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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

(Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag)

MAYOR HILL: Mr. Blank, if we could have roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mayor Hill?
MAYOR HILL: Present.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?
MR. RADTKA: Present.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?
MR. REIDER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.
Treasurer, George Ebling?
MAYOR HILL: George is here.
MR. EBLING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Here.
MR. BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
MR. BLANK: Parks, Buildings, Grounds, Street Commissioner, Dale Grimm?
MR. GRIMM: Present.
MR. BLANK: Recreation, Marty Gibson?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)
Board of Public Affairs?
MR. DIETZ: Here.
MR. BLANK: Municipal Engineer Chris Kogelnik?
MAYOR HILL: Chris has not logged on.
I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda—
MR. BLANK: Arno, make a note Kellie Bordner claims she's here.
(Laughter.)
MAYOR HILL: Okay. You make the note. You're keeping the attendance.
(Laughter.)
Okay. I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.
MR. RADTKA: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka. Second?
MR. REIDER: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Reider. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

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Motion carried.
I'll entertain a motion for disposal of the minutes of the regular Council meeting December 14, 2020.

MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Reider. Second?
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?
MR. BOND: I'll be abstaining from that. I was not present at that meeting.

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR HILL: 5, ayes, 1, abstention. Motion carries.
Motion for payment of the bills.
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Campbell. Second?
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Bond. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

Motion carried.
Mayor's report. By Council rules, I'm obligated to give a state-of-the-village address first meeting of the year.
We have had a lot of activity in the Village. Ultium Cells is going fast and furious with their \$2.3 billion, three-million square foot battery plant. They're also advertising already for help. So, it looks to me like they should be on track for a year from now to be starting to wrap up operations.
TJX Homegoods. I believe that they're—in the next two months, they will be doing hiring. They're already looking at new employment.
Lordstown Motors. We keep getting more and more news out of that every day. If you haven't seen, they are now going to use Camping World as their service centers, about 170 of them across the U.S. So, they're putting their network together. I know some people have apprehension, but it looks to me like things are going forward.
Old Dominion Trucking. I'm not sure what the completion date is, but they're moving forward.
They're still working on the second power plant. The first one has been running for a little over two years. They're still wrapping up—I believe they're looking for the debt now. I believe they have most of the equity wrapped up for the second power plant.
We have been working in the Village—we haven't had any capital improvements lately except for what we have just needed to get by due to the lack of income. However, I did

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get a call from the State, and we will be getting some of the claw back money, which General Motors had to pay back when they had gotten the \$60 million tax credit years ago for their plant. And there was an agreement. There should be an announcement, I believe, within the next two weeks how much we're getting. I was told a number, but I don't want to pass that on until it's verified.

M&M Containers is moving into the Magna building. They make plastic containers for a variety of companies. This will be their fourth facility. They're based out of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

We did get a new water agreement with the City of Niles to prepare us for the future. I've got to give Cindy at the Water Department a bigatta girl for that one because she got a lot of hours in on that.

Due to the fact that Ultium Cells is coming into town, we are seeing about getting a new three-million-gallon water tank. Those negotiations have been ongoing, very slow, but ongoing. Hopefully, we'll be getting that ramped up here shortly.

We're getting new dispatch equipment for our dispatch through some of our CARES money. That should be starting real soon.

We are trying to prepare the Village for the future. We have had a lot of lookers, tire kickers, looking at our properties.

We are well situated. When I first talked to TJX Homegoods, they said whenever they do studies, a lot of companies do kind of follow. And if you've been following the news or any of the commercial realtors or the Chamber or anything, we are designated a hot spot.

We put on a full-time Fire Chief, which may have been overdue. He does an excellent job. He's got us a lot of grant money, and we appreciate the job he did, and it was time because we're growing.

I got a copy of the budget, the appropriations, from the Clerk. Now, some of this includes approximately \$12 million, which is put in from General Motors. But the total appropriations for 2021 are \$23,639,832.61. That just came from the Clerk's office. All the monies are appropriated there.

Our income tax collections in the last year, \$1,718,294.82. That is quite low from what we were used to, but in working with the Clerk and the Finance Committee, we have held the line, and we look forward to better times ahead.

Also, under new business, everybody should have had in their box committee assignments.

Also, I've got about seven resumes for the position of Street Commissioner. Dale Grimm will be retiring at the end of January. So, I'll ask Council to appoint him for the month of January.

We'll be asking for approval of the committees and also for Council President pro tem.

That is it for the Mayor's report. I look forward to this year. I think this year will be a good year. We'll see what it brings.

Is there a Clerk's report?

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MR. BLANK: No, you brought up what I was going to bring up. Just like you said, the general fund is \$600,000, carryover \$600,000 less than the previous year. Better than what I thought it was going to be.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Solicitor's report?

SOLICITOR DUTTON: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?

MR. DIETZ: We're working on stuff with CT.

MAYOR HILL: Okay. Thank you very much.
Village Engineer is not on, so we can't ask for his report.
Special reports. Police Chief Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I've submitted my monthly report for December, along with my yearly report for 2020. If you have any questions, I'll answer them.

MAYOR HILL: Are there any questions for Brent?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Thank you, Brent.
Fire Chief Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any questions for Travis?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Planning and Zoning Administrator and Director of Economic Development, Kellie?

MS. BORDNER: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I provided everyone with some zone map changes and that will reflect three zone changes which were all in June of last year. It's kind of a recapitulation of our zone changes and it goes clear back to 1980. We will continue to add on to that as things change.
I also provided a zoning permit report for 2020. And that shows permit fees of \$323,224.57, which we collected this past year. And the Fire Chief, the Clerk and I have entered the information for the CARES Act grant funds that we have received as required. That has been accepted, and we are good to go on all of that.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you very much. Are there any questions for Kellie?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Excellent report. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Mr. Grimm?

MR. GRIMM: No report this evening, Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any questions for Dale?

MR. LIMING: No, but I'd like to commend the Street Department on the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day snow removal. They did a good job.

MAYOR HILL: I can concur with that.

MR. LIMING: Excellent job.

MAYOR HILL: I know I've talked to Mr. Reider and if you were heading south on Bailey Road out of Lordstown, the second you hit Bailey Road, I'll tell you what, it was a disaster.

MR. LIMING: You can tell exactly where the county line was, any road you're on.

MAYOR HILL: Yes, you can.

MR. BOND: My daughter and her husband were coming in from out by Randolph, and they said the same thing. Bailey Road south

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of the county line was a mess.

MAYOR HILL: It was horrible. I concur. Thank you, Dale.
Bill, is there any correspondence this evening?

MR. BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Okay. Public remarks. If you're new to listening, if you'd like to make a public remark, hit star, six to unmute your phone. Give us your name. After I acknowledge you, we'll want your name and address for the minutes to get it recorded correctly. And you'll have five minutes to speak. Are there any public remarks this evening?
(NO RESPONSE.)
Hearing none, are there any Council remarks?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, committee reports. Finance, Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. We have one piece coming in tonight emergency I'd like to have support from Council. We need to get that passed.
And we're going to pick up our Finance meetings next Monday, the 11th. So, we need to see if we still want to keep the 1:00 time frame like we have in the past. Does that work good for Mr. Liming? Mr. Reider, you have a problem with keeping it 1:00?

MR. REIDER: No.

MR. RADTKA: Okay. So, we'll keep that at 1:00. And then just to, I guess, repeat what Mr. Blank said, our carryover from last year was down \$600,000. Better than we anticipated, but we still need to be careful going forward with our spending. So, we'll have to keep an eye on our spending through this following year. That's all I have.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any questions for Ron?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Are there any questions for Terry?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Public Safety and Police, Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: No report this evening, Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Bob?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I just want to remind everybody. It's from Lordstown Lafarge. They sent an email to me, and I'll forward this on to you, Bob, that the next Zoom meeting is going to be March 15 between the hours of 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. I have a list of everybody that's invited.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you very much. Any questions for Don?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Public Utilities, Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Howard?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Recreation and Planning, Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Lamar?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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MAYOR HILL: Bill, legislation, please.
MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES IN THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?
MR. RADTKA: Motion to suspend.
MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Radtka. Is there a second?
MR. REIDER: Second, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Reider. Roll call, please.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?
MR. REIDER: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Sheely. Second?
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second Liming. Comments?
MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. As you said in your state-of-the-village address earlier, the total appropriations for 2021 is going to be \$23,639,832.61. That's a summary of all the funds.

MAYOR HILL: Okay.
MR. RADTKA: Thank you.
MAYOR HILL: Thank you very much. Any other comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call, please.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?
MR. REIDER: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

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MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 1-2021. Is there any old business Council would like to discuss at this time?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, is there any new business? I'll go first. My recommendations for 2021 committee assignments: The first name I give out for the committee will chair the committee. Finance: Radtka, Liming and Reider. Utilities: Liming, Bond and Campbell. Roads: Campbell, Radtka and Sheely. Police: Bond, Reider and Sheely. Fire: Reider, Campbell and Bond. And Planning: Sheely, Liming and Radtka. I'll entertain a motion to accept those Council committees for 2021.

MR. RADTKA: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka. Is there a second?

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Bond. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR HILL: Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

Motion carried.
I'll entertain a motion for School Liaison, Sheely.

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: I'm going to do a couple more.

MR. LIMING: Oh, all right.

MAYOR HILL: That's okay. New Abatement: Hill and Radtka, but in case there's a conflict, add Blank as my alternate. Existing Abatement Review: Hill and Liming. That's where we meet once a year with the CRAs and the Enterprise Zone Abatements to make sure that they are doing what they're supposed to do to keep their abatement. The Lafarge Committee: Bond and Reider. The Firemen's Indemnity Board: Bond and Sheely. I'll entertain a motion for those appointments.

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming. Second?

MR. CAMPBELL: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Campbell. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR HILL: Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

Motion carried.
I'll entertain a motion to appoint Street Commissioner Dale Grimm for the month of January due to the pending retirement.

MR. BOND: So moved.

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MAYOR HILL: Moved by Bond. Second?
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Campbell. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

Motion carried.
I'll accept nominations for Council President pro tem.
MR. LIMING: Mr. Radtka.
MR. REIDER: I'll second.
MAYOR HILL: Are there any other nominations?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, I'll designate a motion by acclamation to have
Mr. Radtka as Council President pro tem for 2021. All in
favor?
MR. BOND: Aye.
MR. CAMPBELL: Aye.
MR. REIDER: Aye.
MR. SHEELY: Aye.
MR. LIMING: Aye.
MR. RADTKA: Abstain.

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR HILL: 5, ayes, 1, abstention. I'm just glad you didn't say no.
(Laughter.)
Okay. That is what I have for the first meeting of the year. I
believe we'll be going into an executive session to discuss
contract negotiations with the City of Warren. Then I will
probably want a second executive session to discuss
employment for the Street Department. For the first
executive session invite everybody in Council chambers with
the exception of Sharon. And that will be contract
negotiations, sewer rates with the City of Warren. I'll
entertain a motion for that executive session.
MR. RADTKA: So moved.
MR. REIDER: Second, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka; second by Mr. Reider. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call, please.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?
MR. REIDER: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

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MR. SHEELY: Yes.

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried for executive session number one.
I would like to have a brief executive session, second one, employment Street Commissioner position inviting Council, Mayor, Clerk. That's it. Entertain a motion to that effect.

MR. RADTKA: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka. Second?

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

(VOTE: 6, AYE; 0, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried for that executive session. I have no more new business. Does Council have anything else they would like to discuss? If not, we will have public remarks after that. If there are none, the only action taken will be to adjourn the meeting after the executive sessions. Anything else from Council under new business?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, are there any public remarks?

(NO RESPONSE.)

Hearing none, I'd like to thank everybody for coming to the first of the year meeting.

Paul, if you want to call us back on, say, my phone because I'm going to be closing this meeting out.

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Okay. I'll call you on your cell phone.

MAYOR HILL: Yes, sir. Thank you.

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Okay. Good.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you very much.

(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.)

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

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STATE OF OHIO)
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COUNTY OF TRUMBULL)

I, Sharon K. Vigorito, a Notary Public, within and for the State of Ohio, do certify that the foregoing meeting before the Lordstown Village Council was written in the presence of witnesses and by me transcribed. I further certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript to the best of my abilities.

Sharon K. Vigorito, Notary Public
My commission Expires May 9, 2022