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# Warehouse

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businesses already under financial strain because of the pandemic, having to cover additional costs might not be feasible.

“If GM is hurting, George Gusses is hurting,” Mr. Gusses said. “Now is not the time and the place to ask for more money.”

Mr. Rideout remembers being told that before all the votes were even counted that the board had a majority of support, and he felt that he and others were never presented with all the facts. There was no question-and-answer period, he said.

He also cited the cost of the assessments, which for some could have amounted to a 20 percent increase in taxes.

“Most of us over here, we’re little mom and pop busi-

nesses,” he said. “We’ve got to watch the pennies.”

Mr. Rideout also said some of the services provided by the DTID, such as enhanced cleaning, are already done by the property owners in the area. But he emphasized that the program is good overall, and he and others were simply unhappy with the manner of implementing it.

“We’d like to be part of the whole discussion,” he said.

Councilman Rob Ludeman, Economic Development Committee chairman, said a meeting had been scheduled in April to discuss the proposal, but ended up being canceled.

When council approved the proposal, Mr. Ludeman said members were under the impression that these discussions with the property owners had taken place.

Cindy Kerr, vice president of ConneCToledo, which partners with the DTID and through which the DTID had submitted

its proposal to council, said property owners had been notified of the expansion. Everyone involved had received a packet of information, she said, and property owners received petitions to signal their support for the proposal.

To establish or expand a special improvement district, there needs to be at least 60 percent of support from property owners in the area, and Ms. Kerr said there was more than enough support for the expansion.

She compared it to voting — even if someone votes ‘no’ on a tax levy, they would still be required to pay the tax if a majority voted to approve the levy.

Not everyone returned the petitions, she said, but not everyone needs to as long as the 60 percent threshold is met. But after the pushback, officials decided to revise the proposal.

Ms. Kerr said the DTID still plans to work with those prop-



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**Some property owners said that additional costs would be burdensome as they are already struggling with an economy slowed by the coronavirus pandemic.**

erty owners cooperatively.

“We’re still neighbors with them and we still desire at the

end of the day an active and

robust downtown,” she said.

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## About half of Americans say they’ve been saving more money during pandemic

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It’s the paradox of a pandemic that

has crushed the U.S. economy: 12.9 million people have lost a job and a dangerous rash of

businesses has closed, yet the personal finances of many Americans have remained

strong — and in some ways have even improved.

A new poll from the Associ-

ated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 45 percent of Americans say they’re setting aside more money than usual. Twenty-six percent are paying down debt faster than they were before the coronavirus pandemic. In total, about half of Americans say they’ve either saved more or paid down debt since the outbreak began.

The findings highlight the nature of the crisis. About \$3 trillion in government aid in the form of direct payments, expanded jobless benefits, and forgivable payroll loans helped cushion against the fastest economic downturn in American history. Meanwhile, health fears and mandated closures prompted many Americans to spend less on restaurant meals, clothing, and travel.

About two-thirds say they’re spending less than usual during the pandemic. Since February, there has been a \$1.3 trillion jump in money kept in checking accounts — a 56 percent increase tracked by the Federal Reserve.

Kent Sullivan, a landscape painter from Orlando, Fla., has been making extra mortgage payments. The 68-year-old and his wife received \$1,200 in direct government payments and hope to own their home free and clear within 18 months.

“Everything goes into extra mortgage payments,” he said. “As an artist, it’s feast or famine. You never know if you’re going to get a big commission or if the gallery does well.”

About a quarter of Americans say they’ve been unable to pay at least one bill because of the pandemic, including 14 percent who’ve been unable to make a rent or mortgage payment, 14 percent who have been unable to pay a credit card bill and 21 percent who have been unable to pay another type of bill. Seventeen percent have been unable to pay multiple types of bills.

The downturn has also exposed the depth of inequality in the United States.

About half of Black Americans and roughly 4 in 10 Hispanic Americans say they’ve been unable to pay a bill, compared with about 2 in 10 white Americans. And 66 percent of Hispanic Americans say they’ve experienced household income loss, compared with 50 percent of black Americans and 44 percent of white Americans.

Overall about half of Americans say they’ve experienced at least one form of household income loss. That includes 23 percent who say they’ve experienced a household layoff, 34 percent who say someone in the household has been scheduled for fewer hours, 22 percent who’ve taken unpaid time off, and 25 percent who’ve had their wages or salaries reduced.

People in households that have lost income, including a layoff, are about as likely as those who have not to say they’ve been spending less, saving more, and paying down debt, though they are also more likely to say they’ve been unable to pay at least one type of bill.

Overall 48 percent of those who say someone in their household has been laid off have been unable to pay at least one type of bill, compared with 19 percent of those who have not.

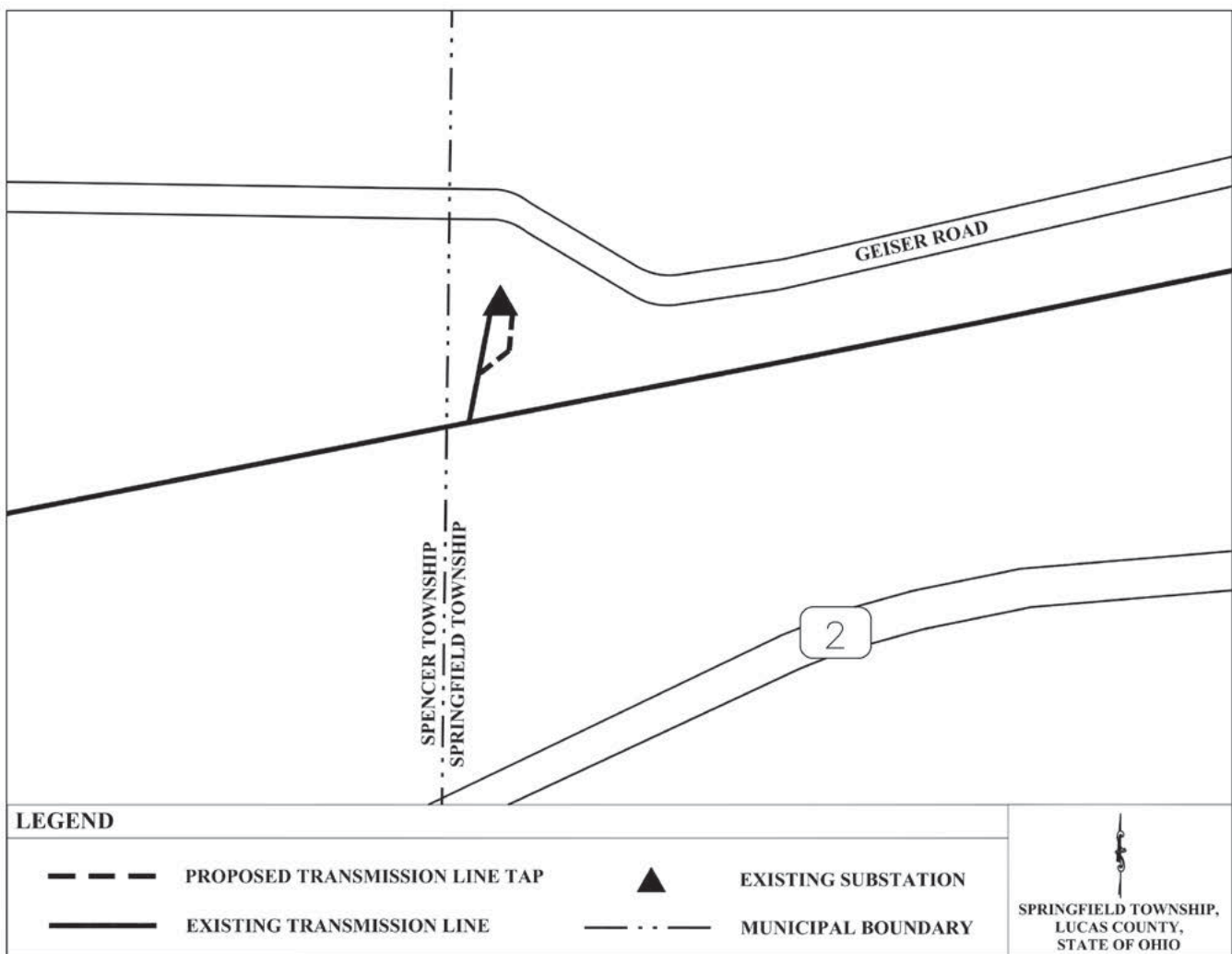
Those savings might help sustain the economy if the downturn worsens or might propel growth if the coronavirus fades and people become more comfortable with venturing out. Brynn Alexander, 36, is cautiously optimistic.

“It’s better than it was in March, a little bit better,” said Alexander, a mother to four girls with her husband, who serves in Army at Fort Benning, Ga. “A lot of my friends are getting back to work.”

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (“ATSI”), a FirstEnergy company, proposes to construct a second tap on the Johnson Controls/Clarios segment of the Eber-Swanton 138 kV Transmission Line to connect a new 138 kV transformer inside the Johnson Control Substation. The proposed approximately 164-foot-long single circuit tap will begin at a new tap structure, extend approximately 90 feet to the east to a new take-off deadend structure outside of the substation, and then proceed approximately 74 feet to the north to the substation. This Project is being proposed in a Letter of Notification application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. This Project has been assigned Case No. 20-1363-EL-BLN by the OPSB.

The Project is located within existing and new transmission line right-of-way in Springfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio.



The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

Commissioner Tina Skeldon-Wozniak, President, Lucas County Commissioners

Commissioner Pete Gerken, Vice President, Lucas County Commissioners

Commissioner Gary L. Byers, Lucas County Commissioners

Ms. Megan Vahey Casiere, Lucas County Administrator

Mr. Mike Pniewski - P.E., P.S., Lucas County Engineer

Mr. Tom Gibbons, Planning Commission Director, Lucas County Planning Department

Mr. Michael Hampton, Administrator, Springfield Township

Mr. Jacob Barnes, Planning Director, Springfield Township Planning and Zoning

Ms. Barbara Dietze, Fiscal Officer, Springfield Township

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Utilities Department, 12th Floor, Borden Building, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, [www.opsb.ohio.gov](http://www.opsb.ohio.gov). A copy of the application has also been sent to the following library:

Holland Branch Library, 1032 S McCord Rd Holland, OH 43528

A copy of the application and information on how to request a hard copy of the application can also be found at [www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_project/ohio.html](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_project/ohio.html).

A Letter of Notification application for a certificate to construct operate and maintain the above-named electric transmission line facility is now pending before the OPSB. The Project application has been assigned Docket No. 20-1363-EL-BLN, and this docket number should be referenced in all communications about this proceeding.

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (“OAC”) Rule 4906-6-08(A)(6), please be advised that interested persons may file motions to intervene and/or file comments with the OPSB within ten days of the date of publication of this notice, in accordance with OAC Rule 4906-2-12, or later if good cause is shown. Petitions to intervene and comments should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite Docket Number 20-1363-EL-BLN.

## U.S. to require coronavirus tests for nursing home employees

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Trying to check the spread of coronavirus in nursing homes, the Trump Administration announced Tuesday it will require facilities to test staff regularly or face fines.

The move comes months after the White House first urged governors to test all nursing home residents and staff. With residents, nursing homes are being required to offer them

coronavirus tests if there is an outbreak or if any show symptoms.

Long-term care facilities represent less than 1 percent of the U.S. population, but they account for 42 percent of coronavirus deaths, with more than 70,000 fatalities reported by the COVID Tracking Project.

“Our recommendations for testing in nursing homes go back as far back as March and April,” said Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS. “What’s different about today is that this is now a requirement ... we want to make sure every single nursing home is complying.”

Ms. Verma said the testing requirement for staff will be keyed to the level of virus activity in local areas. If the positive rate is below 5 percent, nursing homes will have to test staff once a month. If the rate is 5 percent to 10 percent, testing will be required once a week. If the rate is above 10 percent, staff will have to be tested twice a week.

The government will provide \$2.5 billion to help nursing homes with testing costs, Ms. Verma also announced.

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