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1	If West Lafayette agrees to use Coshocton water, and in the future Coshocton raises the water rates, and the West Lafayette residents, in the majority, objects to the water rate increase, will not the Coshocton water people require all of the West Lafayette residents to pay the increase?	Yes, however, they have suggested an advisory committee to represent village and/or township resident.
2	If the majority of the residents of West Lafayette protest a rate increase, cannot the Coshocton water people shut the water off because of non-payment, and if so, where can these residents get safe water since the West Lafayette Water Department is non-existent?	Just like in the village, if you do not pay your bill your subject to have your water turned off. Just like if the village turns off your water you would have to buy water from a store.
3	What happens if West Lafayette agrees to get water from Coshocton and Coshocton's water plant becomes a failure in the future?	Just like us the City of Coshocton must stay in compliance with the EPA regulations and inspections. The EPA mandates maintenance and compliance.
4	Since Coshocton wants to expand their water services to West Lafayette, will Coshocton plan for West Lafayette to become its "suburb" in the future?	No
5	Will ALL cost of supplying water from Coshocton to W.L now and in the FUTURE will be assumed by Coshocton?	The current plan is for Coshocton to bare the cost of installation. The cost of repairs will be borne by the city of Coshocton. As far as village expansion that would be negotiated.
6	Who will be responsible for the infrastructure at W.L? Including but not limited to Lines, Meters, Filter Station, Pumps, Etc.	The City of Coshocton.
7	Will W.L. have a contract with Coshocton. both on price and length? (yrs)	Yes there would be a contract.

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8	What is the disposition of the current of the water treatment plant. Timing and Cost?	With the required asset management there will be additional cost to maintain our current plant. The timing is uncertain estimated within the next couple years. The estimated cost is yet to be determined.
9	Will water cost to customer within the city limits of W.L. will be the same as Coshocton. city customers now and in the future?	Yes that is what has been proposed.
10	Will the billing stay with W.L. or be consolidated with Coshocton?	May go to Coshocton but that is still to be negotiated. The goal would be to keep it within West Lafayette.
11	Where does the operation of the sewage plant fit in this scenario?	There are no changes. It would remain the same.
12	It is my understanding from the meeting that our rates will increase around 2% to cover the cost of inflation for operating the Water Department. What will the estimated rate increase to cover the cost of Asset Management, Contingency Plan, Capital Improvements, and a new water plant?	There currently is a study being done by RCAP to better determine these exposures. It has not yet been determined.
13	Since the question of Coshocton vs. West Lafayette impacts many different organizations, do they believe as I do, that converting to Coshocton water is in the best long-term interest of the residents of the Village of West Lafayette. What is the opinion of the following organizations:	
	a. West Lafayette Fire Department	Supportive
	b. Coshocton County Port Authority	Supportive
	c. Coshocton County Commissioners	Supportive

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	d. Coshocton County Board of Realtors	We do not know where they stand
	e. Ohio EPA	Supportive
	f. Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association	We do not know where they stand
	g. Ohio Rural Water Association	We do not know where they stand
	h. Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program	We do not know where they stand
14	The rate presented sounds reasonable, too reasonable to be practical! Coshocton users pay a debt reduction and other surcharges. How much will those costs be for the village residents?	There will be no additional cost.
15	Will an additional debt reduction be proposed/included for the construction of the line to West Lafayette?	No None
16	As proposed, Coshocton will maintain the waterlines and infrastructure. Does that include repair of the streets in instances of water line breaks, or will the village's budget be needed to repair streets when breaks occur?	The City will cover those cost.
17	Same question with the building and tanks; who's budget will the continued upkeep and improvements come from, Coshocton or West Lafayette?	The City will cover those cost.
18	Will debt reduction surcharges be for specific areas or will every customer on Coshocton's system pay the same surcharge?	There will be no surcharge for the village.

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19	Will grants and loans for improvement to West Lafayette's system require the village to commit resources? If so, would that create conflicts or competition for the village when pursuing loans and grants for other improvements the village may be contemplating?	No not at this time.
20	Does the village intend to base their decisions solely on Coshocton's Engineering studies? Or, will the village pursue another opinion from their own engineers or the Rural Water	Yes, we are familiar with the Engineering firm and we will not look into other options.
21	If this does become a ballot issue, will the outside customers, currently on the system, be allowed to vote?	Not at this time
22	Does Coshocton intend to assess those parcels on County Road 16, or any other county or township roads they may be using, for laying waterlines?	Not that we are aware of, to the best of our knowledge they would use existing right of ways.
23	What are the proposed connection fees and rates for potential new customers?	This is yet to be determined.
24	How many customers are there currently inside the village, and outside the village?	Approximately 870 customers (we continue to fluctuate up and down) and approximately 5% of those are considered outside.
25	What are the proposed rates for large use customers (commercial and industrial)?	There currently are not any. Refer to Coshocton's rate schedule.
26	I understand that the village may have some infrastructure that does not meet today's standards for the EPA. Will Coshocton brings those facilities up to standard? How (whom) will pay for those improvements? Does anyone have an estimate of how much that entails and how much that will cost?	Yes as the EPA mandates. Through rates. Not at the present time.
27	You said the presentation was Coshocton's "sales pitch" to West Lafayette. Did anyone verify all of the information/costs, etc. that was included in their presentation? Where did they come up with their numbers?	Yes via there engineers and the engineering firm was the one who determined the numbers.

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28	It is my understanding that the water treatment plant will be paid for this year. How much is that yearly payment and where do you plan to spend this money?	Approximately \$90,000.00
29	Why was the above question not mentioned at the meeting? What else may you not have mentioned?	It was mentioned, however, that alone will not increase the fund adequately to cover potential future cost. N/A
30	Has Coshocton made any guarantees on not raising rates substantially?	We would get the same rate as Coshocton less the surcharge. It would be further addressed in the contract.
31	Will West Lafayette have any say in the rates or will Coshocton have the final control over all rate increases? Will we be at the mercy of Coshocton - forever?	An advisory committee has been discussed with makeup of village representative, and township trustees. This would be part of a contract negotiation process.
32	You indicate our water rates may go up 2%-3%. You need to emphasize to people how much of an actual impact this will make on their water bill. Its not as bad as it sounds.	2%-3% would mean is the rate is \$8.99 and you took 2 percent of this- the \$8.99 would be increased by .18 making your new rate equal \$9.17.
33	Will an employee of Coshocton be on site at our water treatment plant if they take it over?	On a limited basis because there would not be a need for full coverage after the merge.
34	This isn't a question but if this happens, the households outside the village limits should get the same water rates as households inside village limits. We are all outsiders to Coshocton. Those households should no longer have to pay a higher rate for water	This would be a negotiating point for the village at contract time. We would support the same.
35	Do you have plans for additional tax levies to make up for lost revenue?	Not at this time.

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36	How do you plan to take care of our streets with one less street worker?	This would be determined at a later date, once there is a clear since of direction. Our goal is to keep the second street department worker.
37	You have outsourced the income tax (which resulted in job loss to an employee); you now want to outsource the water (job loss to 2-3 employees). What is next? Police Department? Fire Department?	The part time tax administrator was intended from the very start to be short term. If the water is purchased through the City of Coshocton we would abolish the water treatment plant operator. The current operator is posturing for retirement and would simply not be replaced. The other two jobs may be lost but we are a long way away from that decision and circumstances are very subject to change.
38	What would happen to the Waterworks ball fields?	The ball fields will stay under the same leasing agreement. The city has no interest in the land.