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A	8/18/2026	Mr. Jacovec	Mr. Jacovec - If water was going to come down Carbon Hill Rd. And the answer was it's going to come down Broadway and halfway to Reed Road not down Carbon Hill Road. Want clarification of high school forum of what is going on and how and if city water is going to be used.	Engineering	Acknowledged. No water extension is planned down Carbon Hill Road, which is a revision from the original plan shared in February at the high school that did show a water extension down Carbon Hill Road. The change to the watermain routing was a result of pressure tests and water system modeling. It was identified that required water pressures for fire protection could be met from the Reed Rd connection. Only municipal water will be used at the site; no on-site wells will be used.
B	8/18/2026	Donna Petty	Donna Petty - 1. clarification of the non-evaporative closed-loop system, yet 20,760 gallons per day are specifically for mechanical max-day demand. Is budgeting over 20,000 gallons per day indicative of unacknowledged evaporative cooling misting or humidification? 2. Why are they installing tier 2 generators?	Water	Acknowledged. 1. Aligned's proposed Coal City campus will not use evaporative cooling; it will use a closed loop system. The listed mechanical demands for the building are not related to operational cooling. The mechanical demands within the utility use memo were provided to include any administrative area water usage. The typical mechanical components that use water are traditional internal air humidifiers and hose bibs. 2. Backup power generation systems at the proposed Coal City campus will be fully Tier 4 compliant, exceeding the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requirements.
C	8/18/2026	Mr. Vilt	Mr. Vilt - I'd like to know where the discharge is going to go, down the ditches to the Mazon River or what?	Drainage	Acknowledged. All sanitary discharges will be through the Coal City municipal sewer system. All stormwater runoff will be detained onsite and outlet at a reduced rate through the existing drainage ditches; the Mazon River is the ultimate downstream body of water for drainage ditches adjacent to this development.
D	8/18/2026	Sue Crawford	Sue Crawford - 1. Why is everything so secretive? 2. What are the long-term impacts?	Zoning	Acknowledged. Aligned is committed to transparency and we have happily gone above and beyond requirements to keep the Coal City community informed and engaged. This includes several community meetings - including dedicating a full day during our latest open house to accommodate everyone's schedules and answer specific questions in a small-group setting. Beyond public meetings, we have participated in local radio and media interviews, advertised in local publications, engaged in conversations with residents, and hosted tours of our nearby operational facility. We also built a dedicated project website, published a Neighbor Guide, and created a direct community email line to keep information accessible 24/7. We have brought this same level of transparency to the municipal process, actively collaborating in Coal City's PUD review committees to refine our extensive application. We will continue this responsive, open approach as the project progresses. The proposed Coal City campus will permanently expand the local tax base - directly benefiting educational and civic institutions - while creating sustainable, high-tech employment and spurring secondary economic growth. Furthermore, the development necessitates localized grid and telecommunications upgrades that modernize community infrastructure at the Project's sole expense. Because operations yield minimal traffic and are subject to strictly regulated environmental controls, the campus provides maximum economic and infrastructural upside with minimal disruption.
E	8/18/2026	Brittany Lindsay	Brittany Lindsey - 1. Why don't we get a vote? 2. What are the long-term impacts with the pollution?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. Historically, property-specific land use decisions are managed through established municipal planning processes, not via ballot initiatives. This structure ensures that technical considerations, such as environmental impacts, undergo a rigorous, multi-tiered review. 2. These impacts are extensively evaluated during the local PUD and Planning & Zoning processes, alongside strict oversight and regulation from state and federal authorities.

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G	9/1/2026	Brittany Lindsay	Brittany Lindsey - 1. Why are there not definitive answers? 2. Why is there not anything concrete? 3. Where will the water go when you flush it? 4. What are you going to do about the noise of the backup generators?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1 & 2. We understand the desire for immediate, finalized details regarding the campus. The reason certain aspects are still being finalized is that we are currently navigating the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process. We deliberately share our preliminary plans with the community and local review committees before locking in our final engineering. This ensures we can adjust our designs based on local feedback and municipal requirements, and you can see the evolution of our plans through the process as the reflect the ongoing comment and feedback via the PUD process and community discussion. However, our standards for water management and noise mitigation are absolute. 2. Standard domestic water (from restrooms and sinks) ties directly into the municipal sanitary sewer system, operating just like any other commercial building. For our facility cooling, Aligned utilizes highly efficient, closed-loop cooling technology that minimizes water use. During initial setup of the system there is a fill and flush procedure that cleans installed pipes. Water used to flush the pipes would be discharged to the municipal water treatment facility appropriately or trucked offsite and disposed of if needed 3. Backup generators are utilized almost exclusively during emergencies, but we take strict measures to eliminate noise disruption. Every generator is housed within specialized, sound-attenuating enclosures and fitted with mufflers. As part of our PUD submission, we conduct comprehensive acoustic modeling to ensure that noise levels at our property lines strictly comply with local and state sound ordinances.
H	9/1/2026	Debroah Walters	Debroah Walters - 1. How is the build going to work? 2. How is the noise going to impact residents and pets? 3. How are you going to be able to staff the center for safety purposes and maintenance?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. We would build the campus in planned phases - as outlined in our Preliminary Construction Phasing Plan in the PUD submittal - to intentionally minimize potential disruption. Aligned would work closely with construction crews to mitigate disruptions and traffic, and we would provide local residents with construction updates throughout the development process. 2. In order to operate, Aligned must adhere to all state and local sound ordinances. Our cooling systems are also engineered for minimal acoustic impact, operating at sound levels comparable to a normal conversation – and often quieter than a standard residential air conditioning unit. The chillers and backup power generation equipment used on our proposed campus would also utilize critical-grade silencing technology. Backup power generation equipment is housed in acoustically treated enclosures to trap sound at the source, and its use is limited only to essential maintenance and emergencies. Our site plan also incorporates setbacks for further sound attenuation. Once operational, the Coal City campus would be required to meet a sound level limit at designated locations pursuant to ILPCB standards. This standard is significantly quieter than existing Coal City code requirements and reflects Aligned's commitment to being a responsible long-term neighbor. 3. We staff our facilities 24x7x365. Because we have expert teams monitoring security and building systems around the clock, our campuses are exceptionally safe and constantly supervised, unlike typical commercial buildings. To staff the facility, our goal is to hire locally - bringing good-paying, long-term careers directly to the community, as well as generating ongoing ancillary jobs for local contractors to support our maintenance needs.

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I	9/1/2026	Winter Wills	Winter Wills - 1. How do we know that the closed-loop data center will not impact the environment and agriculture? 2. How do we not know about the water use, the vibration it will cause or the damages of the noise? 3. Do we know if the sound will impact kids more because of its closeness to the ECC? 4. How will the water evaporation of the center work? 5. Will it cause more humidity? 6. Will it cause heat spikes in the community? 7. What does the surveillance look like? 8. What are the true benefits of the data center?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. Our cooling system is designed to protect local resources by recirculating water with a closed loop for operational cooling. Our design will not discharge wastewater into the surrounding environment, protecting local soil and watersheds. 2. Water use specifications detailing these commitments are publicly accessible within the PUD submittal. All standard mechanical equipment - including HVAC units and generators in a typical neighborhood - produce low-frequency sound, much of which is below the threshold of human hearing. The equipment at our data centers operates on these same basic principles. Our campus design does not include the heavy industrial machinery that generates disruptive vibrations. Any low-frequency sound produced will dissipate quickly over distance, falling well below the existing background noise of wind and local traffic. This facility is designed to be virtually unnoticeable to residents, pets, and local wildlife. We have also modeled and must adhere to sound level requirements by the state (IPCB) in low, high, and normal frequencies as detailed in our Environmental Noise Model report. 3. The sound generated by our facilities is mitigated through physical barriers and enhanced property setbacks. As reflected in our sound study, if operational sound reaches the property line, it will have dissipated to undistruptive, normal background levels, and even further dissipated over the ~1.2 miles from the site to the ECC. For context, our team members and partners work inside our operational data centers every single day without negative acoustic impacts. 4, 5 & 6. Communities do not experience any changes to weather or humidity as a result of our campuses. Some data centers use evaporative cooling towers that release water vapor into the air, which can affect local humidity. Aligned uses an advanced closed-loop cooling system that recirculates water within the building. The warm air naturally generated by our servers is cooled and safely dissipated within the property boundaries. 7. As a critical infrastructure facility, Aligned implements industry-leading, multi-layered security protocols. The campus is monitored 24x7x365 by an on-site security team. Physical security measures will include perimeter fencing, controlled access points, and a comprehensive closed-circuit television (CCTV) system. To protect the privacy of adjacent property owners, no security equipment will be directed toward properties outside the campus boundary. 8. The proposed Coal City campus will expand the local tax base - directly benefiting educational and civic institutions - while creating sustainable, high-quality employment and spurring secondary economic growth. Furthermore, the development necessitates localized grid and telecommunications upgrades modernizing shared infrastructure at Aligned's expense. Because campus operations yield minimal traffic, the project provides maximum economic upside with minimal disruption.
J	9/1/2026	Sue Crawford	Sue Crawford - How many aligned data centers are there (This was answered by Mr. Giannini)? Why can't you put it on Pine Bluff Road (also answered by Mr. Ginnani and Mr. Brown)?	Zoning	Acknowledged and answered during meeting.
K	9/1/2026	Tina Johnson	Tina Johnson - 1. How is this data center going to help public health, safety, morals, and general welfare? 2. What happens when the data center has no benefits? 3. What about endangered species? 4. What about the damages to the environment?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. Our proposed campus is designed to be a quiet, clean, and financially beneficial neighbor that actively improves the community. We use closed-loop cooling system to protect local water resources; we maintain 24/7 on-site security and utilizes advanced, localized life-safety systems; and we generate millions in long-term tax revenue for communities without straining local resources. Through our Aligned Academy, we also partner with local schools to create strong career pathways for students. 2. We view our facilities as decades-long partnerships, not short-term real estate deals. We aren't speculative developers who build and leave; we are long-term operators. Because our customer contracts typically span 10 to 15 years, our presence in the community is incredibly stable. This guarantees that the benefits we bring - such as millions in predictable tax revenue for local schools and stable jobs - will remain a reliable, long-term asset for the community for decades to come. 3 & 4. We operate in strict compliance with all local, state, and federal environmental standards and guidelines, while our careful site planning, natural buffers, and controlled lighting ensure local wildlife can safely coexist on and around our properties.
L	9/1/2026	Elizabeth Ashcraft	Elizabeth Ashcraft - Could you please consider having this meeting at a more convenient time?	Zoning	Acknowledged. We defer to the Village to address this inquiry.

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M	9/1/2026	Patrick Wallace	Patrick Wallace - 1. What is the standard model of the data center (had answers from Mr. Miller)? 2. How will infrasound affect residents and pets? 3. How many generators and their impact? 4. What are the discussions being had on the single or multi story facility? 5. How are the coal mine locations and where the data center placement going to impact the construction? 6. Why don't you build it right next to Dresden? 7. What happens if animals get displaced? 8. What about the agriculture and the impacts the center will have on it?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. Was addressed by Mr. Miller in the meeting. 2. All standard mechanical equipment - including the HVAC units and generators in a typical neighborhood - produce low-frequency sound, much of which is below the threshold of human hearing. The equipment at our data centers operates on these same basic principles. Our campus design does not include the heavy industrial machinery that generates disruptive vibrations. Any low-frequency sound produced will dissipate quickly over distance, falling well below the existing background noise of wind and local traffic. We have also modeled and must adhere to sound level requirements by the state (IPCB) in low, high, and normal frequencies as detailed in our Environmental Noise Model report. This facility is designed to be virtually unnoticeable to residents, pets, and local wildlife. 3. In order to operate, Aligned must adhere to all local sound and environmental ordinances. The backup power generation equipment on our proposed campus utilizes critical-grade silencing technology. Backup power generation equipment is housed in acoustically treated enclosures to trap sound at the source, and its use is limited only to essential maintenance and emergencies. Our site design incorporates enhanced setbacks for further sound mitigation. Once operational, the Coal City campus would be required to meet a sound level limit of 44 dBA at designated locations. This standard is significantly quieter than existing Coal City code requirements and reflects Aligned's commitment to being a responsible long-term neighbor. 4. Based on the feedback of the PUD Committee and the community, our resubmission limits the possibility of 2-story buildings to the southeast portion of the site, with a commitment to single-story buildings on the Reed and Carbon Hill frontages. 5. As detailed in the coal mine map provided with the PUD submission, areas of historical coal mining are to the east and have no impact on the site. 6. Sufficient available zoned land does not exist next to Dresden. 7 & 8. Aligned strictly adheres to environmental protections to ensure no adverse impact on local ecology and agricultural operations. The campus design incorporates significant property setbacks and preserves natural buffers, helping to prevent wildlife displacement and allowing local fauna to safely remain in the area.
N	9/9/2026		Mr. Vilt - 1. Is there any way that there could be a sub-committee formed for the numerous questions that the data center arises? 2. How are Aligned going to prevent brownouts from occurring to the grid and prevent summer heat records? 3. How are Aligned going to compensate for rate payers that are not paying private insurance?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. The Village of Coal City has already put this exact process in place by establishing a PUD Review Committee to evaluate the data center and address technical inquiries. 2. Aligned worked closely with the local utility provider to ensure there would be sufficient power available to service our proposed development and that our project would not compromise residential capacity. The campus would also be served through dedicated transmission infrastructure that is separate from the local electrical distribution system that serves homes and businesses. As a result, the project is not expected to reduce electricity availability for residential or commercial customers in the community. 3. Question unclear, unable to answer.
O	9/9/2026		Tina Johnson - 1. Why is the data center not generating its own power? 2. How is it a logistically smart area to have the data center because of the traffic accidents considering weight limits on roads? 3. How will the data center location impact bats and eagles in the area? 4. How will the data center impact Claypool Drainage? 5. What will occur if flooding or other severe weather happens around the data center?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. The local utility provider already has sufficient grid capacity to safely power our proposed campus. Aligned worked closely with the local utility provider to ensure there would be sufficient power available to service our proposed development and that our project would not compromise residential capacity. The campus would also be served through dedicated transmission infrastructure that is separate from the local electrical distribution system that serves homes and businesses. As a result, the project is not expected to reduce electricity availability for residential or commercial customers in the community. 2. As detailed in the traffic study provided, and pursuant to the terms of a road use agreement with Grundy County we are limiting construction traffic to Reed Road and the interstate as a means to mitigate any impacts to traffic and road use during construction. 3. As detailed in the environmental impact study provided, the site is not considered a critical habitat for eagles. For bats, almost any project in Illinois would be subject to rules and regulations in place that protect the Indiana bat population - the current rules by IDNR restrict site tree clearing ability to timeframes when bats are not roosting. The site is farmed and there is very little tree coverage. 4. The project site will feature detention basins that hold back rainfall on the site and then release it at a slower rate to existing drainage canals. This should improve any flooding condtions that may be occuring in the downstream drainage areas. The design of these detnetion basins will follow Will County Stormwater Ordinance as required by Coal City. 5. As detailed in the hydrological study provided, the extensive on-site water detention will mitigate the effects of severe storm precipitation.

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P	9/9/2026		Debroah Walters - 1. Is there any other meeting times that the committee can meet? 2. How is it a smart location for the data center with traffic concerns (Echoing Tina Johnson)? 3. How can the village absorb costs associated with the development (additional maintenance, PD, Fire services, and traffic signals)?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. We defer to the City to address the first inquiry. 2. As detailed in the traffic study provided, traffic impacts will be sufficiently mitigated and are being analyzed as part of the design and permitting of the project to make sure all roads continue to function to proper levels of service. 3. As detailed in the Mangum report, the project will provide a substantial tax basis for Coal City. It is expected that the tax benefit of the project will greatly outweigh any potential increases to Village services.
Q	9/9/2026	Patrick Wallace	Tom Crawford - 1. How is the village going to afford public safety infrastructure (fire stations, vehicles, and police)? 2. How will the Fire Department respond to a large lithium battery fire? 3. Who are the surveyors near neighbor's property?	Zoning	Acknowledged. 1. As detailed in the updated Mangum report, the proposed project will provide very substantial real estate tax revenue to the Village, which may be used to enhance emergency services, or other important community priorities. 2. Aligned utilizes UL-listed battery systems housed within secure, purpose-built enclosures that fully comply with all local safety codes and industry standards. These systems are continuously monitored and routinely maintained to ensure safe operation. Batteries are housed in fire-rated, concrete-enclosed compartments designed to contain thermal events locally, preventing heat or flames from spreading to adjacent equipment or outside the building. Aligned partners directly with the local Fire Department to establish site-specific emergency response plans, conduct specialized training, and provide 24/7 access to our on-site facilities team for a coordinated response. 3 As discussed, surveyors are not working for Aligned.