWO THINGS WORK TOGETHER AND YOU KNOW YOU ARE USING LESS - IF YOU ARE USING LESS WATER, YOU ARE HAVING LESS OF A BURDEN - SO, I THINK ALL OF THESE THINGS AND SO WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I SEE THAT YOU PUT YOUR LIGHT BACK ON BUT I DO WANT TO GO TO CHIBIKUE AND THEN I HOPE THAT WE CAN CLOSE THINGS OUT - NOT YOU - BECAUSE, AT THIS POINT WE ARE STARTING TO HEAR ENOUGH DIRECTION TO INFORM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION I THINK AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD TABLE SO WE CAN HAVE ANOTHER CRACK AT IT.

AND I WILL SAY THAT THIS IS A EXTREMELY THOUGHTFUL QUESTION FROM MY COLLEAGUE HERE AND A ACTUALLY NICE PROGRESSION OF IT AS WELL.

WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF THOSE BIG USERS THAT WOULDN'T ALSO BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY A HUGE INCREASE IN THEIR BILL.

THE YMCA WOULD HAVE TO PASS ON THAT INCREASE FEE TO THEIR MEMBERSHIPS.

IT IS A MORE AFFORDABLE OPTION ALREADY THAN OTHERS.

AND SO I THINK FINDING OUT OR KNOWING WHAT SOME OF THOSE LARGER USERS ARE IS GOING TO INEVITABLY AFFECT HOW WE FEEL ABOUT IT.

AND SO TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I WILL PROBABLY REPEAT EVEN THOUGH I'LL TRY NOT TO REPEAT.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.

YES, I THINK THAT WE ARE LIVING IN CHANGING TIMES AND I APPRECIATE MY NEIGHBORS COMING OUT AND VOICING THEIR CONCERNS, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT FOR A WHILE AND I KNOW THAT CLERK WATERS AND I ASKED ME ABOUT THIS AND MY WIFE ASKED ME WHAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR WATER BILL AND THIS IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT I THINK EVERYBODY NOTICES VERY QUICKLY, BECAUSE I THOUGHT MY WATER BILL WOULD GO DOWN WHEN MY SON WAS OUT OF THE HOUSE AND IT HAS NOT GONE DOWN AND THERE IS DEFINITELY LESS SHOWERS AND DEFINITELY LESS SHOWERS AND I DON'T EVEN WATER MY YARD RIGHT NOW WHICH IS SAD.

BUT, THIS IS A GROWING CONCERN AND I DO THINK THAT PEOPLE YOU KNOW THEY LIKE TO SEE CHANGE AND WE GET USED TO SOMETHING AND WE ARE LIKE WELL, THIS HAS BEEN WORKING FOR A LONG TIME, BUT I DO THINK THAT WE ARE FACING YOU KNOW A LITTLE BIT OF UNCERTAINTY WHEN IT COMES TO THE COSTS AND SO LOOKING AT THE INCLINE GIVES US SOME OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW WE ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE OTHER USERS AND SOME OF THOSE COSTS AND UNDERSTANDING WHO THOSE USERS ARE CAN HELP US, BUT ALSO WHAT CLASS OF CATEGORY IF IT IS A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOME AND JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT BREAKDOWN MIGHT BE IF THERE IS A WAY TO HELP WHEN IT COMES TO THE EQUITY STANDARDS AND SEEING OKAY, DOES THIS HOUSE PRODUCE MORE WATER BECAUSE OF X, Y AND Z FACTOR AND FIGURING OUT A WAY EQUITABLY TO LOOK AT THAT I THINK WHERE I WOULD WANT TO PUT SOME OF THAT DIRECTION TOWARDS, BUT

DEFINITELY WITH THOSE SUPER USERS AND GOING DOWN FROM THERE AND I THINK IT DEFINITELY TAKES SOME UNDERSTANDING AND I WILL BE WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM YOU ALL AND TAKING A BREAK DOWN FROM THERE.

BUT, IT WOULD TAKE SEEING THAT FIRST BEFORE I JUMP INTO THAT.

AND I THINK THE INCLINE FOR ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SO, WE DEFINITELY HAVE ENOUGH THAT ARE INTERESTED IN INCLINED AND I WILL STILL BE INTERESTED IN IT AT LEAST ONCE WE HAVE SOME MORE INFORMATION AND I MIGHT FIND MYSELF GOING TO UNIFORM JUST BECAUSE ALL THAT COST JUST GETS PASSED ON TO THE RESIDENCE IN ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT WAYS.

AND WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID IS YOU KNOW THAT BIG CHANGE WE ARE SEEING YOUR FIXED RATE DOUBLE OR TRIPLE IS GOING TO GET A REACTION.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: ONE THING THAT WE CAN ALSO DO WHICH IS WHY IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE GOING TO GET THIS INFORMATION - YOU CAN HAVE INTERVENTIONS IN OTHER WAYS ONCE YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE FOLKS ARE DOING AND THERE ARE WAYS THAT YOU CAN INCENTIVIZE THEM TO REDUCE THEIR WATER USAGE.

AND SAME REASON WE DO IT IN BENCHMARKING.

YOU DON'T KNOW AND THEN WANT TO DO YOU CAN START TREATING THOSE ISSUES AND SO KNOWING THIS WILL GIVE US DISTINCTLY MORE OPTIONS REGARDLESS OF WHAT RATE STRUCTURE WE END UP GOING WITH.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: RIGHT.

AND JUST TO PUT OUT IN THE UNIVERSE, THE YMCA ALSO HOUSES YOU KNOW OTHER LOWER INCOME IN THE SAME BUILDING THAT THEY HAVE THEIR GYM MEMBERSHIP.

AND SO - OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>>ERIC: THANK YOU.

>>ROB: ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

SO, THE NEXT ITEM - DO YOU NEED TO INTRODUCE IT?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT IS DISCUSSION ONLY.

SO, YOU CAN DO IT FOR ME.

>>ROB: GREAT, PERFECT.

THE NEXT ITEM IS A PRESENTATION ON THE LATEST FEDERAL STATE OBLIGATIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND AS I MENTIONED BEFORE THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF RENEWED QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS AROUND THE VILLAGE POSITION AND THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PRIVATE REPLACEMENT AND THE VILLAGE HISTORIC POSITION IS THAT THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF THE PRIVATE SIDE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT AND THE VILLAGE REPLACES THE PUBLIC SIDE AT NO COST TO THE WATER AND SEWER FUND.

AND TO TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON QUESTION EARLIER, THE TOTAL OBLIGATION FOR THE ENTERPRISE FUND OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WE NEED TO START

INCORPORATING THE COST THAT ARE GOING TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM.

AND ONE OF THOSE LARGEST QUESTIONS THAT WE DON'T KNOW YET IS THE CURRENT VILLAGE BOARD CURRENT POSITION ON PRIVATE SIDE REPLACEMENT AND SO TONIGHT WE REALLY WANT TO GET SOME PERSPECTIVE FROM THE BOARD AND DIRECTION ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE LOOKING TO DEVIATE FROM THIS POSITION SO THAT THOSE COSTS CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO THE TOTAL COST AND THEN WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE UPCOMING RATE PLAY.

SO, I'LL INTRODUCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUB. WORKS, AARON DUFFY TO LEAD THIS CONVERSATION.

>>ERIN: DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY FOCUSING ON LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT AND SO I RECOGNIZED THAT THIS INFORMATION IS VERY DENSE AND SO INSTEAD OF PRESENTING THE MINUTIA OF ALL THE INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE I TRIED TO PICK OUT THE HIGHLIGHTS ASSOCIATED WITH LEAD SERVICE LINER PLACEMENT SPECIFICALLY TO THE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

SO, WE WILL START THERE.

I WILL PERIODICALLY PAUSE FOR QUESTIONS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE COULD BE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES IN THIS PRESENTATION.

SO, I HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS ALREADY BUT WE WILL FOCUS ON THE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND THEN DISCUSS THE MATERIALS, SERVICE LINE INVENTORY AS IT STANDS AND WORK OUR WAY TO THE PLAN THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE IN APRIL AND THEN DISCUSS NEXT STEPS ASSOCIATED WITH LEAD SERVICE LINER PLACEMENT.

SO, THE FEEDBACK THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR TONIGHT IS JUST THAT.

WHERE THE CURRENT BOARD STANDS AND PRIVATE SIDE REPLACEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING ALL OF THE OBLIGATIONS ABOUT THE VILLAGE HAS ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICE LINER PLACEMENT.

AND SO THE REGULATION THAT WAS PASSED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS WAS IN LATE 2021 AND IT MOST NOTABLY REQUIRED COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS LIKE THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK TO PROHIBIT ANY PARTIAL SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2022 AND COMPILE A MATERIALS INVENTORY AND THAT WAS TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE MOST PART BY APRIL 2024.

AND THEN DEVELOP A PLAN AND SUBMIT DRAFT PLANS OVER THE COURSE OF THREE YEARS WITH A FINAL PLAN DUE IN 2027.

AND THEN BEGIN REPLACEMENT NO LATER THAN THE 2027 PROJECT YEAR.

AND CURRENTLY WITH THE NUMBER OF LEAD SERVICE LINES IN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK WE FALL WITHIN THE 5% REPLACEMENT PER YEAR CATEGORY.

AND NOW WITH ALL OF THAT BEING SAID THE FEDERAL REGULATION CAME IN AND THERE HAS BEEN A COUPLE PHASES TO THE FEDERAL REGULATION AND CURRENTLY WE ARE UNDER THE LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS.

HOWEVER, IN LATE 24 THEY REVISED THAT AGAIN AND IN NOVEMBER 1 OF 27 THE LEAD AND COPPER RULE IMPROVEMENTS WILL SUPERSEDE THE STATE REGULATION

AND THERE ARE SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS, HOWEVER THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE FEDERAL REGULATION WILL ACTUALLY LOWER THE ACTION LEVEL AND SO THE ACTION LEVEL FOR LEAD SERVICE OR SAMPLING RIGHT NOW IS 13 PPB AND IT WILL BE LOWERED TO 10 PPB BEGINNING IN 2027 WITH OUR SAMPLING.

WE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW THAT.

THE 90TH PERCENTILE FOR THIS YEAR WAS 5.08.

AND WE ARE ABOUT HALF OF THAT DECREASE OF THAT LEVEL WILL BE.

BUT, ALSO THE FEDERAL REGULATION DECREASED AT THE TIMELINE FOR REPLACEMENT.

SO, WHILE THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK STILL QUALIFIES FOR AN EXTENSION UNDER THE FEDERAL REGULATION, THE TOTAL TIMELINE IS ONLY 17.9 YEARS.

SO, WE WILL JUMP INTO - OKAY, DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REGULATIONS?

THANK YOU.

SO, THIS SLIDE DEPICTS THE INFORMATION THAT THE VILLAGE HAS CURRENTLY ABOUT OUR INVENTORY.

SO, FULL LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT AND OUR PROPERTIES THAT WOULD REQUIRE BOTH A PRIVATE AND PUBLIC REPLACEMENT AND THEN PRIVATE SIDE ONLY ARE THOSE PROPERTIES THAT ONLY REQUIRE A PRIVATE SIDE REPLACEMENT AND THEN PUBLIC SIDE, THE SAME.

ONLY REQUIRING THE PUBLIC SIDE.

AS PART OF THE LCRI, THE VILLAGE WILL HAVE TO DO A TWO POINT VERIFICATION OF JUST UNDER 3000 SERVICE LINES BASED ON THE METHOD THAT WE USE TO DETERMINE THEIR MATERIAL.

SO, THERE COULD STILL BE SOME FLUCTUATION IN THE NUMBER OF LEAD SERVICE LINES THAT WE RECOGNIZE, BUT THAT WILL COME AT A LATER DATE WHILE WE WORK THROUGH THIS PLAN.

YES?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, THE MINIMUM NUMBER IS THE 8900 AND SOME PERCENTAGE OF THE 2800 COULD BE ADDITIONAL LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT NEEDED?

>>ERIN: IT COULD GO BOTH WAYS AND WE WOULD BE REQUIRED AS A PART OF THAT VALIDATION TO VALIDATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE NON- LEAD BASED ON THE METHOD THAT WE USED AND SO IF FOR EXAMPLE PROPERTY OWNERS SUBMIT THAT INFORMATION, POTENTIALLY DID NOT OR WERE NOT ABLE TO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY THE SERVICE LINE AND THEY IDENTIFIED IT AS LEAD BUT IT IS ACTUALLY COPPER WE COULD SEE IT GO BOTH WAYS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, WE COULD END UP GOING DOWN FROM THE 8900?

>>ERIN: WE COULD VERY WELL END UP GOING UP AS WELL.

PEANUT WE ARE MORE LIKELY TO GO UP?

>>ERIN: PROBABLY.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: IT IS HELPFUL AS WE ARE THINKING ABOUT COSTS TO KNOW WHICH DIRECTION WE CAN DEVIATE.

>>ERIN: ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WAS EVALUATED AS A PART OF THE SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PLAN WAS THE VILLAGE OF FINANCIAL BURDEN. AND I HAVE WORKED TO KIND OF BREAK THIS DOWN INTO THREE ITEMS TO BETTER EXPLAIN IT.

SO, THE TOTAL COST OF JUST PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT WOULD BE BETWEEN 107 MILLION AND 135 MILLION AND THAT IS JUST FOR THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT.

AND THE TOTAL COST OF JUST THE PUBLIC SIDE IS BETWEEN 27 AND 42 MILLION OR SO.

BUT, ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT COMES ALONG WITH LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT IS THE NEED TO REPLACE OUR AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SO OUR WATER MAIN AND THEN ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION AS WE ARE DOING ALL OF THIS WORK.

AND SO WE WORKED WITH ENGINEERING TO COME UP WITH BASED ON THE 2024 PROJECT AND THE 2025 PROJECT WHAT THAT TOTAL BURDEN MAY LOOK LIKE FOR THE VILLAGE.

AND THAT IS ABOUT 318 MILLION.

ANY QUESTIONS?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO THE 318 MILLION INCLUDES THE 107 - 135 MILLION?

>>ERIN: IT INCLUDES THE 42 MILLION.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, THERE IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT 400 MILLION GIVE OR TAKE -

>>ERIN: IF WE ABSORB THE PRIVATE SIDE COST THOSE WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL 85 MILLION WHICH WOULD PUT US RIGHT AT ABOUT 400 MILLION.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I KNOW ROB MENTIONED THIS, THE REASON - THE REASON THOSE WATER MAINS WHEN YOU START PUNCHING ALL OF THESE HOLES AND THEY ARE OLD AND YOU JUST HAVE TO PULL THE WHOLE THING OUT, RIGHT? THAT IS A BETTER WAY TO DO IT.

AND JUST A POINT OF REFERENCE, THESE ARE TODAY'S DOLLARS, CORRECT?

AND SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT \$400 MILLION YOU KNOW THE FUTURE VALUE - I MEAN 10 YEARS, CONSTRUCTION COSTS DOUBLE AND WE TALKED ABOUT THAT WITH SOME OF THE BIKE PLAN THINGS AND SO THINK OF THIS OVER 30 OR 40 YEARS, THIS IS A ENORMOUS AMOUNT EVEN IF YOU TAKE THE PROGRESS, YOU'RE TALKING \$1 BILLION OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT.

IS THAT - IS THAT OUT THERE?

TOO FAR OUT THERE?

>>ROB: YOU ARE RIGHT AND WHAT I WAS GOING TO POINT OUT AS WE TALKED ABOUT THAT, YOU ARE CORRECT AND WE TALKED ABOUT WATER MAIN AND WHEN WE LOOKED AT THIS ON A BLOCK BY BLOCK BASIS, THERE ARE ABOUT 215 BLOCKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY OR IMPACTED BY WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENT TO AN EXTENT THAT WE FEEL THAT FOR REPLACEMENT WILL BE NECESSARY.

SO, IT IS 215 BLOCKS OF WATER MAIN AND THAT IS WHY THAT NUMBER BECOMES SO LARGE, BECAUSE WE CANNOT JUST LOOK AT THOSE SERVICE LINES IN A VACUUM. THEY ARE CONNECTED TO THAT MAIN AND A LOT OF TIMES THAT MAIN IS WELL OVER 100 YEARS OLD AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE OR IT WILL FAIL UNDER ALL OF THESE PENETRATIONS AND ATTEMPTS AT CLOSURE. AND SO WE NEED TO REPLACE 215 BLOCKS OF MAINS. AND THAT COST COMES, IT BECOMES SIGNIFICANT AS WE START TO LOOK AT THAT. AND AS WE TALK ABOUT -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: COULD IT BE A ALIEN DOLLAR PROBLEM?

>>ROB: IT COULD BE WHEN WE LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE PRESENTED FOR A DRAFT PLAN FOR 2026, A 50 YEAR PLAN, WHEN YOU START TALKING ABOUT 50 YEARS OUT, IT COULD BE A BILLION-DOLLAR PLAN.

YES.

>>ERIN: WILL TALK ABOUT TIMELINE AS IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VARIOUS REGULATIONS AND ALSO BASED ON WHAT WE SUBMITTED WITH A PART OF OUR MOST RECENT PLAN.

SO, AS PART OF THE ILLINOIS REGULATION, WE WILL HAVE BEEN ALLOWED 26 WHOLE YEARS AND THAT HAS INCLUDED TWO ELIGIBLE EXTENSIONS.

AS PART OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION, THE LCRI WITH THE OTHER TIMELINE WE ARE ALLOWED TO 17.9 YEARS IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLIANT.

THE MOST RECENT PLAN THAT WE SUBMITTED KIND OF TOOK A STATUS QUO APPROACH BASED ON THE LEAD ABATEMENT PLAN THAT IS EXISTING AND THEN SOME OF THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT THAT WE SEE AS A PART OF RENOVATIONS, LEAKS, ETC. AND THAT WAS APPROXIMATELY A 50 YEAR PLAN. BUT, THAT IS NOT COMPLIANT WITH EITHER THE ILLINOIS REGULATION OR THE FEDERAL REGULATION.

ANY QUESTIONS?

OKAY.

SO, GO AHEAD.

>>SPEAKER: (AWAY FROM MIC).

>>MANAGER JACKSON: (AWAY FROM MIC) SO, JUST ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE HAVE BEEN CURRENTLY DOING WITH THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET.

>>ERIN: AND JUST TO GIVE THIS A NUMBER WE HAVE BEEN REPLACING ABOUT 165 LEAD SERVICE LINES PER YEAR AND TO MEET THE FEDERAL REGULATION THAT WOULD NEED TO INCREASE TO 490 PER YEAR.

SO, THAT IS ABOUT TRIPLE.

THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SIDE?

>>ERIN: THAT INCORPORATES BOTH.

YES.

>>ROB: THAT IS THE INTERESTING POINT, BECAUSE FOR THE STATE LAW, WE CANNOT COUNT SERVICES UNLESS THEY ARE A FULL REPLACEMENT. SO, THE STATE MANDATES THAT IT IS A FULL REPLACEMENT TO COUNT TOWARDS THE TOTAL.

>>ERIN: BUT, THE STATE CONSIDERS THAT IF THE PUBLIC SIDE OR THE PRIVATE SIDE NEEDS TO BE REPLACED THE ENTIRE SERVICE LINE IS CONSIDERED LEAD. AND SO WE UNTIL WE REPLACE EITHER SIDE IT WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED COPPER ETC. AND THAT IS THE MINUTIA.

AND SO SOME OF THE FINANCING OPTIONS ASSOCIATED THAT WE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE DRAFT REPLACEMENT PLAN WAS OBVIOUSLY THE WATER AND SEWER FUND AND SO AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH NEWGEN IN OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION, ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT WOULD BE NEEDED WOULD BE ON TOP OF WHAT WE ALREADY KIND OF HAVE TO ACQUIRE AS PART OF THAT POT OF MONEY.

SO, IF WE WERE TO MEET SOME OF THE DEMANDS OF THE FEDERAL REGULATION OR COVER PRIVATE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT, WE WOULD NEED TO BE KIND OF BOLSTERING THAT POT OF MONEY TO DO THAT.

IF WE WERE TO COVER IT SOLELY BY THE WATER AND SEWER FUND.

THERE IS ALSO A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM THAT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE, BUT IT IS FEDERAL GRANT MONEY FROM THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW AND IT ONLY COVERS LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT.

SO, AS PART OF THAT, THE VILLAGE WOULD STILL NEED TO FIND THE FUNDS TO DO THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND THOSE LOANS COME WITH A 0% INTEREST RATE FOR 30 YEARS AND THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS UNDER THOSE LOANS, BUT IT IS VERY SMALL FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK BASED ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND DEMOGRAPHICS. THESE ARE ALSO HIGHLY COMPETITIVE LOANS AND AS YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR THESE LOANS AND YOUR PROJECTS, THEY RECEIVED A PRIORITY SCORE ALSO BASED ON DEMOGRAPHICS.

QUESTION?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE HEAR YOU.

WE DON'T LOVE IT -

>>ERIN: SO, IF THE VILLAGE WERE TO LOOK AT SUBSIDIZING PRIVATE SIDE THERE ARE A COUPLE MODELS THAT WE WOULD - I DON'T KNOW IF RECOMMEND IS THE RIGHT WORD, BUT THAT WE HAVE REVIEWED AS A PART OF THIS PROCESS. SO, THERE IS THE MINIMUM COMPLIANCE MODEL AND SO THAT WOULD BASICALLY ALLOW THE VILLAGE TO MEET THE FEDERALLY MANDATED REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE AND IT WOULD BE UTILIZING THE EXISTING LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM, PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS AS PART OF THOSE LOANS WHERE ELIGIBLE AND THEN UTILIZING THE SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PILOT PROGRAM WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WILL TALK ABOUT IN THE NEXT ITEM.

THE INCOME-BASED HYBRID MODEL WOULD LOOK AT FULL ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLDS THAT LIKELY QUALIFY FOR THEIR PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS AND THEN ADDITIONAL CAPPED SHARING FOR OTHERS THAT ARE INCOME ELIGIBLE, BUT MAYBE NOT IN THE SPECIFIC AREAS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS UNDER THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY.

AND SO THERE IS A (NAME) STYLE MODEL AS WELL AS A RIVER FOREST MD STOKELY STYLE MODEL CAPS THE COST BY SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT AND THEN COVER

THE REMAINING COST THROUGH THE WATER AND SEWER FUND AND THE RESIDENT CONTRIBUTION PORTION CAN BE REPAID THROUGH THE WATER BILL IN INSTALLMENTS OF UP TO OVER 15 YEARS.

AND THE RIVER FOREST MODEL CAPS THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SIDE CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT REQUIRES THE RESIDENT TO FUND THE REMAINDER.

AND THEN THE FALL VILLAGE FUNDED MODEL WOULD LOOK AT FUNDING BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SIDE SERVICE REPLACEMENT THROUGH POTENTIAL LOANS, ELIGIBLE GRANT AND WATER AND SEWER REVENUES.

SO THIS IS THE MAIN PORTION OF THE PRESENTATION THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK ON.

AND THE VILLAGE STAFF IS STILL WORKING WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SECTION TO STRATEGIZE PROJECTS THAT MAY QUALIFY FOR THE PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS AND REALLY HONE IN ON THE AREAS THAT QUALIFY.

WE ARE ALSO GOING TO TAKE THIS FEEDBACK THAT WE RECEIVED AND WORK WITH NEWGEN AND WORK WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE JULY 16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

AND I HAVE PROVIDED SOME ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.

SO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DELVE IN FURTHER THERE IS PLENTY OF INFORMATION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL RIGHT, WHO WOULD LIKE TO START US OFF?

DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ANY INFORMATION AND DO YOU NEED TO HEAR MORE ABOUT HOW IT IS THAT WE ARE FUNDING THE CURRENT PROGRAM?

I AM A LITTLE CURIOUS WHY WE DO NOT HEAR COMPLAINTS FROM THE CURRENT PROGRAM THROUGH THE YEARS -

>>ERIN: I CAN GIVE A OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT PROGRAM BECAUSE THE LEAD ALBANIAN PROGRAM IS A PROGRAM THAT WHEN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ARE FACED WITH REPLACING THEIR PRIVATE SIDE OF THEIR SERVICE LINE, IF THE PUBLIC SIDE IS ALSO LEAD, THE VILLAGE REPLACES IT AT NO COST TO THE HOMEOWNER. AS PART OF THIS THERE IS ALSO A REDUCED RESTORATION FEE AND A REDUCED PERMITTING FEE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

SO, THAT IS WHAT WE ARE HEARING ABOUT THAT IS CONFLICTING -

>>ERIN: THE WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE SUMMER ARE ALSO RECEIVING THAT BENEFIT AS WELL.

WE ARE REPLACING THE PUBLIC SIDE WHERE IT IS LEAD AS PART OF THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

>>ROB: WHAT PEOPLE ARE PROBABLY REFERRING TO IS THE CDBG PROGRAM.

>>ERIN: IN PREVIOUS YEARS THE CITY HAS OFFERED A CDBG GRANT PROGRAM FOR INCOME QUALIFIED PROPERTIES WHERE THEY MEET A CERTAIN LEVEL UNDER THE HUD REQUIREMENTS FOR INCOME AND THEN THEY ALSO - THEY NEED TO BE THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THEY CANNOT HAVE ANY LIENS ON THEIR PROPERTY AND THEIR MORTGAGE MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING.

SO, IN PREVIOUS YEARS WE HAVE HAD ABOUT 12 - 13 ANNUALLY PROPERTIES THAT QUALIFY AND UNFORTUNATELY IN MOST RECENT YEARS WE HAVE HAD TROUBLE

FINDING THOSE PROPERTIES THAT QUALIFY AND SO WE START TO RUN OUT OF TIME AS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROGRAM TO SPEND THAT MONEY ANNUALLY. SO, WHILE WE ADVERTISED PRETTY SIGNIFICANTLY AND REACH OUT BASED ON OTHER INCOMES THAT WE HAVE, WE ARE POSITIVE THE PROGRAMS FOR 2026 UNTIL WE CAN FIND A BETTER METHOD TO IDENTIFY THOSE PROPERTIES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO, THIS WAS A VERY INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION. IT IS A TOUGH TOPIC - BECAUSE OF OAK PARK AND A POTENTIALLY BILLION-DOLLAR OVER THE NEXT 25 TO 50 YEARS DEPENDING ON HOW WE APPROACH IT IS A TOUGH PILL TO SWALLOW AND A UNFUNDED MANDATE FROM THE STATE.

AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

SO, I THINK THAT I WILL LEAN TOWARDS A INCOME-BASED HYBRID MODEL WITH AN APPROACH THAT ALLOWS FOR REPAYMENT FOR THE WATER BILL OVERTIME FOR FOLKS THAT ARE NOT INCOME QUALIFIED AND I THINK THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES WHAT THE INCOME QUALIFICATION LEVEL IS.

AND SO I THINK THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER FURTHER AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS TO WHAT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL IS AND WHAT THOSE IMPACT LOOK LIKE WHETHER IT IS 120% OF AMI OR SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES AND WHETHER IT IS PHASED-IN OR JUST UNDER THIS YOU DON'T QUALIFY AND OVER THIS YOU DO.

BECAUSE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I ABSOLUTELY DO RECOGNIZE IS THE IDEA OF GETTING A MAILER AND THEN BEING EXPECTED SIX MONTHS LATER OR FOUR MONTHS LATER LIKE FINDING \$7500 TO DEAL WITH IT.

LIKE THAT IS A TOUGH PILL TO SWALLOW.

AND ON THE OTHER HAND I THINK DOING 100% OF IT VILLAGE FUNDED, WHAT THAT IS DOING IS REALLOCATING COSTS TO FOLKS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE LEAD SERVICE LINES OR IN PARTICULAR I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M HEARING ABOUT THE \$85 MILLION IN PRIVATE COST IS THAT THEY ARE MORE DISPERSED MEANING THAT THEY ARE MORE IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND LESS IN THE MULTIFAMILY AREAS.

AND THAT MEANS IF WE ARE REDISTRIBUTING THE COSTS ACROSS ALL OF THE SERVICE LINES, WHAT WE ARE DOING IS DISTRIBUTING COST FROM SINGLE-FAMILY HOMEOWNERS TO RENTERS, AS WELL.

AND YOU FOLKS WHO LIVE IN MULTI FAMILY.

SO IT IS A COMPLICATED AND TOUGH ISSUE.

AND SO IF - WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO TRY TO COME UP WITH THE MOST FAIR SOLUTION THAT ALLOWS FOLKS TO SPREAD THE COST YOU KNOW IF THEY DON'T MEET CERTAIN INCOME CHARACTERISTICS AND IF THERE ARE FOLKS WHO MEET THOSE INCOME CHARACTERISTICS WITHIN AREAS WHERE WE ARE REQUIRING REPLACEMENTS IN A GIVEN TIME, THE VILLAGE IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE ON THOSE COSTS AND WE HAVE TO MODEL THAT INTO HOW WE DO THE WATER AND SEWER RATE STRUCTURE.

THAT SEEMS TO BE SORT OF A REASONABLE MIDDLE GROUNDED APPROACH TO ME THAT SAYS IF YOU CAN AFFORD IT, THE BURDEN IS ON THE INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNER, BECAUSE WE ARE ALREADY TAKING ON \$320 MILLION OF THE PROGRAM AND IF THIS IS GOING TO BREAK THE BANK, THEN THE VILLAGE HAS TO ABSORB IT. BUT, EVEN FOR THOSE FAMILIES WHO CAN, WE ARE GOING TO DISTRIBUTE THIS OVERTIME.

AND I THINK THAT IS WHERE I AM AT RIGHT NOW.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THANK YOU FOR STARTING US OFF, BRIAN AND FOR THE PRESENTATION.

THIS IS JUST A LOT AND I AM SORRY THAT YOU HAVE THIS JOB!

THIS IS NOT FUN NEWS TO BE GIVING.

AND SO YES - I HAVE A COUPLE THOUGHTS HERE AND I WAS ALSO THINKING SIMILAR TO THE INCOME-BASED MODEL AND THAT WAS THE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WE HEARD THAT EQUITY IS IMPORTANT AS AN ASPECT TO THIS.

AND SO I THINK THAT MAKES SENSE TO ME.

I THINK ANOTHER ELEMENT TO THIS WHICH I ALSO HEARD A PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE EMAILS THAT WE RECEIVED WHICH THANK YOU FOR SENDING THOSE, COMMUNICATION IS A CHALLENGE HERE AND I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE COULD DO A BETTER JOB AT.

AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN CONTROL AS OPPOSED TO THIS UNFUNDED MANDATE THAT IS BEING THRUST UPON US AND WE HAVE TO DO IT AND WE HAVE TO DO IT ON THEIR TIMELINE WITHOUT ANY MONEY FROM THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR AT LEAST MINIMAL DOLLARS FOR THAT.

WE HAVE A LOT OF DATA ALREADY AND WE HAVE A GREAT MAP THAT SHOWS WHERE ALL OF THESE MAPS ARE AND YOU IDENTIFY THOSE 215 BLOCKS IN THE VILLAGE AND WE KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO HIT THOSE AND I ASSUME THAT THERE IS A GENERAL PLAN TO GET TO ALL OF THOSE.

AND IT SEEMS LIKE WE CAN CONTROL WHAT WE DO AND THE ORDER IN WHICH WE DO IT AND THEREFORE WE CAN CONTROL WHO GETS NOTIFIED WHEN.

AND SO IT SEEMS LIKE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS A REASONABLE TASK, BUT TELL ME IF NOT -

>>ROB: YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SIMILAR TO THE ALLEYS, RIGHT?

WE HAVE A LARGE PORTION OF OUR UTILITY THAT IS ALL IN THE SAME CONDITION AND IT IS NOT LIKE IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT EVERY YEAR THERE WAS ONE PIPE PUT IN AND SO EVERY YEAR ONE PIPE CAN BE REPLACED.

WE HAVE A BUNCH OF SERVICES AND A WATER MAIN THAT ARE ALL THE SAME AGE AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SO THERE IS NOT A CLEAR PLAN AND WHEN WE LOOK AT THE CAPITAL PLAN, WE USUALLY HAVE ONE OR TWO YEARS OF ACTUAL PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS AND THEN IT IS A PLACEHOLDER, BECAUSE WE ARE REALLY LOOKING AT THE CONDITION OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRIORITY PROJECTS ARE, BECAUSE THINGS FAIL AND WHEN THEY FAIL THEY NEED TO BE REPLACED AND THEY NEED TO BE PRIORITIZED.

AND IT IS NOT NECESSARILY A CLEAN SYSTEM WHERE WE CAN SAY HEY, YOU'RE COMING UP IN FIVE YEARS.

SO, PLAN ON IT.

BECAUSE, IF SOMETHING WERE TO FAIL, IT MAY NEED TO BE ACCELERATED OR IT MAY NEED TO BE PUSHED, BECAUSE SOMETHING ELSE NEEDS TO BE ACCELERATED TO ADDRESS THAT.

SO, THERE CAN BE A LITTLE BIT AND I DON'T DISAGREE THAT THERE CAN BE A LITTLE BIT MORE COMMUNICATION ON THE FRONT END TO TRY TO PREPARE RESIDENTS FOR THIS AND I WILL JUST SAY THAT THIS HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE 2022 AND THIS IS THE SAME COMMUNICATION PROCESS THAT WE HAVE USED SINCE 2022 AND LAST YEAR WE REPLACED - OR OVER THAT TIME WE HAVE REPLACED ALMOST 200 SERVICES, IS THAT ABOUT RIGHT?

>>ERIN: I WILL SAY THAT LAST YEAR WE HAD 100% PARTICIPATION IN THE ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

>>ROB: WE REPLACED THE SAME NUMBER OF BLOCKS, RIGHT?

SO, WE CAN IMPROVE COMMUNICATION, BUT THIS HAS BEEN A LITTLE BIT OF A UNUSUAL RESPONSE TO OUR TYPICAL COMMUNICATION PROCESS.

SO - THERE IS ALWAYS OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE AND WHEN THAT INFORMATION GOES OUT IN THE FALL, WE CAN ACTIVATE THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT THE BOARD ASSIGNS THE BUDGET IN DECEMBER AND THE PROJECT ARE CHOSEN AT THAT POINT AND THE INFORMATION GETS PUSHED OUT TO THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: MAYBE WE GO FROM FOUR TO LIKE FIVE OR SIX MONTHS.

>>ROB: YES, I THINK.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: CAN WE ALSO JUST SAY LIKE HEY, YOU ARE ON THE LIST - LIKE THIS WILL HAPPEN AT SOME POINT?

>>ROB: STARTING IN 2022 EVERYONE THAT HAD A LEAD SERVICE LINE OR SORRY: 24 STARTED RECEIVING CERTIFICATION OF THE STATUS AND SO PEOPLE WHO HAVE A SERVICE LINE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING REGULAR INFORMATION ABOUT THAT. AND THERE IS A WEBSITE AVAILABLE AND ALL OF THAT INFORMATION IS THERE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: AND DID THEY ALSO SAY THAT THAT IS A COST?

>>ERIN: I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS LIKE EXPLICITLY MENTIONED BUT IT MENTIONS THE PROGRAMS THAT WILL COME FIRST.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THIS IS WHY FOLKS ARE UPSET, IT IS A BILL THAT THEY DID NOT EXPECT AND SO ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT THAT BETTER IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD DO AND IT IS A RELATIVELY EASY THING TO DO AND IT TAKES HER TIME TO DO THAT, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY LESS EXPENSIVE THAN \$400 MILLION OR WHATEVER THE ENDING COST WOULD BE.

AND SO THAT IS WHAT I THINK FEELS LIKE A SHORT-TERM THAT WE COULD DO SOMETHING THERE AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE ACTION ON THAT.

I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT AND I DO LIKE THAT WE HAVE YOU KNOW THE MAP THAT HAS LOTS OF INFORMATION ON THEIR AND I THINK THAT IT IS PROBABLY THE PLACE -

>>ERIN: IT IS LEAD FREE OAK PARK.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IT IS LEAD SAFER CHICAGO, IT IS LEAD FREE OAK PARK. AND SO I ALSO JUST WANTED TO SEND AN EMAIL ABOUT THE BIGGER PICTURE AND THESE MANDATES TO CHANGE OUT THESE LEAD SERVICE LINES AND ALSO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR IS HERE AND ASKING ABOUT LIKE WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FROM LEAD EXPOSURE PERSPECTIVE AND THEN IN MY OWN RESEARCH THAT THIS IS NOT THE PRIMARY SOURCE FOR LEAD EXPOSURE, IT IS ACTUALLY PAINT AND THE DUST THAT COMES FROM THAT AND THE CONTAMINATED SOIL AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS. SO, THAT ALSO FEELS LIKE AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF CONTEXT TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT NO AMOUNT OF LEAD IS SAFE AND IT IS STILL LIKE I THINK HELPFUL FROM A COMMUNICATIONS PERSPECTIVE TO SHARE WHERE THIS FALLS IN TERMS OF LIKE WHAT ARE THE RISKS TO RESIDENTS AND ESPECIALLY CHILDREN LIKE THAT IS LIKE THE BIGGEST CONCERN THAT WE HAVE HERE, BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW DANGEROUS LEAD EXPOSURE IS ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: BEFORE GREG OLSON, PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR AND HE WILL ADDRESS WHAT YOU ASKED ABOUT EARLIER WHICH IS REALLY GOOD INFORMATION AND I THINK A COUPLE YEARS AGO THE POINT WAS ACTUALLY RAISED, BUT FROM THE STAFF AND SO HE HAS SOME INFORMATION TO SHARE. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE AND VERY DIFFICULT AND I THINK YES YOU KNOW PUBLIC WORKS WE HAVE BEEN DOING THE BEST WE CAN AND IT IS EVOLVING AND EVEN OVER THE LAST YEAR YOU KNOW YOU CAN SEE WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND OUR RECENT SUBMISSION AND WE HAVE BEEN TALKING INTERNALLY ABOUT YOU KNOW THE NEED FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND WE DO THINK THAT ONCE WE CAN LAND ON SOME OF THE FINANCING OPTIONS TO GET SOME SPECIFIC DIRECTION THAT WILL HELP US OUT QUITE A BIT EVEN WITH THE COMMUNICATION TO BE MORE INFORMATIVE OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AS A PART OF THE PROCESS AND THAT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT OF A CHALLENGE AND WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO START THIS DISCUSSION SO WE CAN COMMUNICATE A LITTLE BIT BETTER KNOWING THAT THIS WAS COMING. AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT. I THINK IT IS A POINT WELL TAKEN IN TERMS OF TRYING TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE STRATEGIC IN ADVANCE WITH THE COMMUNICATION AND THEN I THINK WHERE WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS AS SOON AS WE CAN LAND ON AN OPTION THAT WILL HELP US.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING, GREG OLSON, PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, YOU SAID THIS RIGHT, THERE IS NO STATE LEVEL OF LEAD IN THE BODY. THE RISK OF EXPOSURE FROM WATER IS A REAL RISK AND OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE SEEN WITH MICHIGAN THAT IT CAN CAUSE EXTREME DEVASTATION FOR A WHOLE COMMUNITY. BUT, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF CHILDHOOD LEAD CASES COME FROM CONTAMINATED DUST.

AND YOU THINK OF KIDS JUST PEELING PAINT CHIPS OFF OF THE WALL AND THEN SHOPPING ON IT AND REALLY JUST THE MAIN EXPOSURE IS FROM THE CONTAMINATED DUST KIND OF GRINDING LIKE SANDPAPER AND THEN YOU HAVE THAT SETTLING ON THE FLOOR OR ON TOYS AND THEN YOU HAVE KIDS PLAYING IN THE ROOM AND WE ALL KNOW THAT KIDS PUT EVERYTHING IN THEIR MOUTH AND SO THEY INADVERTENTLY INGEST THAT LEAD.

AND AS A CERTIFIED HEALTH APARTMENT WE ARE THE DELEGATE AGENCY FOR THE POISON PREVENTION ACT AND SO WE RESPOND TO CASES WHERE A CHILD HAS BEEN POISONED AND WE SCHEDULED WITH THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO GO OUT TO THEIR MAIN HOUSE WHERE THEY SPEND MOST OF THE TIME AND WE DO A RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

SO, WE TAKE DUST SAMPLES AND PAINT CHIP SAMPLES AND SAMPLES OF SEASONINGS THAT THEY USE AND MAKEUP AND ANY SORT OF EXPOSURE POINT AND WE START WITH ALL OF THAT, BECAUSE THAT IS THE MAJORITY OF WHERE CASES COME FROM AND IF EVERYTHING COMES BACK CLEAN, THE LAST LACE WE LOOK IS WATER, JUST BECAUSE WHEN IT COMES TO DIRECT EXPOSURE, THE MAJORITY OF THEM DO COME FROM DUST.

BUT, LIKE YOU SAID, THERE IS NO SAFE AMOUNT OF LEAD IN THE BODY. AND SO ANY OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE A POTENTIAL EXPOSURE WHEN IT COMES TO LEAD IS A GOOD ONE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THAT IS A HELPFUL CONTACT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO KNOW ABOUT AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOES TO DO THE SCREENING AND THOSE ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKS - YES, IT IS REALLY VALUABLE AND ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC MORE ABOUT THAT AND THE PROCESS AND GIVE THEM ACCESS TO THOSE RESOURCES I THINK IS A GOOD THING.

AND THE REASON I ASK THIS IS BECAUSE I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE TIMELINE QUESTION AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE LIKE A PLAN THAT WE HAVE TO SUBMIT BY IS IT NEXT MONTH OR A COUPLE MONTHS, JULY?

>>ERIN: WE SUBMITTED A PLAN AND THIS WAS A DRAFT LAND. AS PART OF THE ILLINOIS REGULATION WE ARE TO SUBMIT A FINAL PLAN FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE IEPA BY APRIL 27.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: DOES THAT PLAN HAVE TO HAVE A WAY FOR US TO DO EVERYTHING AND 17.9 YEARS?

>>ERIN: TO BE COMPLIANT, YES. BUT, I HAVE SPOKEN WITH VARIOUS STAFF MEMBERS AT THE IEPA AND THERE IS A PROCESS BY WHICH THEY WILL ASSIST US AND WORK WITH US ON OUR PLAN TO REACH COMPLIANCE.

SO, THAT IS A PART OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS THAT I HAVE STARTED WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SECTION AND BASICALLY HAVE REACHED OUT AND SAID THAT WE ARE SEEING QUITE A LARGE FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND WE NEED SOME ASSISTANCE STRATEGIZING.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: AND WE ARE NOT THE ONLY COMMUNITY GOING THROUGH THIS.

SO, ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO GIVE OURSELVES THE TIME FOR HOPEFULLY THERE TO BE SOME RESOURCES COMING DOWN THE PIKE IN THE COMING YEARS I THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO HEAD FOR THAT, BECAUSE I CANNOT SEE IT NOT HAPPENING. IT IS A UNFUNDED MANDATE AND SEEMS LIKE A UNTENABLE POSITION THAT THEY HAVE PUT ALL OF THESE COMMUNITIES IN. AND SO I WANT TO MAXIMIZE THE TIME THAT WE CAN USE TO FIND THOSE RESOURCES.

OKAY, THAT IS IT FOR ME.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I FEEL LIKE THERE WAS A GOOD SEGUE FROM WHAT TRUSTEE EDER SAID TO WHAT I WAS GOING TO TOUCH ON. IN TERMS OF THE TIMELINE QUESTION - IT IS ONE OF THE TRICKY PART IN EVALUATING ALL OF THIS LIKE THERE IS ALL OF THIS POTENTIAL ON THE PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT WE MAY GET AND WE DON'T KNOW YET AND YOU KNOW WE CANNOT COUNT ON AND AS YOU SUBMIT THIS PLAN - DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF TIMELINE FOR THE GRANTS AND LOANS THAT ARE MENTIONED IN THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE SAW IN THE PLAN AND THE ONE THAT I CANNOT REMEMBER YOU CALLED THE OTHER DOCUMENT -

>>ERIN: SPECIFICALLY THE GRANTS THAT WE QUALIFY FOR, THEY ARE SMALL SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE THAT QUALIFY AND ONE OF THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IS INCOME BASED AND IT IS TO BE BELOW THE STATE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME. AND SO FOR THOSE THREE SECTIONS THOSE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES ARE POSSIBLE AND UNFORTUNATELY WE DO NOT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OTHER SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR NOT COMPLYING?

>>ERIN: THAT IS WHAT I WAS SPEAKING TO.

IF WE DO NOT COMPLY, WE KIND OF ENTER INTO WHAT IS A COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT PROCESS AND SO WE WOULD WORK WITH THE STATE AND THE US EPA TO STRATEGIZE WAYS BY WHICH WE COULD COMPLY AND THEY WOULD BE REVIEWING OUR WATER AND DOER RATES AND FUND HEALTH AND OTHER FINANCIAL MECHANISMS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPLIANCE.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: YOU MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO NOT COMPLY IN ORDER TO GET THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE?

>>ERIN: IT IS A COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT PROCESS.

SO, THEY WOULD HELP US STRATEGIZE, BUT ONE OF THOSE KEY -

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I THOUGHT IT WAS LIKE A FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT OR SOMETHING.

>>ERIN: I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SECTION -

>>ERIN: THEY ARE ONLY OFFERING A SMALL PORTION.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: LET'S DO A QUICK CALL TO MOVE PAST 10 PM.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: OKAY, I WILL STOP THAT - BUT, THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING AND THERE IS A LOT OF THINGS I AM LEARNING THROUGHOUT THESE CONVERSATIONS TONIGHT.

RELATED TO GOING BACK TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION THAT WE GOT I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT GREG ALSO SHARED WITH US A VERY EASY TO READ CHART THAT SHOWS HOW SUCCESSFUL OAK PARK HAS BEEN IN DECREASING LEAD LEVELS IN CHILDREN SINCE 2020.

OR SINCE 2000.

AND SO SHOUT OUT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

OKAY - I FEEL LIKE I'M JUST GOING TO KEEP ASKING QUESTIONS AND NOT - GETTING LIKE WORSE INFORMATION - BUT, I AM CURIOUS AND SO YOU INCLUDED A CHART THAT SHOWS SOME COMPARISONS BETWEEN OAK PARK AND OTHER NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES AND WE HEARD A LOT OF INFORMATION FROM OUR NEIGHBORS POINTING OUT HOW OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE ADDRESSING THEIR LEAD REPLACEMENTS AND SO CAN YOU EXPLAIN OR LIKE HELP US ALL OF US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE COMPARISONS, BECAUSE I AM READING IN BETWEEN LIKE IT HAS TO DO WITH INCOME AND IT HAS TO DO WITH MAYBE THE AMOUNT OF LEAD AND SO CAN YOU JUST TALK ALL OF US THROUGH WHY WE MAY BE IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION THAN OUR NEIGHBORS?

>>ERIN: I CAN SPECIFICALLY TALK ABOUT HOW WE DIFFER FROM FOREST PARK, BERLIN AND CICERO IN THAT THEY MEET THE MAIN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT AS A WHOLE WHICH IS THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME.

SO, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO STRATEGIZE THE SMALLER PROJECTS AND THE SMALLER AREAS TO QUALIFY FOR THOSE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, THEY QUALIFY AS A WHOLE.

SO, THEY CAN SUBMIT PROJECTS AND POTENTIALLY OR MOST LIKELY RECEIVE 100% PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS BASED ON THAT QUALIFICATION ALONE.

AS FAR AS ELMWOOD PARK I WAS REALLY NOT ABLE TO FIND A PLAN ASSOCIATED AND I KIND OF SCoured THEIR WEBSITE AND RIVERSIDE, IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE COVERING BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SIDE AS PART OF THEIR WATER AND SEWER RATES AND SO THAT IS HOW THEY ARE FUNDING THAT PROJECT.

AND THEN RIVER FOREST IS DOING THE 50% MATCH UP TO 2500 FOR THE PRIVATE SIDE AND THEN 100% FOR THE VILLAGE SIDE UP TO 5000.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: THAT IS HELPFUL, THANK YOU.

IN TERMS OF THE ORDER OF REPLACEMENTS, THE TWO STREETS THAT WERE JUST INFORMED, SCOVILLE AND EUCLID, ARE THEY - ARE THEY HAPPENING NOW OR IMMINENTLY BECAUSE OF PLANNED - OR I THINK ONE OF THEM ACTUALLY SAID THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF A BREAK OR SOMETHING -

>>ERIN: SOUTHWEST COLVILLE IS PRIORITIZED FOR THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF SEWER MAIN ISSUES PARTICULARLY A PARTIAL FAILURE OF THE SEWER MAIN ON THOSE TWO BLOCKS AND THEN NORTH EUCLID IS PRIORITIZED FOR THIS YEAR,

BECAUSE THEY KIND OF HAVE REACHED A PERFECT STORM IN TERMS OF CONDITIONS WITH THE ROADWAY, THE SEWER AND THEIR WATER MAIN. SO, THAT IS THE MAIN REASON.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: I AM NOT CONTRIBUTING ANYTHING OTHER THAN MORE BAD NEWS.

I THINK I AGREE WITH THE APPROACH THAT TRUSTEE STRAW SHARED IN TERMS OF PRIORITIZING ANY SUPPORT BASED ON INCOME QUALIFICATIONS WHICH HOPEFULLY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CONFIGURED OUT.

AND I ALSO WANTED TO ECHO SOMETHING TRUSTEE EDER SAID ABOUT OUR COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND BEING BOTH MINDFUL ABOUT LIKE WHAT THE STICKER SHOCK CAN DO, BUT ALSO I DID GO TO LEAD FREE OAK PARK .com FOR THE FIRST TIME AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN LINE WITH OUR LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY AND THERE WAS NOT EVEN A LINK TO DO THE GOOGLE TRANSLATE WHICH YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM NOT A FAN OF EITHER, BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE AVAILABLE AND I'M HOPING THAT AS WE REACH OUT TO RESIDENTS AND ARE GIVING THEM THIS INFORMATION AND UPDATES AND POTENTIAL SUPPORTS THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY.

>>ERIN: ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS AS A PART OF THAT NOTIFICATION PROCESS IS A BOILERPLATE LETTER THAT IS TRANSLATED INTO MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. AND THE CLEAR MESSAGE IS THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER AND THAT IF YOU NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE, WHO TO REACH OUT TO.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: THE REPORT THAT I LOOKED AT HAD LIKE A TINY LITTLE BOX THAT SAID SPANISH AND ENGLISH AND THE MESSAGE WAS IF YOU NEED HELP - THIS IS IMPORTANT ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER, IF YOU NEED HELP, FIND SOMEBODY TO READ THIS FOR YOU.

>>ERIN: THE ACTUAL LETTER IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT, BUT I WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOUR QUESTIONS ARE GOOD AND I UNDERSTAND EVERY TIME YOU SAID, BECAUSE I THINK YOU KNOW YOU SAID YOU KNOW PEOPLE HAVE THIS ON THEIR MINDS AND WHEN YOU SAID MORE BAD NEWS, YOU MEANT THAT IT IS TOUGH.

THAT THE CONVERSATION IS TOUGH AND NOT THAT YOU ARE DOING A BAD JOB.

>>ERIN: I AM JUST THE MESSENGER.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YOU ARE JUST THE MESSENGER, THAT IS RIGHT. OKAY, JIM YOU HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO GO. AND YES -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: THIS COMES AT A DIFFICULT TIME FOR THE VILLAGE AND THERE IS VERY LITTLE DISCRETIONARY MONEY THAT PEOPLE HAVE FOR UNEXPECTED PROJECTS AND IT IS HARD.

JUST A QUESTION ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE THAT HAVE ALREADY ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS.

IN THE FUTURE, NO MATTER WHAT PROGRAM MAY OR MAY NOT ARISE, WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO RECOUP ANY OF THE MONEY?

BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE DONE THAT AND I DON'T KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT AND IT IS A BIG NUMBER, THOUGH.

>>ROB: LOOKING AT THAT TABLE, THE PUBLIC VS. THE TOTAL THERE IS PROBABLY A DISPARITY OF ABOUT 30% OF THE VILLAGE IS ALREADY UPGRADED TO COPPER ON THE PRIVATE SIDE.

AND SO THAT IS A POLICY DECISION FOR THE BOARD.

IF THEY WOULD WANT - IF THERE WAS ANY SORT OF PROGRAM TO LOOK BACK AND COMPENSATE THOSE PAST INDIVIDUALS WHO PAID FOR THAT TOTAL COST ON THEIR OWN.

IF THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD WAS INTERESTED IN, WE CAN DO THAT. BUT, THAT IS STRICTLY A POLICY DECISION.

IF THAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT TO DO, WE WOULD NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE WOULD CALCULATE THAT COST ON TOP OF THE REST AND ADD IT TO THE RATE STUDY.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I THINK I'M DOING WHAT JENNA DID WHICH WAS JUST INTRODUCED MORE UNEXPECTED INFORMATION.

I DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT.

AND SO I DID NOT THINK ABOUT THAT.

THAT IS A POTENTIAL CONSIDERATION AND AS KEVIN SAID IT IS COMPLICATED. IT IS COMPLICATED.

>>ROB: THERE HAS BEEN ABOUT 160 IN RECENT YEARS THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AND SO YOU WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT YOU KNOW A COUPLE THOUSAND POTENTIAL FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: JUST A COUPLE OTHER BRIEF THINGS THAT I WANTED TO ASK.

YOU KNOW WHEN I LOOK AT THIS - WE ARE UNIQUE IN A LOT OF WAYS AND I THINK STOKELY IS SOMEWHAT SIMILAR IN TERMS OF THE NUMBERS, MAY BE - BUT, WE REALLY HAVE BEEN HIT HARD ON THIS AS A VILLAGE BASED ON OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE TIME THAT THE VILLAGE WAS CONSTRUCTED AND THE METHODS THAT THEY USED AND IS THAT CORRECT THAT WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST HARD-HIT COMMUNITIES AND NOT A BIG COMMUNITY EITHER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THESE BIGGER CITIES AND DETROIT YOU KNOW THEY HAVE GOT THESE GIANT ENGINES OF AN ECONOMY THAT THEY CAN UTILIZE AND WE DON'T HAVE THAT. WE HAVE OUR TAX BASE AND THAT MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT.

SO, MY THOUGHT IS JUST WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE INCOME REQUIREMENTS WITH SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS WHICH IS REALLY TO GET A APPROPRIATE PERSON WHO IS VERY SKILLED AND COMMUNICATES WELL AND WHO IS A GOOD LOBBYIST AND CAN GO DOWN TO SPRINGFIELD AND TRY TO LOBBY THE STATE TO TRY TO GET SOME OF THOSE CHANGES MADE.

AND THAT TO ME SEEMS LIKE A MORE PALATABLE APPROACH TO GET SOME OF THESE THINGS CHANGED AT THE STATE LEVEL AND I WILL SAY BASED ON \$1 BILLION NOT EVEN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAS \$1 BILLION TO THROW OUR WAY AND THAT WON'T HAPPEN, BUT CAN WE NOT APPROACH THIS FROM A STANDPOINT OF CAN WE CHANGE SOME OF THESE THINGS RATHER THAN JUST SAYING WE HAVE TO SUBMIT

TO EVERYTHING AS IT COMES OUT OUR WAY, BECAUSE WE CANNOT AFFORD IT AND WE CANNOT DO IT.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: I THINK WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THAT AND THAT HAS GOT TO BE A PART OF THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO TALK MORE ABOUT THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT \$400 MILLION YOU KNOW IT IS I DON'T WANT TO USE THE WORD - IT IS INFEASIBLE.

IT IS INFEASIBLE.

AND SO WE DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN RIGHT NOW, BUT THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE A PART OF THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: AND YOU KNOW THERE ARE NO PROGRAMS AND WE DON'T QUALIFY AND THERE IS NO MONEY ANYWHERE AND WE NEED TO GET HELP.

WE CANNOT DO THIS ON OUR OWN.

WE ARE NOT SITTING ON AN OIL WELL.

WE WOULD NOT TAP IT ANYWAY - WE WOULD NOT DRILL!

BUT, THAT WAS A BAD ANALOGY - WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL OF THESE -

>>ROB: TO ADD ON, THAT WAS A PART OF THE IMPETUS OF WHY WE SUBMITTED A PLAN THAT WE KNOW IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE IN ORDER TO TRY TO START THAT CONVERSATION PROACTIVELY WITH THE STATE AND SAY LISTEN, WE ARE NOT TRYING TO BE OBSTINATE, WE WANT TO COME TOGETHER ON A PLAN THAT WE KNOW WORKS FOR US AND WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR THE LAST 15 OR 20 YEARS ALREADY AND HERE IS A PLAN THAT ALLOWS US TO ACHIEVE THIS IN A REALISTIC MANNER FOR THE VILLAGE AND WE ARE KIND OF WAITING TO SEE WHAT THEY SAY.

THEY ENCOURAGED US INFORMALLY TO CONTINUE ON THAT PATH AND THE BIGGER ISSUE IS GOING TO BE THE STATE SEEMS A LITTLE BIT WITH THE NEW FEDERAL LAW COMING IN 2027, IS GOING TO BE SUPERSEDED BY THE STATE AND ALL OF THOSE ISSUES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO THE FEDS AND WE ARE GOING TO BE DEALING WITH THE FEDERAL LAW IN COMPLIANCE AND I STILL THINK THAT WE PUT OURSELVES IN A GOOD POSITION TO SAY THAT WE WROTE A NICE LETTER THAT SAYS HEY, WE WANT TO COMPLY AND WE JUST CANNOT DO IT ON THIS SCHEDULE AND HERE'S A SCHEDULE THAT WORKS FOR US AND SO HOPEFULLY IT AT LEAST SHOWS THAT WE ARE IN GOOD FAITH TRYING TO MEET THE INTENT RATHER THAN A NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES RATHER THAN NO INTENT OF FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THEM WHEN THE TIME COMES.

AND THAT IS OUR APPROACH STILL FAR AND THERE COULD BE SOME ADDITIONAL LOBBYING THAT WE CAN LOOK AT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I WAS IN SPRINGFIELD LAST WEEK -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: BOTH OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT AND THAT ALL CHANGES OVER TIME AND THIS IS A LONG-TERM PROBLEM.

IT IS NOT A FOUR YEAR ISSUE.

IT IS A 50 YEAR ISSUE.

AND I THINK POSITIONING OURSELVES IN THAT WAY WILL ULTIMATELY SOMEDAY GIVE US SOME DIRECTION AND MAYBE SOME FUNDING.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

I DON'T KNOW, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JUMP IN?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU FOR THIS BREAKDOWN.

I DO NOT BLAME YOU AT ALL.

I AGREE WITH BRIAN.

I WAS LOOKING AT THAT COST-SHARING MODEL AS WELL AND THINKING HYBRID DOES MAKE SENSE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GIVE OPTIONS AND I THINK RESIDENTS WOULD LOVE AN OPPORTUNITY THAT ALLOWS FOR IT TO COME THROUGH IN A MODEL THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR WATER BILL IF POSSIBLE.

I JUST THINK THAT EITHER WAY IT IS STILL A TOUGH PILL TO SWALLOW FOR ANYBODY.

BUT, I KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS WE CAN WORK TO THE SAME DEGREE FINDING A WAY TO FIND SOMEBODY TO LOBBY FOR US AND FIGURE OUT IF THERE IS DOLLARS IN SPRINGFIELD TO HELP OUR CAUSE AND UNDERSTAND HOW OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE FINDING WAYS TO DO THIS.

I DO THINK THAT IT IS ONE THAT IS CONTINUOUSLY EVOLVING AND YOU KNOW SOME OF JUST EVEN THE MEDIAN LEVEL OF INCOME AND SOME OF THE OTHER AREAS PLAYS A FACTOR INTO IT AND WE ARE WATCHING THE BREAKDOWN IN COSTS PER UNIT BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT SUBURBS THAT ARE PAIN-FREE AND NOT AND I THINK THERE IS CORRELATION THERE AND IT JUST REMAINS ON US TO BE DILIGENT IN FINDING WAYS TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS AND I DO APPRECIATE WHAT PRESIDENT SCAMAN HAS BEEN DOING AND TRUSTEE TAGLIA HAS BROUGHT UP, THOSE ARE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO EXPLORE MORE FOR OUR RESIDENT 'S SAKE AND HOPEFULLY WE ARE ABLE TO LOOK AT THESE MODELS AND SEE WHAT HYBRID CAN LOOK LIKE FOR US.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I AM IN TOTAL AGREEMENT.

I AM NOT TRYING TO MARK OR MAKE FUN - IT IS JUST THAT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE COMING UP WITH MONEY AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT HELPING.

AND WE ARE GOING TO CONSIDER AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEE THE STATE STRUGGLE AT FUNDING THE THINGS THAT WE ARE USED TO RECEIVING FROM THEM ALREADY.

SO - I DID NO JOKE JUST MAKE A LUNCH DATE WITH OUR GOVERNOR CONTACT AND I WILL NOT TELL YOU WHERE - TOMORROW, BUT IT IS PROBABLY MORE ABOUT THE BILL ABOUT THIS ANYWAY AND SO IF THEY HAD THE ANSWERS, THEY WOULD DO IT FOR US, BECAUSE JUST LIKE WE ALL FEEL THE CONCERNS, SO DO THEY.

WE HAVE SOME PRETTY GOOD REPRESENTATION AT LEAST LOCALLY RIGHT NOW THAT I'M EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE HAVE GOT.

BUT, A REASON AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATE GENERAL 'S QUESTIONS, BECAUSE MY CONCERN IS THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE ROOM RIGHT NOW AND WHAT ARE WE

GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO TO ADDRESS THAT THEY HAVE GOT THE LETTER ALREADY AND THEY NOW NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO COME UP WITH \$7500.

AND I HAVE FILLED UP MY CAR TODAY AND IT WAS \$57 FOR A HYBRID.

THANK GOD I HAVE A HYBRID.

AND AT LEAST THAT WILL TAKE ME MOST OF THE MONTH, BUT EVERYTHING IS COSTING MORE.

AND EVEN IF YOU ARE SOMEBODY WHO HAS SAVINGS SET UP YOU KNOW THIS MAY NOT AFFECT YOU AS MUCH AND IT WILL STILL HURT A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN IT WOULD OTHERWISE.

I WISH WE COULD HAVE A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS CAPPED TO BEGIN WITH AND TALK ABOUT THE OPTIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS ON A INCOME BASIS.

BUT, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE US SITTING DOWN WITH THE RESIDENTS RIGHT NOW AND SEEING WHAT APPLIES TO THEM.

AND I AM A LITTLE SURPRISED THAT WE HAVE HAD THIS GOING FOR A WHILE AND THE EXISTING PROGRAM AND WE HAVE NOT HEARD MANY COMPLAINTS.

BUT, I NEED TO GIVE YOU A LOT OF CREDIT FOR SOMEBODY WHO DOES NEED THOSE RESOURCES, THEN YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO HELP THEM.

I ALSO WORRY ABOUT PEOPLE WHO DO NOT QUALIFY CREDIT WISE.

AND I AM GOING TO BE VERY INTERESTED AND IF THERE IS NO LIEN ON THEIR HOME - WHAT WE DO IN THOSE VERY DIRE SITUATIONS.

BUT, ALSO RECOGNIZING THAT FROM OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT IF SOMEBODY DID HAVE TO SIGN OFF ON THIS, IT IS NOT THE IDEAL - WE ARE IN A PRETTY GOOD POSITION WITH THE LEAD EFFECT TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY.

AND THERE ARE ACTUALLY OTHER THINGS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT THAT ARE HURTING US MUCH MORE THAN OUR WATERLINES.

SO, OKAY - I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS ANY KIND OF RESPONSE FROM THE RESIDENCE THAT ARE HERE TONIGHT.

>>ROB: THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA - DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH THE 2026 -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF TABLING THE LAST ITEM OR MAYBE JUST MAYBE WE CAN JUST DO IT SUPERQUICK?

SUMMARIZE THE LAST ONE REALLY WELL?

ALL MY GOD, YES.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: FOR THE SPECIAL EVENTS GRANTS, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO, THE LAST ITEM?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THE VERY LAST ITEM.

BUT, JIM IS SUGGESTING THAT MAYBE KIND OF LIKE WE DID WITH ITEM L IF I CAN JUST DO A SUMMARY AND WE ALL KIND OF AGREE, WE CAN MOVE ON.

SO, WE ARE GOING TO KEEP MOVING.

ITEM O, RESOLUTION FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE PROGRAM 2026 DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENT.

OKAY, THANK YOU.

>>ERIN: SO, A PART OF THE REQUIREMENTS, THE VILLAGE IS REQUIRED TO OFFER AN AFFORDABLE PATHWAY FOR PRIVATE SIDE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT.

AND ONE OF THOSE OPTIONS THAT WE LOOKED AT WAS A LOW INTEREST INSTALLMENT LOAN THAT COULD BE PLACED ON THE WATER BILL AND WOULD SPECIFICALLY AFFECT AND IMPACT THOSE THAT ARE FACING THE WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OR PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR. AND REALLY TRYING TO FIND AN AFFORDABLE OPTION FOR THOSE RESIDENTS. I WILL JUST BRIEFLY GO THROUGH THE TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOW COST LOAN.

IT WOULD BE FOR THOSE PROPERTIES TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE VILLAGE CONTRACTOR AND IT WOULD BE CAPPED AT THE UNIT COST THAT WE ARE OFFERING AND SO THAT IS 7500 FOR A 1 INCH COPPER SERVICE AND 10 AND A HALF FOR A 1 INCH COPPER SERVICE AND 12,000 FOR A 2 INCH COPPER SERVICE.

THEY STILL QUALIFY FOR THE LEAD ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND SO THE PUBLIC SIDE WOULD BE REPLACED AT NO COST.

SO, THE TERMS OF THE LOW INTEREST LOAN, IT WOULD COME AT A 2.1% INTEREST RATE FOR 72 MONTHS AND WOULD BE INVOICED VIA THE WATER BILL.

ANY QUESTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: YOU HAVE GOT IT BROKEN DOWN BY THE SIZE OF THE WATER MAIN AND HOW MUCH THEY WOULD GET AND SO IS THERE STILL A CHANCE THAT THEY WOULD STILL HAVE TO PAY SOME PORTION OF IT IF THERE WAS ADDITIONAL COST OR IS THAT ALWAYS GOING TO COVER LIKE 100% OF THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT?

>>ERIN: AS LONG AS THE USE THE VILLAGE CONTRACTOR AS PART OF THE CONTRACT, IT WOULD COVER 100% OF THE COST OF THE PRIVATE SIDE REPLACEMENT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: GREAT, THANK YOU.  
WE ARE ALL GOOD.

ALL OF THE EDGE CASES ARE SOLVED FOR?

I AM GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF THIS APPROACH I THINK I AM VERY CURIOUS TO SEE HOW IT WOULD PLAY OUT AND I HOPE YOU KNOW SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT SHOWED UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY JUST TO LOWER THAT SHOCK AND JUST SORT OF SPREAD IT OUT OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

SO, I AM IN FAVOR OF IT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: IF SOMEBODY WERE TO SELL THEIR HOME DURING THE REPAYMENT TIME, I KNOW IN THE CASE OF DELINQUENT PAYMENTS THAT THE BALANCE IS COLLECTED AT THE TIME OF SALE AND IF SOMEBODY RESELLS DURING THE REPAYMENT TIME, IS DISSIPATED THROUGH PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE? OR IS THERE A CONTINUING SORT OF ASSESSMENT ON THE WATER BILL?

>>ERIN: IT WOULD BE A BALANCE THAT WOULD BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FINAL BILL.

SO, AT THE TIME OF SALE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: AND HOW DID WE LAND ON THE 2.1%?

>>ERIN: THIS IS THE PERCENTAGE RATE THAT THE IEPA OFFERS MUNICIPALITIES FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAMS AND IT IS VETTED AND WE CAN READ -

THE INFORMATION I GOT FROM KEVIN EARLIER TODAY, BUT IT IS VETTED THROUGH A PROCESS OF TAKING THE AVERAGE INTEREST RATE THAT IS OFFERED OR IS IT 20 GENERAL OBLIGATION LOANS?

AND THEN YOU CAN SPEAK TO THAT.

>>SPEAKER: BASICALLY WITHIN THE LAW THERE IS AN INDEX AND IT IS TIED TO THAT 50% OF THAT AND WE ARE TYING THAT TO THIS PROGRAM, AS WELL. SO, THAT IS THE BASIS FOR IT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: IT IS ESSENTIALLY THE COST OF MONEY TO US.

>>SPEAKER: YES, BUT SUBSIDIZED 50%, BECAUSE BASICALLY IF WE WERE TO ISSUE A GENERAL OBLIGATION ON THE MARKET IT WOULD BE ABOUT 4.25%. SO, THE LAW ALLOWS FOR US TO CHARGE A RECOMMENDED CHARGE ON THESE REVOLVING LOANS AT 50% OF THAT RATE.

AND IT DOES CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE YEAR THAT THE LOAN WOULD BE TAKEN OUT.

SO, RIGHT NOW IT IS 2.16% AND NEXT YEAR, WHO KNOWS.

BUT, IT WILL HAVE TO BE UPDATED EVERY YEAR DEPENDING ON WHEN THE LOAN IS ACTUALLY TAKEN OUT.

AND I AM HAPPY TO PROVIDE A LOT MORE DETAILS ON THIS, BUT BASICALLY IT RESETS JULY 1 OF EVERY YEAR TO GO ALONG WITH THE STATE FISCAL YEAR, BUT IT IS TIED TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION INDEX AND SO 50% OF THAT AND HOPEFULLY THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I GUESS - I AM IN FAVOR OF PROVIDING THE ASSISTANCE AND I GUESS MY ONE QUESTION IS, IS THERE A WAY OF KIND OF ADDING INTO THIS HYBRID MODEL SOMETHING AROUND THE INCOME-BASED ASSISTANCE AND IF THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FALLING IN THAT AREA OF LIKE 120% OF AMI WHERE ADDING YOU KNOW 110, \$150 PER MONTH AT A TIME OF REALLY HIGH COST PRESSURES ELSEWHERE IN THE MARKET WHERE THAT IS GOING TO IMPACT THEIR FOOD BUDGET AND IT IS GOING TO IMPACT THEIR MEDICATION BUDGET AND IS THERE A WAY FOR US TO HAVE SOME INCOME QUALIFICATION APPROACH SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE WE ARE PROVIDING MORE OF THE SUBSIDY OR AN OPTION FOR YOU KNOW IT IS LESS THAN IDEAL, BUT EITHER STRETCHING THE NUMBER OF PAYMENTS OUT TO REDUCE THE MONTHLY COST OR REDUCING OUR INTEREST RATE FOR THOSE FOLK TO 0% AND STRETCHING IT OUT?

I WANT US TO BE MINDFUL AND I SAW SOME DISCUSSION AMONGST STAFF BACK THERE - SOME OF OUR OTHER GRANT PROGRAMS, ARE THEY POTENTIALLY THAT ARE INCOME QUALIFIED ELIGIBLE TO ASSIST FOLKS?

>>SPEAKER: JONATHAN BURGE, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR AND AS WAS SAID PREVIOUSLY THE VILLAGE HAD A CDBG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THESE SERVICE LINES AND WE DISCONTINUED THAT FOR THE CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR 25 AND WE ARE IN PART WAITING ON THIS CONVERSATION AND WE COULD CERTAINLY RESTART A PORTION OF THAT IN ORDER TO OFFSET FOR OUR HOUSEHOLD MAKING 80% UP TO CAPPED \$5000 FOR SOME OF THE LEAD PAINT THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT PREVIOUSLY AT THIS BOARD TABLE AND THE IMPACT RELATED TO THAT AND SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD BE ADDED IN AND THAT WAS A

GRANT PROGRAM AND SO HOUSEHOLD THAT WERE MAKING LESS THAN THAT, WE COVER THE FULL COST OF THE REPLACEMENT AND IN THIS SORT OF SCENARIO YOU COULD COVER THE FULL AMOUNT UP TO \$5000 AND THEN THE HOUSEHOLD WOULD ONLY HAVE THE MARGINAL AMOUNT OF THE \$5000 AS A PART OF THE LONG-TERM REPAYMENT PLAN.

AND WE WOULD PAY FOR IT WITH SOME OF OUR CDBG MONEY.

WE HAD \$40,000 LEFT UNSPENT AND SO WE COULD DO PROBABLY EIGHT OR 10 HOUSEHOLDS BETWEEN THAT AND A FEW OTHER SOURCES IF WE NEEDED TO, FOR SURE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I THINK AS FAR AS THE MOTION BEFORE US I WANT TO APPROVE THIS PROGRAM, BUT I DO WANT US TO LOOK AT WHETHER THERE ARE ADDITIONAL INCOME QUALIFIED PROGRAMS THAT WE CAN BRING BACK QUICKLY TO HELP FOLKS WHO WE ARE PUTTING A MANDATE ON TO SPEND \$7500 FOR WHOM ADDING \$100 A MONTH OR \$150 A MONTH - WILL BE A BREAK.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: IF THERE IS DIRECTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS TONIGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN US COMING BACK WITH SOME ALTERNATIVES POSSIBILITIES TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF AFFORDABILITY AND I GUESS THAT WOULD MEAN THAT WE MAY BE AMENDING IF IT IS NOT A SEPARATE PROGRAM IT IS AMENDING THE PROGRAM THAT WE APPROVE TONIGHT -

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: EITHER AN AMENDMENT OR ANOTHER LAYER ON TOP.

>>ROB: IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED WITH THE CDBG PROGRAM YOU KNOW THAT ALREADY EXISTS, WE WERE JUST NOT MOVING IT FORWARD THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF LOW PARTICIPATION, BUT WE CAN OFFER THAT AS A PART OF THE PACKAGE RIGHT NOW WITHOUT HAVING TO AMEND THIS FOR THOSE BLOCKS AND THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCOME QUALIFIED THIS YEAR AND THEY COULD GET THAT GRANT.

AND IT IS A QUESTION IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BEYOND THAT, BUT IF YOU ARE LOOKING IN TERMS OF INCOME QUALIFICATION WHICH WAS 80%, THEN WE CAN PROVIDE THAT AND WE HAVE THE FUNDING THROUGH THE FEDERAL CDBG PROGRAM TO PROVIDE THAT.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

AND I THINK JOHN HAD SPOKEN TO THAT AS WELL AND YOU HAVE THE 80% MEDIAN INCOME THRESHOLD AND IF THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN A LITTLE BIT OF SOMETHING ABOVE THAT THEN WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO USE THE LOCAL FUNDING TO DO THAT.

AND WE CAN CERTAINLY DO BOTH AND AND IF THE CDBG ONLY ALLOWS FOR MAYBE EIGHT LINES, EIGHT UNITS PER YEAR YOU KNOW THE QUESTION IS ABOUT MORE VALUE AND CERTAINLY WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE LOCAL FUNDING.

>>ROB: I DON'T THINK THAT WE WILL RUN INTO AN ISSUE WITH THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED - WE CAN ACCOMMODATE ANYBODY.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: BUT, THAT IS EIGHT, RIGHT?  
EIGHT THAT WE HAVE DONE ON AVERAGE PER YEAR?  
YES, 40,000.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, LARGELY - FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM, IS THERE ANYONE NOT IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL AS HAS BEEN PRESENTED?  
NO?

OKAY.

BUT, THERE IS INTEREST IN USING THESE FUNDS AND THEN IF THERE IS - AND SO ARE WE ASKING FOR ANYTHING FURTHER THAN THAT?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I AM NOT SURE WHETHER 80% OF THE AMI IS SUFFICIENT IN OAK PARK AND I MEAN 80% OF AMI FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR IS A HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$96,000 WHICH YOU KNOW WHICH IS GOING TO BE ADDING \$150 PER MONTH IF YOU ARE LIVING IN OAK PARK ON THAT INCOME YOU KNOW IT MIGHT HAVE A IMPACT ON ALL OF YOUR OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES LIKE THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT UNPLANNED EXPENSE.

AND SO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER 80% AMI IS A SUFFICIENT THRESHOLD.

AND SO I GUESS THAT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS WE CAN COME UP WITH AND HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS WE WOULD ACTUALLY BE LOOKING AT THAT WOULD BE INCOME QUALIFIED OF THESE 81 HOUSEHOLDS IF WE WERE LOOKING AT 80% OR 120% KINDS OF THRESHOLD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: BUT ALSO THERE IS NOT A LOT OF POTENTIAL YOU KNOW IT DEPENDS ON WHAT AREA OF OAK PARK YOU ARE OUT, RIGHT?

SO, IS THERE ANY WAY THAT WE CAN WORK WITH THE 2026 PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY THE INCOME BRACKET AND YOU KNOW - UNDERSTAND WHERE THE SENSE OF URGENCY IS TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING RIGHT AWAY?

>>SPEAKER: WE ALSO SEE THIS FROM MANY MANY THINGS AND IT IS DIFFERENT WHEN YOU GET A DIRECT MAILER SAYING THAT HERE IS A COST THAT YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO INCUR AND THE NECESSITY OF RESPONSE IS JUST DIFFERENT AND SO I WOULD IMAGINE THAT WE WOULD GET A HIGHER DEGREE OF TURNOUT AS WE HAVE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THIS TOPIC FROM EFFECTIVE HOUSEHOLDS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THEN MAYBE SOME SUGGESTIONS CAN COME BACK BASED ON THAT RESEARCH.

>>SPEAKER: IT IS WORTHWHILE TO THINK ABOUT THAT AS A MODEL GOING FORWARD YOU KNOW THINKING ABOUT CDBG AND WHETHER THAT MAY DRIVE THE PARTICIPATION IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, WE ARE GOOD WITH THIS ITEM?

DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD?

BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I KIND OF CUT US OFF A LITTLE BIT.

OKAY.

AND SO -

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: DID WE ALREADY MOVE ON THIS ITEM?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: DID WE ALREADY DO A MOTION AND A SECOND?

>>TRUSTEE EDER: WE JUST SAID THERE ARE THREE ITEMS AND WE JUST NEED TO INTRODUCE THIS ONE.

WAIT, SHE DID -

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, VERY GOOD.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THERE IS A MOTION AND SECOND APPROVING THE PILOT PROGRAM IN 2026 AND DIRECTING STAFF FOR THE AMOUNT OF -- AUTHORIZING EXECUTION.

THANK YOU.

AND CLERK WATERS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLE.

>>CLERK WATERS: TRUSTEE EDER, TRUSTEE STRAW, TRUSTEE ENYIA, TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON, TRUSTEE TAGLIA AND PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

AND THE LAST ITEM WHICH IS A STUDY SESSION - VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON HAS OFFERED THAT WE COULD TABLE THIS TO NEXT WEEK, HOWEVER MY SENSE IS THAT THERE IS AGREEMENT IN THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN PUT INTO THIS ITEM. BUT, I ALSO WANT TO GIVE FAIRNESS TO THE WORK THAT WENT INTO THE PRESENTATION.

HOWEVER THE PRESENTATION IS 29 SLIDES AND I DO NOT KNOW IF WE HAVE THE BANDWIDTH FOR 29 SLIDES.

SO, WHAT I AM ASKING FOR FEEDBACK ON IS IF THERE IS A ABBREVIATED VERSION THAT GETS US TO SAYING YES.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: I THINK FOR OUR PART THERE COULD BE AN ABBREVIATED VERSION TO GET RIGHT AT THE POLICY QUESTIONS AND THE SPECIAL EVENT RATES AND THERE IS SOME CAPS AND ALSO SOME CONTEMPLATED CHANGES FROM A PROCESS STANDPOINT.

>>SPEAKER: SURE, HAPPY TO DO THAT.  
LET'S FAST-FORWARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AS YOU FAST-FORWARD WE DO REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THESE STAKEHOLDERS AND I THINK MOST OF US WE HAVE ALREADY IT.

>>MANAGER JACKSON: WITH THAT SAID THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE STATE.

>>SPEAKER: THE STUFF THAT WAS ALL HERE VERY MUCH BASED OFF OF CONVERSATIONS THAT WE HAD AND WE SENT OUT NOTICES TO EVERYBODY THAT HAD SPECIAL INTEREST IN 2025 THAT BASICALLY SAID COME TALK TO US AND TELL US WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOES NOT WORK ABOUT THE SYSTEM AND THEN HAVE SOME FOLLOW-UP ROTATIONS AFTER THAT.

AND CONVERSATIONS WITH STAFF INTERNALLY TO TALK ABOUT THE SPECIAL EVENTS PROCESS.

I WILL FOCUS ON JUST IN LIEU OF TIME I WILL FOCUS ON THE FINANCIAL ONES AT THE END AND THEN FOCUS ON THE VERY FIRST ONE WHICH IS THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO COME BACK IF THE BOARD IS SUPPORTIVE OF IT - ON SLIDE 20 - CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS DEFINITION IN THE ORDINANCE OVERALL.

THE CURRENT ORDINANCE FOCUSES REALLY ON WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE IMPACTING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

AND SPECIFICALLY CALLS OUT THAT VILLAGE SPONSORED OR VILLAGE DIRECTLY VILLAGE RUN SPECIAL EVENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING

NUMBER OF SPECIAL EVENTS OVER TIME PUT ON BY THE VILLAGE ITSELF AND PUT ON BY PARTNERS, WE ARE COMING IN TO SOME CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE WE ARE GETTING CONFLICTING DATES AND DRAWS ON THE SAME NUMBER IN ORDER TO EXECUTE THOSE SUCCESSFULLY SUCH THAT REALLY ALL SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDING THOSE PUT ON BY THE VILLAGE NEED TO BE GOING THROUGH THE SAME PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ADEQUATELY AND APPROPRIATELY USING THOSE RESOURCES ACROSS TIME AND THAT EVENTS ARE GETTING THEIR MOMENT TO SHINE AND THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT THAT WE NEED FOR THEM TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

AND THE OTHER THING THAT I WILL JUST JUMP TO - IS THE FEE STRUCTURE. SO, WE CERTAINLY HEARD A LOT OF FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL PARTNERS RELATED TO FEE STRUCTURES AND RELATED TO SPECIAL EVENTS FEES OVERALL AND RELATED TO THE WAYS THAT THOSE COSTS HAVE CHANGED OVER TIME AS WELL AS THE UNCERTAINTY RELATED.

IF YOU READ THROUGH THE PRESENTATION YOU KNOW THAT WE CHARGE ACTUALS AFTER THE EVENT IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE FULLY COVERING OUR COST BASED OFF OF PREVIOUS BOARD DIRECTION.

WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT WE MOVE TO CHARGING FEES BASED OFF OF ESTIMATED COSTS AND THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WE ALREADY GENERATE IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT AND WE HAVE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS THAT COME UP FROM EVENTS HOLDERS BECAUSE THEY WAIT SOME TIME FOR US TO GENERATE THOSE ACTUALS WHICH CAUSES A DELAY IN TERMS OF HOW QUICKLY WE ARE BUILDING OUT OUR COST AFTERWARDS AND SECONDLY IT IS THE UNKNOWN, RIGHT? DEPENDING ON WHO SIGNS UP FOR THAT OVER TIME AND DEPENDING ON OTHER SORT OF LAST-MINUTE CHANGES AND THOSE COSTS COULD INCREASE BEYOND LEVELS THAT SPECIAL EVENT PARTNERS HAVE TYPICALLY BUDGETED FOR AND THEY ARE SEEKING GREATER COST CERTAINTY AND ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT THE IDEA BEING THAT WE COMMIT TO A ESTIMATE OF FRONT AND IN ADVANCE OF THE PROCESS AND THEN IN TURN, SEEK REIMBURSEMENT BASED OFF OF THAT ESTIMATED COST.

THE SECOND IS RIGHT NOW WE ASK PEOPLE TO PUT DOWN A 50% DEPOSIT AND WE CUT THAT DOWN TO 20% AND THAT TENDS TO BE A BURDEN ON NEW EVENTS AND NONPROFIT EVENTS TO BE ABLE TO ASK THEM TO COME UP WITH HALF UP FRONT AND REDUCING THAT SO IT CAN BE 20%/80%.

THE NEXT ONE IS THROUGH THE SPARK SPECIAL EVENT GRANTS WE ALREADY GET PEOPLE PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNTS AFTER THE FACT, AFTER THEY COME BACK TO APPLY TO US FOR NEW EVENTS.

BUT, RATHER THAN HAVING FOLKS GOING THROUGH A SEPARATE EXTERNAL GRANT PROCESS AFTER THE FACT TO GET REIMBURSED THAT WE COULD JUST BUILD IT UP FRONT IF YOU ARE A NEW EVENT, HERE IS THE WAY WE ARE PROVIDING DISCOUNTS UPFRONT.

AND THEN THE FINAL TWO, SETTING A OVERALL OF \$10,000 OF SPECIAL EVENT FEES THAT WOULD BE INDEX OVERALL TO CPI.

AND THE IDEA BEING THAT THIS REALLY ONLY IMPACTS OUR LARGEST EVENTS AND IS NOT TYPICALLY HITTING EVERY EVENT EVERY YEAR, BUT IT TYPICALLY TENDS TO BE THOSE ONE OFF WERE BECAUSE OF PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO AN EVENT OR WHO SIGNS UP FOR THE OVERTIME THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE THIS ADDITIONAL EXTRA RESOURCE THAT WE CROSS THAT AND MICROBREW REVIEW REQUEST -- WE CROSSED ABOUT TWICE IN 2022 AND .23 AND OKTOBERFEST IN 2025 AND THE SURPRISE FEATURE ON THE OTHER SIDE AND IS COMBINED WITH THE NEXT RECOMMENDATION WHICH IS A 25% REDUCTION ON ALL SPECIAL EVENT FEES ACROSS THE BOARD THERE WOULD ONLY BE ONE OF THOSE EVENTS BEING THE OKTOBERFEST IN 2025 THAT WOULD HAVE CROSSED THAT THRESHOLD BY \$85. THE SECOND ONE IS TO LOOK AT A 25% IT OF REDUCTION OF FEES ACROSS THE BOARD TO RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS THAT ALL EVENTS PLAY ESPECIALLY THOSE PUT ON BY EXTERNAL PARTNERS IN SORT OF THE VILLAGE 'S GOALS AND THE GOALS THAT THE BOARD HAS SET UP RELATED TO ECONOMIC VITALITY, INCLUSION, BELONGING AND CREATING A SENSE OF CULTURE AND COMMUNITY HERE IN OAK PARK.

THIS HAS A BENEFIT ACROSS ALL OF THE EVENT HOLDERS, NOT JUST THE OLDEST EVENT HOLDERS, BUT WOULD HAVE A ESTIMATED REVENUE LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY \$11,000 WHICH IN PROPORTION IS ABOUT THE AMOUNT SLIGHTLY LESS ACTUALLY THAT WE SPEND ON SOME OF THE GRANTS IN 2025 WHICH WAS 15,000.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

SO, YOU ARE ASKING US TO BASICALLY PROVIDE SOME QUICK FEEDBACK ON NUMBER 28.

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MAY I ASK ONE QUESTION AND THEN I WILL THROW IT STRAIGHT TO YOU JUST FROM SOME KNOWLEDGE - YOU MENTIONED THAT SOMETIMES WE ARE LATE TO INVOICE AND SOMETIMES SEVERAL MONTHS INVOICING MAKING IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR PARTICULARLY A NONPROFIT TO THEN BUDGET FOR THAT, RIGHT? AND THEN LIKE MICROBREW REVIEW IT WAS 23 AND 24 THAT THEY WERE HIGH. SO, WAS THE REASON THAT THEY WERE AS HIGH IN 2025 BECAUSE WE DID NOT ACTUALLY INVOICE THEM FOR EVERYTHING?

I AM JUST CURIOUS HOW THAT IS THAT THEY WENT DOWN AS MUCH AS THEY DID.

>>SPEAKER: PART OF THE ISSUE IS THE AMOUNT THAT IT FLUCTUATES AROUND. AND WE ACTUALLY WENT AND WE ARE FINDING IN THE SYSTEM THINGS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON FOR TIME THAT WE ARE TRYING TO APPROVE THE COST OF OUR RECORD-KEEPING.

THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE COVERED AS WE WENT THROUGH THIS PROCESS THAT WE HAVE SPOTTY RECORDS AND THEY ARE GETTING BETTER. SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER, BUT AGAIN A BIG DRIVER AS IT RELATES TO POLICING COSTS AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH WE HAVE CHARGED THOSE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND YOU HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW TO BRING THE COST DOWN?

>>SPEAKER: WE HAVE A RECOMMENDATION IN THERE SPECIFICALLY AROUND INCLUDING SECURITY CONSULTANTS AND WE WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE THIS GO OUT TO HAVE A SECURITY CONSULTANT THAT WILL GO OUT ON A RFP THAT WOULD SUPPLEMENT POLICE IF NECESSARY FOR EVENTS WHEN WE DID NOT GET A CERTAIN NUMBER OF OFFICERS TO SIGN UP FOR THAT OVERTIME RATHER THAN HAVING TO MANDATE OVERTIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, BRIAN?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I HAD A QUESTION ON THE DEPOSIT - WHAT IS OUR COLLECTIONS RATE ON THE POST EVENT PAYMENT?

>>SPEAKER: WHEN WE HAVE BEEN TIMELY ABOUT SENDING OUT INVOICES OUR COLLECTION RATE HAS BEEN PRETTY GOOD.

WE HAVE NOT BEEN TIMELY ABOUT SENDING THOSE OUT -

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I GUESS ONE OF MY THOUGHTS IS ON REDUCING THE DEPOSIT FOR 20% IT MAKES SENSE TO ME FOR SPECIAL EVENTS THAT ARE PICKETED OR IN SOME WAY REVENUE-GENERATING, IT MAKES LESS SENSE TO ME IF IT IS A SPECIAL EVENT WHERE THE SPONSOR OF THE EVENT IS NOT NECESSARILY SELLING TICKETS OR REVENUE-GENERATING, BECAUSE LIKE THEY ARE NOT BRINGING IN MONEY THROUGH THE EVENT THAT IS GOING TO THEN MAKE SENSE TO CHARGE OUT.

I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS A WAY TO IMPLEMENT A BIFURCATED STRUCTURE FOR REVENUE-GENERATING EVENTS VS. NON- REVENUE-GENERATING EVENTS BUT I'LL BE FINE WITH REDUCING THE DEPOSIT WHEN IT IS FUNDRAISING AND TICKETED EVENTS WHERE IT WILL GENERATE REVENUE AND AS A RESULT WE DON'T WANT TO PUT THE UPFRONT BURDEN, BUT IF THEY ARE JUST PAYING OUT OF YOU KNOW THE ORGANIZATIONAL YOU KNOW REGARDLESS THEN I AM LESS ENAMORED WITH THE 20/80%.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY THAT ARE NOT REVENUE OTHER THAN OKTOBERFEST, BUT THEY STILL MAKE MONEY ON THE BEER SALES. AND BEER TICKETS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO ESPECIALLY IF WE ARE PUTTING EVENTS THROUGH THIS PROCESS NOW THAT MAYBE WE DID NOT BEFORE, BECAUSE THEY WERE PARTNER EVENTS WHERE IT IS YOU KNOW WE ARE JUST CLOSING DOWN A STREET AND I GUESS WE ARE SELLING BOOTS AND WE ARE GENERATING REVENUE BY -

>>SPEAKER: MOSTLY THIS APPLIES TO SOLELY EVENTS PUT ON BY EXTERNAL PARTNERS OR EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, MOST OF THEM, EXCEPT FOR THE FEW NONPROFITS SAID THAT THIS WAS A 50% UPFRONT DEPOSIT AND THERE ARE DEFINITELY OTHERS THAT WE HAVE TALKED TO WHEN WE EXPLAIN OTHER METHODS THAT THE TOWNS USE, THEY HAVE A BIFURCATED STRUCTURE AND THEY HAVE DIFFERENT REIMBURSEMENTS AND OTHER TIMELINES RELATED FOR NONPROFIT EVENTS AND PROFIT EVENTS AND IF THAT WAS THE BOARDED DIRECTION WE COULD ABSOLUTELY WRITE THAT INTO IT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: IT IS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN. ON THE EVENT FEES BY ESTIMATED COST I THINK THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE AND LET'S MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ESTIMATING COSTS, BUT I THINK THAT THAT MAKE

SENSE SO THAT WE CAN BUILD QUICKLY AFTERWARDS, BECAUSE THAT IS GOING TO HELP COLLECTIONS AND ULTIMATELY WE WILL BE DOING BETTER ON THE REVENUE BY INVOICING IN A TIMELY MANNER.

I THINK THAT THE DISCOUNTED COSTS FOR NEW EVENTS MAKES A GOOD DEAL OF SENSE TO ME.

I LIKE THE IDEA OF REDUCING THE SPECIAL EVENT FEES ACROSS THE BOARD, BECAUSE I THINK THAT SORT OF CHARGING 100% OF OUR COSTS, WE ARE SORT OF FAILING TO ACCOUNT FOR THE POSITIVE EXTERNALITIES AND ALL THE WAYS THAT WE AS A VILLAGE BENEFIT BY ATTRACTING PEOPLE TO HER BUSINESS DISTRICTS. AND I THINK THAT I WOULD IMAGINE THE ADDITIONAL SALES WE GENERATE PROBABLY OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR OFFSETS THE LOST REVENUE AND IT WOULD BE INTERESTING IF WE HAD ANY ANALYSIS AROUND NEW EVENTS THAT WE IMPLEMENTED LAST YEAR TO SEE WHETHER THERE WAS A CORRESPONDING UPTICK IN SALES REVENUE IN THOSE AREAS.

BUT, THAT MAKES SOME SENSE.

I AM NOT NECESSARILY IN FAVOR OF PLACING AN OVERALL CAP ON SPECIAL EVENTS LIKE IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE CREATING A DISCOUNT OF EDUCATORS FOR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENTS THAT WE HAVE AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED TO GIVE THE LARGEST EVENTS AND ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, I DO DISAGREE WITH ONLY BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE HEARING FROM THE MOST, MICROBREW REVIEW AND DOWNTOWN OAK PARK WITH THE EVENTS THAT HAVE BECOME OVERLY - TOO EXPENSIVE TO PULL OFF.

WE ACTUALLY ARE AT RISK OF LOSING THE MICROBREW REVIEW IF WE CANNOT COME UP WITH IT BEING MORE AFFORDABLE.

AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT WITH THE BENEFIT OF I HAVE MENTIONED MANY TIMES AT THIS BOARD TABLE LIKE WE HAVE ALL OF THESE BUSINESSES IN TOWN AND IS MICROBREWERIES AND WE COULD BE RECRUITING THEM TO A BRICK-AND-MORTAR SPACE, BUT I KNOW FIRSTHAND THAT THEY ARE STRUGGLING TO AFFORD IT, BECAUSE IT IS A FUNDRAISER FOR NONPROFIT AND OKTOBERFEST FOR DOWNTOWN OAK PARK IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE BIGGEST EVENTS PULLED OFF IN OUR VILLAGE EVERY YEAR AND IT IS BECOMING HARDER AND HARDER FOR THEM TO COVER THAT IN THEIR BUDGET.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: AND I AM SUPPORTING A 25% REDUCTION IN COSTS FOR THOSE EVENTS AND THE OTHER THING WOULD HAVE BEEN A 85 REDUCTION IN ONE YEAR AND SO WE ARE TALKING ABOUT REAL EDUCATORS WHEN WE COMBINE THE TWO IN THE BIGGER THING IS THE 25% REDUCTION WHICH I THINK MAKES SENSE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALSO HAVING IT CAPPED ALSO MAKES IT EASIER FOR THEM BECAUSE WE ARE SEEING TICKET PRICES GO UP WHICH IS ACTUALLY AFFECTING HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE PARTICIPATING.

SO, I WOULD SUPPORT BOTH.

YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT LESS THAN \$15,000 TO SUPPORT BOTH.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: I WOULD NOT BE AGAINST SUPPORTING BOTH AS LONG AS I CAN GET ASSURANCE THAT THIS WILL NOT OVERWHELM STAFF IN TERMS OF

CAPACITY LIKE YOU WOULD EXPECT A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE WORKS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS WHICH YOU DO WANT TO OCCUR TO SOME EXTENT, BUT I DO NOT WANT TO OVERWHELM THEM AND SO AS LONG AS IT WILL NOT BE SOMETHING LIKE WE HAVE TO ADD EXTRA STAFF MEMBERS AND I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE THE CASE, BUT I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT IF THAT IS NOT IN THE -

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS NOT A PART OF THE RECOMMENDATION HERE.

AND I WILL POINT OUT THAT IF WE ARE TRYING TO INCENTIVIZE EVENTS THAT DOES CREATE ADDITIONAL EFFECTS ON PUBLIC WORKS AND POLICING STAFF AND PART OF THAT IS WHAT WE ARE WRESTLING WITH RIGHT NOW AND PART OF THE REASON WHY STAFF ARE PROPOSING TO HAVE A 60 DAY CUT OFF SO PEOPLE CAN PROPOSE EVENTS TO US 30 DAYS OUT AND THREE WEEKS OUT OR TWO WEEKS OUT SIMPLY BECAUSE OTHERWISE WE CANNOT COMMIT TO DELIVER THE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED FOR THAT EVENT TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE ALSO NEED TO BE - LIKE WE CANNOT HANDLE ANOTHER BIKE RIDE.

WE CANNOT HANDLE ANOTHER RUN AND WE CANNOT - LIKE WE ARE CAPPED ON THOSE AND I USED TO BE THE CHAIR OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK MINUTE AND WE HAD A FREEZE ON THEM, BECAUSE FOR OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO NAVIGATE EVENTS AND CLOSINGS OF STREETS AND 30 BLOCK PARTIES EVERY SATURDAY WEEKEND, WE ARE FULL.

I THINK THE TYPES OF EVENTS THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE MOST ARE THOSE COMMUNITY BUILDING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS.

THOSE ARE I THINK WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE LIKE THE ONES THAT ARE SUPPORTING THE SMALL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

BUT, I THINK THAT WE ARE FULL ON BIKE RIDES AND OTHER THAN YOU KNOW WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE ORGANIC ONES -: YOU KNOW IS PRETTY AWESOME.

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: WITH THAT PERSPECTIVE I CAN SUPPORT BOTH, THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I AM GENERALLY - THESE ALL SEEM LIKE REASONABLE THINGS TO DO AND I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD COME ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ON TAPS AND RBC THE BIGGEST COST IS POLICE AND RESOURCES AND THE SOLUTION IS THAT WE WILL HIRE A CONSULTANT WHICH GIVES US WHAT, LOWER RATES OR SOMETHING? HOW IS THAT SAVING US MONEY?

>>SPEAKER: IT IS MORE ABOUT SAVING WEAR AND TEAR.

AS WE INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EVENTS, THE ABILITY TO CONSISTENTLY GET OFFICERS TO SIGN UP FOR THAT OVER TIME, ESPECIALLY AS WE HAVE HAD A SHORTAGE ON THE POLICING STAFF IS GOING DOWN AND THAT MEANS POLICE ARE THEN REQUIRED TO HOLD OFFICERS OVER OR TO DO MANDATORY OVERTIME ALL OF WHICH HAVE IMPACT ON MORALE AND READINESS AND OTHER SORTS OF THINGS. AND IN TURN THIS IS A SOLUTION ABOUT WEAR AND TEAR ON OUR POLICE OFFICERS AS IT IS ABOUT COST.

THE OTHER THINGS, THINGS LIKE WHAT IS ON THE SCREEN ARE ABOUT THE COST FACTOR.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE FORMULA TO DETERMINE HOW MANY POLICE OFFICERS WE NEED FOR AN EVENT LIKE HOW IS THAT DECIDED?

OH, HEY, WE HAVE SOMEBODY THAT CAN ANSWER THAT!  
YOU ARE SO CLOSE!

THAT IS RIGHT, COME ON DOWN!

>>SPEAKER: SEVERAL FACTORS AND I'M SORRY, DEPUTY CHIEF ROB ROBINSON WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SEVERAL FACTORS INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND NUMBER OF PEOPLE, STREETS THAT HAVE TO BE CLOSED DOWN AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: IT IS A FORMULA OF EXPECTED ATTENDEES AND FOOTPRINT OF THE EVENT ITSELF.

>>SPEAKER: THAT IS RIGHT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: THAT IS KIND OF AS EFFICIENT THAT WE CAN MAKE IT BECAUSE THAT IS THE BIGGEST BAR.

>>SPEAKER: IT DEPENDS WHAT PART OF TOWN AND INDUSTRIES THAT GET CUT OFF LIKE MICROBREW AND THINGS LIKE THAT MIKEY ENTAILS MORE POLICE BECAUSE IT IS FOUR OR FIVE STREETS THAT ARE INVOLVED OR NOT.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: WHAT WAS GOING ON AND THE GENTLEMAN THAT YOU MENTIONED THAT WAS MAYBE SPOTTING DATA LIKE BUT WHAT HAPPENED IN 24 LIKE IT WAS SUCH A DIP.

>>SPEAKER: IT WAS A DATA REPORTING ISSUE.  
WE LOOKED INTO IT.  
IT WAS THE REPORTING.

>>TRUSTEE EDER: OKAY, THANK YOU.  
I DON'T REALLY HAVE A STRONG FEELING ABOUT IT OR NOT, IT IS SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF LIKE LOST REVENUE THAT IS NOT GOING TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE AT THE END OF THE DAY AND I AM OKAY WITH IT.  
THAT IS WHERE I AM AT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IS THERE STAFF CONCERN?

>>SPEAKER: ABOUT THE LOST REVENUE?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IN IMPLEMENTING BOTH.

>>SPEAKER: NO.

WE INCLUDED BOTH BECAUSE WE FELT THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE UNIQUE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE LARGEST EVENTS WHILE ALSO RECOGNIZING THE BROADER COMMUNITY IMPACT AND TRYING TO CHOOSE ONE OVER THE OTHER WHICH WE HAVE LOOKED AT AND DID NOT NECESSARILY MAKE SENSE BECAUSE OF THE COMBINED IMPACT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WOULD IMPLEMENTING CAPS CREATE AN INCENTIVE FOR SORT OF DESIGNING EVENTS THAT THEN WHETHER COSTS EXCEED THAT? BECAUSE THE DIFFERENCE IF THE EVENT AS YOU DESIGNED IT AND YOU KNOW YOUR EVENT COST IS 9500 OR YOU COULD HAVE AN EVENT THAT IS TWICE AS BIG BUT YOUR EVENT COST ONLY GOES UP \$500, IT SEEMS LIKE A INCENTIVIZES AND THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY SHIFT COSTS TO THE VILLAGE.  
AND UNTIL WE IMPLEMENT YOU KNOW RIGHT NOW, BASED ON WHAT YOU SAID, IMPLEMENTING THE 25% REDUCTION ON FEES, WE ESSENTIALLY NEVER HIT THAT. AND SO AS THINGS ARE REDESIGNED IT IS NOT REALLY IMMATERIAL CONCERN.

- IT ONLY BECOMES IMMATERIAL CONCERN IF WE IMPLEMENT THAT AND INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO THEN DESIGN EVENTS THAT GO BEYOND THAT, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT INTERNALIZING THOSE COSTS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: I AM JUST WONDERING ABOUT THIS DATA -

>>SPEAKER: WE HAVE TRIED TO DO THE BEST WE CAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND ALSO THE EVENTS STILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED. AND IT CAUSES CHALLENGES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

>>SPEAKER: CORRECT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, ARE WE COMFORTABLE WITH BOTH? IF WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE IS A MORE SIGNIFICANT REVENUE LOSS I PRESUME THAT YOU WILL LET US KNOW.

>>SPEAKER: CORRECT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: SORRY, BRIAN.

I HAVE ALSO PLANNED A NUMBER OF EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: WILL THEY BE EVALUATING THE CODES AROUND RAFFLING?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU - CHRISTINA - THANK YOU.

THE CLERK'S OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF QUESTIONS AND THIS SEEMS LIKE AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK IF WE CAN REVIEW OUR RAFFLE CODE.

>>SPEAKER: WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE COME BACK WITH THE SPECIAL CHANGES AND WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE RAFFLE CODE, AS WELL.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS NOT WELL KNOWN IN OUR COMMUNITY JUDGING BY THE NUMBER OF RAFFLES!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GAMBLE!  
YES, GAMBLING IS PROHIBITED.

IT HAS LONG BEEN A DEBATE, BECAUSE OF COURSE OUR CHURCH HAS HAD BINGO SINCE WE FIRST HAD LIQUOR LICENSE, SO - SO, I THINK WHAT YOU'RE POINTING OUT, CHRISTINA, IS REALITY TO MATCH THE CODE?

OKAY.

SO, CURRENTLY OUR CODE FOR BIDS GAMBLING - AND THEY ARE USUALLY DOES BINGO AND RAFFLES AND STUFF.

SO, WE ARE BASICALLY JUST IGNORING THAT ASPECT OF THE CODE.

THAT ALMOST EVERY FUNDRAISER I GO TO.

BUT, I DON'T KNOW REALLY WHAT QUALIFIES AND DOES NOT QUALIFY.

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>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I THINK THAT WOULD BE BIGGER BECAUSE I WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER DISCUSSION WE HAVE AROUND RAFFLES AND GAMBLING FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE DOES NOT CHANGE ANYTHING THAT WE HAVE ON VIDEO GAMBLING AND OTHER ISSUES, BECAUSE I IMAGINE I HAVE NOT EXAMINED OUR ORDINANCES RELATED TO RAFFLES VS. OTHER FORMS OF GAMBLING YET, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE -

>>TRUSTEE TAGLIA: OUR GOVERNOR WANTS GAMBLING IN OAK PARK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: NEVER WILL HAPPEN!

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WILL DO SO, I DID NOT PREPARE FOR THAT TONIGHT!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: CALL TO BOARD AND CLERK.

CLERK WATERS?

OKAY.

TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>SPEAKER: PAST.

>>SPEAKER: PASS.

>>TRUSTEE LEVING-JACOBSON: HAPPY MUNICIPAL CLERK WEEK!

SO GRATEFUL FOR CLERK WATERS AND AN AMAZING EVENT ON SUNDAY AND IT IS REALLY FAST AND FUN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!

>>TRUSTEE EDER: HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO AND HAPPY CHILDREN STAY IN JAPAN AND THAT IS IT.

GOOD NIGHT!

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THAT WAS A WONDERFUL WEEKEND, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING ELSE.

I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>>SPEAKER: MOVED.

>>SPEAKER: SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ALL IN FAVOR?

(MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)

AYE.