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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Public Hearing

(WHEREAS, the public hearing before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

MAYOR HILL: I'd like to call the public hearing to order. Clerk Blank, if we could have roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mayor Hill?

MAYOR HILL: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Present.

MR. BLANK: Solicitor Dutton?

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Present.

MR. BLANK: Clerk William Blank, present.

MAYOR HILL: Motion for adoption of the agenda?

MR. RADTKA: Before we do that, Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a motion we amend the agenda changing public comments and Council comments to put public comments ahead of Council in case there's a comment that Council would like to make off of that.

MAYOR HILL: Everybody heard the motion by Mr. Radtka. Is there a second?

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Bond. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: 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: I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda as amended.

MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Mr. Reider; second by Mr. Liming. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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COUNCIL: All in favor?
 MAYOR HILL: Aye.
 Opposed?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

Motion carried.

Due to the fact that we are having two meetings back to back, I'd like to lay a couple ground rules. I'm going to read the public notice. And if anybody would like to speak, when they come up after I acknowledge them, please give your name and address, spelling your last name so that way the court stenographer can get it in the minutes correctly.

We do have two public hearing sections—public comments sections—one during the public hearing and another one during the special Council meeting. We prefer—

MRS. JONES: There's three.

MAYOR HILL: There's two.

MRS. JONES: No. There's three.

MAYOR HILL: There's three together. There's two special Council meetings. We're all here with the same people. So, you know, to try to expedite things, we're going to let everybody have their say. If you're going to come up and repeat yourself, you know, that's kind of taking up everybody else's time. That's your call. I'll read the public notice. There are seven parcels of land, which are all in this. Even though there's seven different Ordinances, it's all one project. So, if you make a comment about one, you're basically making a comment about all seven. So I'm going to read all seven of them. So that way when you do come up and you're commenting on one, you're commenting on all seven. That way we don't have to have seven different public comment sections. Thank you.

The reading of the public notice. Lordstown Village will conduct seven public hearings on June 16, 2018, commencing at 11:00 a.m. and continuing thereafter until complete at the Lordstown Village Administration Building, Council Chambers, 1455 Salt Springs Road, S.W., Lordstown, Ohio.

The following legislation will be presented for discussion:
 From the Planning Commission:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY 121.003 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY HARVEY AND DOLLY LUTZ, BEING PARCEL NO. 45-117512 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL).
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY 52.5 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY DBR OF OHIO, LLC, BEING PARCEL NO. 45-117511 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL.)

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY 2.4558 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY HOMEGOODS, INC. SITUATED AT 2527 HALLOCK-YOUNG ROAD, LORDSTOWN, OHIO, PARCEL NO. 45-027550 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY 3.674 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY HOMEGOODS, INC., SITUATED AT 2547 HALLOCK-YOUNG ROAD, LORDSTOWN, OHIO, PARCEL NO. 45-048950 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY THREE (3) ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY RONALD E. AND CYNTHIA S. RADTKA SITUATED AT 3640 ELLSWORTH-BAILEY ROAD, LORDSTOWN, OHIO, PARCEL NO. 45-904644 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY 104.46 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY DBR OF OHIO, LLC, BEING PARCEL NO. 45-003359 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY 13.13 (per Auditor website) ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY DBR OF OHIO, LLC, BEING PARCEL NO. 45-003357 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL).

The purpose of this meeting is to allow written and/or oral input from the public regarding the above. Questions may be addressed to Ms. Kellie Bordner, Planning and Zoning and Economic Development Coordinator, at (330) 824-2489. By order of Lordstown Village Council, William Blank, Clerk. This was published May 17, 2018.

Mayor's comments. We do have representatives here from TJX HomeGoods. I know there have been several questions asked by the public. Facebook has gone crazy on us. I will be asking them if they would like to come make a couple comments about what their proposal is. I know a couple of the issues which people have had about the buffer and a conservancy. And, I believe, Mr. Walker, do you want to address that?

MR. WALKER:

Sure. I'd be happy to. Mark Walker, Vice President, Real Estate for TJX Companies. HomeGoods is a division of TJX so when we use TJX and HomeGoods, they're interchangeable. Thank you, everyone, for being here today. I know it's a Saturday. To the fathers, Happy Father's Day. To the graduates—we probably have some here—congratulations. And to the Village Council, thank you for

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taking time out on a Saturday. We appreciate it. The question is about the buffer and how can we insure that there will be follow through on this. I'll have to refer to the plan here. The buffer area in question—I'll just temporarily lean it up here—that came about as a result of a number of meetings with the village residents wanting to insulate a little bit of the activity of the facility from the neighborhoods. After these discussions and listening, we felt that we should give up any future development rights to the buffer area. So we offered this up probably about two months ago, prior to the Planning and Zoning. Our intent is to find a third-party organization that can accept the land. So we'll be out of it if we can accomplish that. And I think we can. In fact, we had a meeting with the County MetroParks Division. And, I believe, Commissioner Brown was at the meeting. We approached them as to one possible group that might want to accept ownership of this. There are others, such as the Western Reserve Land Conservancy Group, which we have not—I have not met with directly yet. Our consultant has. But these are possibly organizations that once we have the chance to come back and meet with the village administration and get your thoughts as to which is the best group, or the direction you'd like to see, we can then formulate a plan to take those really into a very serious, almost ready-to-convey state. So, the answer, Mayor, is that we have started the process with a group that will accept the land. And, I think you know, the Parks Department with the county seems to have very favorable thoughts about the property. Maybe Mr. Brown might want to echo some thoughts about that. But they are certainly one group we'd be happy to work with. In terms of any type of agreement that is needed at this juncture, whether it's here or in site plan review—site plan review might be the appropriate process—but certainly between now and Thursday, we can put into writing that we have a 100 percent intention on giving this land to a third party and taking ourselves out of it. So the benefits can therefore be enjoyed by the community. We think it will make a great, kind of, campus setting for the entire area.

(UNIDENTIFIED

SPEAKER):

MAYOR HILL:

(UNIDENTIFIED

SPEAKER):

MAYOR HILL:

Can I just say something?

No. It's not public comments yet.

Oh, okay. I was just going to say something good.

When public comments come up, if anybody wants to speak, after I acknowledge you—but we're going to run a nice, orderly meeting.

(UNIDENTIFIED

SPEAKER):

MAYOR HILL:

Okay.

I appreciate that. Another issue, which is a pretty hot topic, was storm water runoff. And, I believe, a lot of the issues which a lot of the residents have brought up are issues which will be addressed at site plan review for the Planning Commission. This hearing here is for the zone change only. However, there are some questions which if HomeGoods would like to answer them to try to allay some of the

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questions the residents have, they have the right to do that. But a lot of these questions are for site plan review. This meeting here is for the zone change only for clarification. But one of the things which is brought up is storm water runoff. I know at Planning Commission, TJX is going to be responsible for the initial plan for storm water runoff. We do know that there have been some flooding issues down there in the past. I don't believe there's been that many recently. However, after they do their plan, their plan is submitted to the village engineer where the plans are reconfirmed to make sure that the storm water issues are addressed. But this is not a hearing for that today but this is an issue which has been floating around Facebook.

Another thing is, well, there's two entrances which could be coming off of Pritchard-Ohltown Road. If you look at the map, that area is going to be put in a conservancy. Why that was even brought up, I really don't know. But, you know, if you look at the map, you can see there's going to be two driveways coming out of the front of the plant and there's even some discussion with the residents whether there would be—Hallock-Young would either be relocated and there would be no plant ingress or egress from Hallock-Young or there could be a cul-de-sac there. I believe there have been letters sent out to some of the residents to decide how they would like to address that. TJX said they would address it either way they want.

Another thing that was brought up was who is going to pay for the road realignment? There are state funds available. TJX said, at their last meeting they were at, they have money set aside to pay off the difference. So we have a lot of people running around saying, well, the village has to pay this off. No. TJX is on record to say that they will take care of it if the road gets relocated.

Another thing which would be coming up at site plan—and this is on TJX—well, if they need a water tower and a site for fire suppression and everything, who is going to pay for that? I'll be truthful. I don't know how that became an issue. The village isn't going to pay for that. Mark, if you'd like to address that. I ran that past you one day about fire suppression for your buildings.

MR. WALKER:

Yes. We use—for those not familiar—there's one particular organization that we insure with, Factory Mutual, and they're the most rigid and have very high standards, and they oversee our plans because they, in essence, are protecting our inventory in the facility. And they will have very, very, rigid requirements of us to put out a fire. They happen to feel that if there was ever an issue, the system itself will take care of the situation that the fire services really are there for life safety. So today's modern world, with all the technology that goes into these systems—I don't know the beginnings of how they work from an engineering standpoint, but I can tell you that it is a very, very complicated, very state-of-the-art system that they'll be employing here. It goes beyond anything that was built 30, 40 years ago. And I can rest assure that the building will be protected, and we will use every modern state-of-the-art system that's out there today to

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build this. We're frankly just—it's not a concern of ours. It will have to get done.

MAYOR HILL: I did mention water runoff. You are going to address that, correct?

MR. WALKER: We take storm water runoff very seriously. We have employed a local engineering firm here, MS, who is based here. They are a very proper organization. They have done work in Ohio for many, many years. They have been hired to do the storm water designs and then they will work with the village engineering firm. So both engineering outfits will get together and make sure that everything is done properly. It will be addressed at site plan review.

We have gone to one further protection that was requested by a number of the neighbors. Can there be something else that you add on top of that? And so we did agree last month that this area in, call it orange, up here (indicating on map) be set aside for a berm as well as a swale. Now this is not engineered yet. This is just a conceptual so you can understand what is being prepared. But this is what was asked for, and this is what we're agreeing to do. It may be larger than 4 feet. It may be 6 or 8 feet. It will be landscaped on top. It will provide a nice visual effect for Hallock-Young Road, should the road be built through there. And we are planning and designing the road. It will provide further capturing of the storm water in the event there's a major storm coming through. But I think the design that we will eventually come up with will handle every requirement that the village has from the engineering firm—will meet or exceed that. This will just be something on top of it. It was asked and we thought it was a reasonable request, so we agreed to do it. And we'll have that in writing as well.

MAYOR HILL: One last thing I did bring up about the road realignment. And you have verified at the previous meeting that you have money set aside for that road realignment, correct?

MR. WALKER: That is correct. That will not be a village cost, expense. We'll design it and we'll build it.

MAYOR HILL: Okay. To finish up the Mayor's comments, I do support this project. I believe that they have gone over and above. You know, there's been a lot of chatter, well, the village is hiding something. You know, I haven't seen any proof of that. All I've seen is a lot of comments on that, and that is not correct. When there are public comments, TJX is not required to respond to your public comments. Like I said earlier, this is for zoning issues only. It isn't about site plan review. If they wish to respond, they can; but if they don't, they're under no obligation. This is public remarks as it is during our regular meeting where you can make public remarks. This is your time to make comments. It's not an inquisition or interrogation. That's it for the Mayor's comments.

For public comments, if you'd like to make a public comment, after I acknowledge you, please come to the microphone, give your name and address, spelling your last name correctly. You'll have five minutes. Martin?

MR. JONES: Martin Jones, 2786 Hallock-Young Road. Since the mayor made the distinction between this meeting and—

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(UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER): Can you speak into the microphone, please. We can't hear you in the back.

MR. JONES: Can you hear me now?

(VARIOUS AUDIENCE MEMBERS): No.

MR. JONES: Now?

(VARIOUS AUDIENCE MEMBERS): No.

MR. JONES: It's not turned on.

MAYOR HILL: Did you give your name and address, Martin?

MR. JONES: I did but I'll do it again.

MAYOR HILL: Okay. Thank you.

MR. JONES: Martin Jones, 2786 Hallock-Young Road. The Mayor made a distinction between this meeting and the review meeting. But I would like to point out that, you know, I get this, except where does it go? Three hundred acres of water comes down here (indicating on map) to right here, and goes back into the wetlands. What's going to happen to the wetlands? The EPA going to allow it? Nobody knows. What happens if we change the zoning and it gets to the Planning review or whatever and the engineers decide we can't build this because there's no place for the water to go. Now we have this 290 acres of Industrial that they won't use. They'll go somewhere else. This stream right here (indicating on map) is where they're directing that to. It goes right back in here. This whole area, if you look on the map upstairs, is all marsh. And that marsh comes all the way out almost to Hallock-Young Road. A tip of it is in our backyard. Well, at the edge of our backyard. If they raise the level of the wetlands, I'm under water.

It's just—the other thing that I have asked repeatedly and got no answer for is from about —let's say about here (indicating on map) to here, is a huge drop in elevation. Nobody has explained how you build a building like this on a hill. Obviously, it's got to be flat. How is it going to wind up flat? If you're going to carve it out all the way to Bailey Road, you're going to have about a 50 or 70 foot drop down to there. If you build it up, then that just exacerbates the water issues. This whole area here (indicating on map)—well, not that far, but from about here to here is rock. The bedrock comes right out of the ground. They're going to blast. In Pittston, Pennsylvania, they blasted a million cubic yards of rock. That's what they're going to do here. They have to. I'd sure like to know what they're going to do when they blast this and my basement caves in here. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: Okay. I'd like to remind everybody to please turn off your cell phones. I believe Mr. Holmes wanted to speak.

MR. HOLMES: Glenn Holmes, State Representative, 63rd District, Girard, Ohio, H-o-l-m-e-s. I didn't want to have any scripted comments. I wanted to see how the meeting was going to go. Been gathering a bunch of information the last five or six or seven months. I'm here to implore you, to encourage you, to allow the citizens to vote. A project of this magnitude—it's nice to have representatives. I represent about 140,000 citizens, all state representatives do. It's not practical to have people vote on every decision. We have

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this in place. But we've made it available to everybody. There's an extreme amount of polarization on this issue here in Lordstown. In the perfect world, everybody would have a chance to participate in the process. You've been given the mechanism now to participate in the process. A yes vote to the zoning changes allows everyone in Lordstown to participate in the process. I think that's fair to all the residents in Lordstown. It's fair to the region and it's fair to HomeGoods.

Looking at their history, they have been great community partners. And I want to—I'd love to have them here if the setting is right.

MAYOR HILL:
MRS. DICKSON:

Kathy?

Kathy Dickson, 2860 Pleasant Valley Drive, S.W. I just had a couple comments. You heard me speak before on all the points you guys are addressing today. I'm not so sure I can put any money on it because a lot of it is just a lot of words on paper. I'd just like to ask a question. How many people in the room here actually live in Lordstown? The majority of yellow t-shirts right there don't live in Lordstown.

MRS. DICKSON:

(Comments from several unidentified audience members)

That's fine. That's fine. You own Industrial property here. This is not a TJX issue; this is not a jobs issue; this is a zoning issue. We bought our property. We've lived there. I don't care, I may be the one person in the room that hasn't lived here more than three years, but that has no bearing on this. We bought our property knowing that we had Residential property around us. That's why we bought here. There's plenty of other property on the other side of the Turnpike that would suit this company. We wouldn't be dealing with buffers. We wouldn't be dealing with water. We wouldn't be dealing with any of these issues.

Now, as Martin has mentioned, if this goes to site plan review and it's decided that they can't meet the requirements, then what do we have? We have a bunch of Industrial land still in our backyards. Let me point this out. So you've got all of this that will stay Industrial (indicating on map). For all those people that live on Silver Fox and Pleasant Valley and Hallock-Young, it opens up this whole hundreds of acres here, Constantine property. On the other side, it does the same thing. So, if anybody thinks—and I've seen the signs on Lyntz-Townline Road supporting TJX—well, you guys realize that you're going to have industry in your backyards because this is all changed. They're going to use the argument that we've changed that to Industrial and now we border on Industrial. So, therefore, all that Constantine property can go. So for all you people all comfortable on Lyntz-Townline Road, you're going to look out and that nice field that's in your backyard, it's going to be somebody's warehouse instead of a nice field. There is property in Lordstown that will suit this company. You can take your thousand jobs there. You won't have to blast. It's nearly cleared. The same bats live on that property as they live on this property. So there is no excuse to have to change the zoning on this property. Absolutely no excuse. Thank you.

(Applause.)

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MAYOR HILL:
MR. O'BRIEN:

Sean O'Brien.
Sean O'Brien, O-b-r-i-e-n, Cortland, Ohio. I am the Senator for this district, 32nd District, and I want to express my support for the project. I've heard in my office both those for it and against it. Looking at some of the reasons why people are against it, we went to the company, and we went to the mayor and talked to some of the Council members and tried to figure out how can we alleviate some of these questions and concerns. Is there going to be blasting? I don't know if there's going to be blasting. I don't think there is but I don't know that. That's something we can talk about. But every question we've had—or I've had, I've been able to go to the company and get an answer and understanding. When you look at what's going on with—you had a concern about traffic—but look what is going on in the area. We have GM. They used to have 10,000 people. They went down to 5,000, down to 3,000. Now they're laying off another 1,500. Another 1,000 going the other way, we're still minus. We talked about the buffer zone, putting it into a park or some type of other entity that will keep that forever, not to be used industrial. Once it's that way, it will stay that way. One big thing that I think we have talked about is the schools. The schools are going to have a huge benefit. When you see the cutbacks that have been going on at the state level, as well as the investment that TJX is willing to put into it, I think that speaks volumes for what's going on. We have an opportunity here. A lot of areas would die for this opportunity. And we have to do what we can to work with them to be good neighbors. They're willing to come to our community and be good neighbors. They're willing to address the concerns that we have. If you have concerns, let's get them to them and let's find out. But I strongly support this. And thank you for your time and for all of you being here today.

(Applause.)
MS. MARR:

I'm Robin Marr. I live at 2790 Silver Fox Run, at the end of a cul-de-sac. My home is in this area. Right here, okay (indicating on map.) You're talking about getting the third-party organization. I would like you to have the Ohio EPA involved also as preservation. The word is preservation, not just buffer. Because that's going to protect us more than just buffering. And it was talked about at the last Planning and Zoning Committee, the attorney from TJX did mention it. But that's my concern. I would like this to be preservation with whoever is your third party. And I want to say that I'm not against TJX, but, you know, I want to protect my home. You know, I've worked really hard for my home through the years, and I'm sure everyone else has. But I want to see that as preservation, not buffer. Thank you.

MRS. GARVER:

My name is Regina Garver. I live at 3008 Robinwood Drive
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MAYOR HILL:
MRS. GARVER:

Spell the last name, please.
G-a-r-v-, as in victor, e-r. I, too, want to say thank you for this opportunity to speak. I really pray that we all can get our point across and say we all have different opinions. We all have strong opinions. And I don't want any malice—we

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shouldn't have any malice towards one another. We should be able to say our opinions. And what I'm hearing is they want to hear it.

I do have some questions. I don't know if they'll get answered tonight, but I do have some questions. When GM Lordstown built the manufacturing complex in 1966, they did a good job designing the building with respect to the zoned Residential area. If you stand in front of that plant, you can really see that. GM Lordstown—Mark, you were talking about Western Reserve and taking over that area—there is like 71 plants worldwide of General Motors—and Lordstown is one of them—that has certified wildlife habitat. They have it for the Great Blue Heron Rookery. They have an environmental manager at GM that says the birds nest on about 40 acres and look for fish in the storm water ponds across the street, which I'm assuming is right here (indicating on map). GM is a good neighbor.

In a WKBN 27 news report from North Jackson, North Jackson Trustee Tom Frost made these comments. He said, "We're actually very proud of the development that's going on right now"—and this is going to be about tax abatement. I'm not happy with tax abatement. And my neighbors evidently aren't either. Tom Frost said, "We're actually very proud of the development that's going on right now. We think we have a lot to offer that we don't have to offer tax abatements." I think it's living proof that they have three major projects going on he said, "as we speak, all taxed at 100 percent. The Township of North Jackson has eliminated the tax abatement process which was typically 60 percent for ten years, yet it remains business friendly." People want to come in to that community. Lordstown Village and school district officials disclosed at a meeting that TJX will take a ten year, 75 percent tax abatement for its distribution center. The company also said it would provide a total of \$500,000 to Lordstown School District for security upgrades and athletic improvements. North Jackson, they have a new school building, and they have a new public library. And the school is not dependent on tax abatement handouts.

Everybody says they're going to be good neighbors. And I can't disprove that. I can't, you know, I can't say they're not going to be. They want to reside in our Residential community with as little monetary investment into our community as allowed by our local governmental officials. And now in a—it was just recently disclosed on May 10, 2018, that their CEO, President Ernie Herrman's compensation for 2017 was 1,500 times higher than the pay of the company's median employees, one of the highest ratios of any publicly traded company in the country. This was a provision of the Federal Dodd—Frank Law that took effect this year and forced the retailers to release the data. Mr. Herman's salary for 2017 was \$16.9 million. That's just one person in their company. Also, in the same May 10, 2018, article, Framingham, Massachusetts, which is their headquarters, TJX laid off 300 employees.

I don't know if anybody got this in the mail (showing card mailer). This little thing here. And it came from Ohio

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Realtors, who are in Columbus, Ohio. Back in April of 2013, there was an article that at one time TJX negotiated about 21 million in tax breaks to add jobs to its Framingham, Massachusetts plant. A year later, they moved its data center from Framingham to Ohio after receiving economic incentives to build a technology facility in New Albany. If you received your postcard in the mail from the Ohio Realtors from Columbus, Ohio, New Albany is a suburb of Columbus. They're only 18 miles apart from each other. Thank you. Paul?

MR. GARVER:

Paul Garver, G-a-r-v-, as in victor, -e-r, 3008 Robinwood. I am neither for or against this project. But recently, my wife and I just returned from a vacation in Florida. As we were driving through Georgia, we looked over the highway and saw a large distribution warehouse. Looking through the trees, that were used as a buffer, we saw a truck bay every five feet with a truck in each one. The trees were older, not like the ones they plan on building here. If they were concerned with using something as a buffer, let's try using a wall like you see along the highways so we don't have to see the plant or we won't have to listen to the noise coming out. Are they trying to buy us with a \$500,000 carrot for the school for a building the school plans on using maybe a dozen times a year when we have a classroom last year that didn't have textbooks?

The power plant has no problem in giving us more. Why are they dancing around the per-hour wages that will be for their workers? The only thing they will tell us is they have a \$600,000 weekly payroll. And you know how much of this is going for supervision. If this project is to be done, we need to tell them what needs done, not them telling us what they're going to do.

Point of information, they have a plant in Jefferson, Georgia. Get online. Find out how they acquired the property for that one. Thank you.

MR. BROWN:

My name is John Brown. I reside at 711 Oak Knoll, 44481. I'm the Trumbull County MetroParks Chairman. I've had the opportunity to meet with the Chamber and company executives to discuss the Trumbull County MetroParks taking ownership of the wooded buffer area around this project. I've toured the property, and I will be making a motion to initiate the donation process at our next MetroParks Board meeting. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Bob?

MR. DELLICK:

Robert Dellick, 3002 Hallock-Young Road. Before I get into what I'd like to say, I do have a question I'd like to address to TJX and hopefully by the end of the meeting they might be able to answer it. It came to light during today's discussion. Can anybody on your team identify where the last two homes on Hallock-Young are here relative to this buffer? And for the two total buffers of the 290 acres in the project, how much land, specifically, would be committed in those two buffers? If you can let us know that, I would like that information.

The main thing I would like to address to the Council—and a number of people talked about it, specifically, Kathy—this

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really goes back to zoning. And I think that's what you're trying to decide even though the zoning issue—you know, the adoption of the zoning. I've heard over and over again this is what's right for Lordstown. But doesn't what's right for Lordstown begin with every single person that lives in Lordstown? Not just a bunch of jobs; not just a bunch of politicians patting themselves on the back because I could go into the merits of these jobs. And I beg everybody in here to go online and look at the type of jobs we're talking about. I'm not downplaying; I'm not trying to be bad or nasty to TJX. We're talking about a warehouse. These people don't build anything. They don't make anything. They unload trucks and they reload trucks. Look at the nature of the jobs. Look at what the pay scale is. Are we having this battle over those kind of jobs? Please do that.

But back to the zoning. When my wife and I decided we wanted to move, we spent three years looking for what we thought was the next best place, the ideal place. We picked Lordstown, and it didn't have Ohio's biggest truck stop at the end of this street. And that's what we made our decision on. And I don't believe that I'm alone talking about some of the other people and their concerns here of how they felt about their house; how they felt about their property. And, again, it's not holding back progress, but it's about what you have and the decision you made and now how somebody can come in and change all that. So I'd like you to consider that when you make your decision. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:
MR. KOHUT:

In the back. Yes, sir?

Gary Kohut, K-o-h-u-t, 3577 Lyntz-Townline Road. Okay, so a lot of people have their different issues and concerns here. The only thing I can do is tell my story. And my story is 21 years ago me and my wife decided we wanted to build in Lordstown. When we decided to buy that property, we bought that property because it was a great, scenic, nice area. It had nice, clean air and it was, you know, a beautiful place to live. So we decided to build and start a family there. With that, when I decided to buy that land, my in-laws told me I was nuts for buying that land and paying that much money for an acre and a half. And I told them I'm paying that much money because it's zoned. Because that is my protection to protect me against having a warehouse down the road or having someone next to me. So I was willing to pay that money. So I forked out that money, but they told me I was crazy because they said you can go anywhere and you can buy a lot more land for the same money. But I did it because I felt that was my protection.

Now, I've heard a lot of people say, "It's no big deal. Just do it, rezone it, put it in there. The heck with the people. Do it. It's better for Lordstown." Here is what I say to that "no big deal." Thirty years I've served in the military, and I'm still serving. I've done that to provide for my family. I went to places that I didn't know if I was coming back here to provide that to my family. So for me, it's a big deal. So, when you make that decision, make sure you're not taking that lightly.

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Number two, the Council here has an obligation. They have an obligation to the people that are against this rezoning and they also have an obligation to the people that are for this rezoning. So, with that, not too long ago, you had this same decision with the power plant. And you stood there and you said, "You know what? No. We're not going to do it." And they went down the road to the Industrial-zoned area. TJX says—and we want the jobs—TJX says that they want to have a good relationship with the community. That they want to be good neighbors. They want to be a good partnership. But all we've gotten out of this so far is a Hatfield and McCoy situation. We've got neighbors at each other's throats over this.

And why? Why are you not on Industrial land? Here's what I say, you go on Industrial land, you could be digging a hole tomorrow and we could avoid all this. Number two, and if you went on that Industrial land, you would have your tax abatement. You would have your benefits, everything that you want. The people will have their thousand jobs, and the residents will keep the zoning they've been promised.

And with that, at the very end, I just want to say, there's been a lot of stuff on social media, a lot of comments and stuff like that. We're known as the rich snobs that want to oppose this zoning change. Remember what I said I do for a living here today. I'm protecting your freedom. And why do I do it? I do it because you won't.

(Applause.)

MAYOR HILL:

Please hold your claps for later either pro or con. That's not the purpose of this meeting. Thank you. Bob?

MR. SHAFFER:

Robert Shaffer, S-h-a-f-f-e-r, 2626 Pritchard-Ohltown Road, S.W., Lordstown, 44481. I'd like to encourage the Council to accept the Planning and Zoning recommendation to rezone the seven properties to Industrial. I am one of the abutting property owners. I don't see a truck stop at the end of the road. With the buffer zones that they've agreed to and the area that they've agreed to enhance, you're not going to see them; you're not going to hear them; you're not going to smell them. You're not going to have any of that.

Folks say that this is not an economic issue; it's a zoning issue. Well, it most definitely is an economic issue. That property currently brings in roughly \$7,000 to this community. With that zoning change, the TJX building that they're building and getting under operation, it's going to bring in 85 percent more than what it does now—or 85 times more, rather, than it does now. That's a huge change in income to this village and to the schools. TJX has a proven track record of being good neighbors, community involvement, lending a hand when a hand is needed in a community. I don't see any issues of not moving this thing forward. We need to get them building and get them in here and help our community out. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Mark?

MR. MCGRAIL:

You want me to spell it, Sharon?

COURT REPORTER:

That's okay.

MR. MCGRAIL:

Mark McGrail, 3656 Goldner Lane, Lordstown, Ohio. Let me start by saying—and I've said this before—I support TJX

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being here in Lordstown. And I'd just like to follow up real quick on what Gary Kohut had to say. If this process had been carried out properly, you guys would be turning dirt today, and that's a fact. There's a lot of people whose fault that is—and I'm not here to point fingers. But that's a fact. You guys would be on your way to that center being put in right now.

I had a lot of things that I wanted to say today, but I'd like to address some of the comments that others have made. With regard to the buffer zone, what I was going to propose to Council today was people seem to think there's only two ways to deal with this. You vote no or you vote yes. I actually think there's another. Until some of these issues are resolved, you table this issue. Okay? You don't vote on it next week.

Now, you made a great comment today that went right to one of my issues, the buffer zone. I have been emailing the mayor for months about that issue. No response. I would like to see it in writing. You guys said you would do that. That's tremendous. You guys should have been asking that—I'm not being critical—but prior to your vote, that should be in writing. What also should be in writing is the payment for the moving of that road and any associated costs—whether you move it or not. I don't know. So that was two of the comments.

Mr. Holmes, I don't know if you're still here or not. But you talked about the referendum in general and how everyone should have the right to vote on this issue. Well, the amendment to House Bill 292 pretty much kills that by expediting the process. Now, there is another reason I was going to ask you folks to table this because we get past a certain point, that whole referendum issue goes out the window and we go back to the way it was. There is already in place a process here in the State of Ohio for referendums on issues such as this. We didn't need an amendment to House Bill 292 to guarantee us that right. But what this amendment does, by expediting the process, is to make sure that many people that would want to vote on this issue won't be able to.

First of all, the people who will be—if there is a referendum, okay—proposing this referendum must collect signatures. Generally speaking—and I'm not being specific—in many issues like this, they have up to 90 days to collect those signatures. In this instance, 13. That's all you have is 13. The other issue with the referendum—Mrs. Garver brought out this whole thing—one of the important parts about the referendum is not just getting it on the ballot. It's getting your message out. How are you going to compete with millions of dollars putting out misinformation like that? To combat this, you're going to need time. Again, that's why I would ask you to table this until we can get the referendum process back to where it goes, where it should be.

I think Sean O'Brien left too. With regards to the schools, the school district will be losing roughly one million dollars a year in personal property taxes over the next, I think, it's five or six years. That's a one million dollar deficit in their

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budget every year. No disrespect to you guys, but the amount of money that you're offering to pay the school district is insulting. I don't have the exact figures, but somewhere around a million or more dollars a year should be paid in property taxes to the school district. I don't think offering a couple of thousand dollars for a concession stand is an equitable trade. Instead—and this is another reason—

MAYOR HILL: Your time is up, Mark. Thank you.

MR. MCGRAIL: I'm just about—

MAYOR HILL: Your time is up. I would like to comment to some of the things which Mr. McGrail said. It's not 13 days. After Council takes action next Thursday, you have 30 days to get that done. You never have 90 days. You have a 30-day window from when Council passes it as a non-emergency for that law to take effect. So you will always have 30 days on any zone change. You don't have 90. You don't have 13. To go back to another issue which has come up, it's abatements. You know, I was at a school board meeting two or three meetings ago and it was brought up by a Council member, I would like to see the school board make a reference that Council only grant 50 percent abatements. It was brought up by the school superintendent that if that would have happened, the school board would not have been bailed out by the cash from the power plant, which is going to be over \$20 million over a period of about 18 years. You probably don't know that the school board was going every fall and taking out a loan to be able to make payroll and pay it off in the spring when the income tax — or the property tax revenues came in. Because there was a hundred percent abatement, the school board no longer has to do that. It was brought up about we can't educate our kids with the money TJMaxx HomeGoods is giving \$500,000 for. That's been posted on social media. The interesting thing about that is, HomeGoods didn't just come up with those figures. Those figures came from the school. They said how can we help you out? And they were not required to give the school any money because they're asking for a 75 percent, 10-year abatement. The school will be getting over \$400,000 a year by the time we share the income tax. That's a lot more than the \$600 they're getting from the property right now. Now how much money is enough? Everybody wants to have their kids get educated. I have three grand kids in that school. But because the checks came in so easy from the power plant, a million a year, and if the second plant goes in, it looks like it will go forward the 4th quarter of this year, the school is going to get an \$800,000 cash influx. Now, if anybody who has kids in the school, you know, take a look at their parking lots. We have been hearing about their boilers forever. We've been hearing about their roofs. I'm not going to be critical about the track that went in. I think that is an asset. But when people say, well, we don't need a concession stand. The school asked for that, folks. TJX HomeGoods could have said, what would you like the money for? Which they did from what I was told. I was not there. I do not negotiate on behalf of the school contrary to what you might see on social media.

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Any past dealings, whether it be the power plants or any other company, when there's any dealing with abatements and the schools, the school board is the one who negotiates that. And I haven't seen any school board votes turn any of the requests down, and I haven't seen any Council votes turn down any of the abatement requests. So, if people are up here saying they're against—nobody likes abatements, folks. But you're giving up money you didn't have in the first place.

You can say, yes, the school, we don't need that \$400,000. We should have a million dollars. Guess what? \$400,000 is more than \$7,600. Over half of Lordstown is in the CAUV tax district, which cuts your taxes somewhat. I don't see anybody that's collecting a CAUV tax credit wanting to come forward for the schools or anything else. What other community runs water lines virtually free? Runs sewer lines virtually free? There's communities out here which do not even have an ambulance contract. The City of Warren being one, unless they got one. We put an ambulance on there, and it takes tax dollars to service you, the residents of Lordstown. The money just doesn't fall off trees. But, you know, I want to get back—you have more than 13 days. You have 30 days to take care—

MR. MCGRAIL:

May I respond—

MAYOR HILL:

No. I—

MR. MCGRAIL:

It is right here in the amendment. It's right in the amendment. It says 13 days. You are wrong.

MAYOR HILL:

You have 30 days from the day Council takes action.

MR. MCGRAIL:

Page 130, Item C, read it.

MAYOR HILL:

We will be going—the reason these meetings are accelerated so everybody—if they want to be able to vote. The vote will take place the 21st. It will become effective by the 20th of July. Any referendum petitions would have to be filled out by the 20th of July. After that, they go to the Clerk's Office. The clerk looks at it to make sure they are correct as far as what's being petitioned. He sends it to the Board of Elections. The Board of Elections has ten days to certify it. Then, after that, there could be a vote on August 21st.

MR. MCGRAIL:

As I said before, we already have that right. You guys are perverting it.

MAYOR HILL:

Not us guys. I was not involved with that.

MR. MCGRAIL:

You—

MAYOR HILL:

I have the floor, Mr. McGrail. I've been putting up with Facebook stuff for two months, and I've kept my mouth shut. I'm not going to debate you right now—

MR. MCGRAIL:

Well, you never have.

MAYOR HILL:

I don't have to.

MR. MCGRAIL:

Yes, you do. You work for us.

MAYOR HILL:

I do not have to debate Mark McGrail.

MRS. JONES:

I believe this is supposed to be public comments.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other public comments? Yes, sir.

MR. LONDON:

Jim London, L-o-n-d-o-n. I live at 6714 Helmick Drive, here in the Village of Lordstown. I've been a member of this community for well over 40 years. I have served this community in a capacity for over 16 and a half years, Board of Public Affairs, Councilman, and also on the Board of

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Zoning Appeals. And I was proud to do it. Growing up we had a sports reporter who had put an article in the paper every Friday. He says, "Maybe I'm wrong, by Ben Jones." You can look that up. That came from Punxatawney, Pennsylvania. Well, maybe I'm wrong, by Jim London. And I want to speak about abatements. I'm here to tell you what I knew then and what I believe to be true today. If the State of Ohio does not give an abatement, Pennsylvania will. New York will. West Virginia will. Maryland will. The list goes on. And if you, a community in this state, refuse to give an abatement, well, guess what happens? They'll go to Warren. They'll go to North Jackson. They'll go down here to Austintown. Maybe I'm wrong, by Jim London, but abatements are necessary. If you want to try to provide jobs, if you want to try to better your community, abatements are a necessary evil. And I'm just like you, folks, I don't like them either. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:
MR. PIRKO:

Yes, sir?
Name, James Pirko. Address, 1935 Bianco Avenue, Niles, Weathersfield Township. I've dealt with issues like this in my own community in Weathersfield. I served as Council Trustee 1980 through 1987; fiscal officer '88 to 1990. So I've dealt with zoning. And one of the things we learned in the zoning seminars given by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Township Association was that one of the major tests as to whether the zoning is proper, legal and constitutional is whether it meets the highest and best use for the land. That is the key. And you will lose zoning cases if it does not meet the highest and best use. This particular piece of land has been sitting in close proximity to the General Motors Lordstown Plant, zoned for a Residential development only, or for Agricultural use. Nobody ever built a housing development on this, for some reason. So with this much time, if this had been a good site for Residential, it would have developed Residential. It didn't. The proximity to the freeway, the proximity to the Turnpike, will turn people off from choosing to live there. People do not want to live near that kind of transportation infrastructure. The market has proven that over the last five decades. However, this property is perfect for exactly the kind of use you're proposing, industrial, warehouse, distribution—the same things that the Patel Institute told us 40 years ago that we need to focus our Mahoning Valley on. This is exactly the kind of project that they proposed doing back then because we are ideally situated for a distribution hub. We are midpoint to New York, Chicago. We all know that. We hit the eastern United States, east of the Mississippi, better than most distribution points in the country. Our real estate here is relatively cheap compared to other major markets. So this should be highest and best use what is being proposed by TJX. Also, the whole matter of economic development. We all know what happened to our valley. We see what's happening out at the General Motors Lordstown Plant. I remember when that place was running three shifts full blast and had a van plant running full blast. Those days are over.

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If we are going to get it back, we have to re-establish ourselves. Distribution is a good way to create jobs. It's a good way to develop the community. And having been a real estate agent working in commercial real estate for ten years with Howard Hanna and then with Hanna Commercial, I understand that zoning alone does not make an ideal site. It's about infrastructure. It's about transportation. It's about water, sewer. It's about getting people and materials on to that site and off of that site quickly. Anytime you delay a truck, either pick up or delivery, getting in and out of that place by having them go up and down side roads to get to another location, you're costing them money. Also, the drivers have a limited amount of time they can be on duty on the road. So those delays will cost businesses money. It will cause inconveniences. This is why TJX chose this site. This is a very unique site for transportation.

And I have some heavy experience in this. I've been involved in Eastgate Regional Council of Governments since 1977. I sit on their general policy board. I am a past chairman of their Citizens Advisory Board that involved economic developments, including the Regional Economic Development Commission and working on a regional plan for economic development. I'm also on a 12-county—I was appointed to a 12-county consortium looking at economic development, and we have a shortage of good, industrial properties in Northeast Ohio. Lordstown is sitting on some excellent sites. This site is excellent for the type of project you're talking about. The highest and best use will be TJX and rezoning that Industrial and bringing transportation and distribution in here.

Over in the neighboring community, I'm not going to have to live with it next door. I understand that. But I live in the valley, and our valley needs distribution jobs. Our valley needs economic development. Anything that puts construction workers to work and truck drivers to work—and those truck drivers will be based here so they will probably be living in your community.

MAYOR HILL:

Time is up. Thank you.

MR. PIRKO:

Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Public remarks?

MR. RADTKA:

My name is Ted Radtka. I live at 3483 Bailey Road—R-a-d-t-k-a. You know, I'll give you a real quick history lesson. My dad moved from the farm out here where General Motors happens to sit. In '39, Hallock-Young Road was a slag road. Talk about chuck holes. We had them.

Lordstown was the poorest school district—or the second poorest school district in Trumbull County. Taxes they got were from B&O Railroad and Ohio Edison. We were poor. Then along comes General Motors. Ohio Turnpike went through there first. It was about 200 feet from the house I was raised in and no buffer zone.

Along comes General Motors. We had the golden goose. Okay, Lordstown didn't want anything else, which was fine. General Motors—I'm not knocking them—they built this building, the fire station, they built our schools. But the taxes were different then. You talk about abatements. Like

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them or not, that's the way the ball game is played. Don't say what you could have had because zero times—a million times zero is still zero because you don't have it.

Okay, along comes General Motors, okay. Now we're flush. We didn't need any more business. It took 60 years for business to start coming back here. This is being brought by the state, nationally I was told. You think the Regional Chamber will recommend Lordstown for anything if some company calls and wants to build looking for ground?

They'll say don't bother to look at Lordstown because they're not going to accept anything anyhow.

My dad sold them 120-some acres. Probably the key to General Motors because they wanted a little piece of the pike. That is where their office building sits, in the paint plant. Okay, I look at that every morning, every night.

How many people sitting here would be here if it wasn't for General Motors and if farmers like my dad wouldn't have sold their properties? How many? I wonder. You've got to have progress. Talk about building another place between Salt Springs and Hallock—Young when I moved out here when I just turned eight. You know what that road was called? I remember it was called Swamp Road. Those old timers knew what a swamp was. Look it up. I'm sure they're in the records of Lordstown. They know that. There is a reason probably TJX don't want to go there. I don't know. But I know we could use every dollar. And poor kids needs jobs. I didn't go to college. They need jobs. How many of them are leaving? Everything costs money, people. It boils down to money. I guess that's all I can think of. Thank you all.

MAYOR HILL:

Public remarks?

MS. HOWDERSHELT:

Cheryl Howdershelt, H-o-w-d-e-r-s-h-e-l-t. Just on record, our family is for the project. That's all I have to say.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other public remarks?

(NO RESPONSE.)

Hearing none, we will now go to Council comments.

MRS. JONES:

Yes, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to make a couple comments to what Mr. Pirko said. This is the third time in the history of General Motors that they have gone down to one shift, and they have always come back. They have committed to a \$41 million investment beginning this summer to reroof and put a brand new ventilation system in those buildings over there. They are not going away from Lordstown.

Mr. Pirko, you also stated that if that property was going to be developed as Residential property, it would have already been done, would have already happened. I will tell you, sir, that my husband and I looked at that property before Mr. Lutz bought that property. And we talked with a realtor, and I wish I could remember his name now because he asked me what our plans were for the property. I said, well, if the house was available and the house was in decent shape, we'd like to put a bed and breakfast in there. But we would also like to develop the rest of that property along there and put lots in for homes. He told me that the farmer who owned it was requesting that anybody who purchased that property keep it as farmland. Now, I understand I would not have had

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to honor that; but because I knew that man, my family had known that man for years and years and years and I have lived in this community for 73 years. I could not, with a good conscience, buy that property and then go against that man's wishes. So that's what I have to say about that.

I also want to mention that yesterday I got a phone call from a woman named Jordan with the Vindicator. She indicated to me that she was told by our mayor that I was not planning to be at the meeting next Thursday to vote on this issue. And I said I don't know where that came from because I have never said that. The only thing I ever said was when the mayor handed me the list of meetings and when they were going to be, I asked him if he had a quorum because he never called me to see if these dates were okay with me. He did, in the end of April, call me about a special meeting they were having to go into executive session with TJX. And I told him I was not available for that meeting. So where this came from, I don't know. I don't appreciate people speaking for me. I can speak for myself. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other Council comments?

MR. BOND:

Yes, Mr. Mayor, 2:57 p.m. yesterday afternoon my phone rang. Again, it was a reporter from the Vindicator, told me the same thing. I asked where you got this information. He said from the mayor. I said he named me? He said well, he said there were two councilmen that were supposed to be against this they're talking about not coming to the meeting. Well, that's not true. I wanted to set the record straight on that.

But a lot of this, it is a zoning issue. The people out here understand that. The people that live in Lordstown, I should say. I think it should be treated as such. There's a lot of things—like Mark was talking about covenant for this land that will be separated perpetually from development. Well, it might be a good idea to table this. I think Planning Commission made the decision—that was one of the things they stated in making their decision. They were told that this was going to happen. That's the only way we can actually be assured of it. Can you understand that? And I think that should occur. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other Council comments?

MR. RADTKA:

Yes, Mr. Mayor, if I could. I just have a quick statement. I've been asked in the past where I'm at with my position on Council being, you know, my family's involved in this so I just have a quick statement. Everybody here knows that, you know, this is a meeting for a zone request, which involves some property that's either owned by myself or my immediate family. So this does present a conflict of interest for me. So that time where I didn't get involved on this on a personal level, I did contact the mayor and solicitor, and I recused myself from attending any meetings and discussions and deliberations at that point. I also removed myself from the two appointed committees that the mayor appoint me on, the Abatement Committee and Business Review at that point. I have not and will not use my position on Council to influence anyone on Council or any others on this matter. And to answer the question that Mr. McGrail asked me last

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Council meeting, when this does come for a vote, I will be abstaining from the vote on this, on the zoning issue and any other issues that might come up in the future on the TJX project. That's all I have.

MAYOR HILL: Any other Council comments?
MR. REIDER: Yes, Mr. Mayor. Thank you. I'd just like to ask Mark a question. We had some residents spoke up again about the other properties available. And I know at one Planning Commission meeting you stood up and told us that you had spent the last, like, 30-some days visiting these other sites; am I correct.

MR. WALKER: That is correct.
MR. REIDER: And there were issues with them that you really didn't want to let anybody know what the problem was because that's between that property owner. I just want to make sure that you can clarify that, that you did check on these other properties that's being spoke of.

MR. WALKER: Yes. I definitely can confirm that and acknowledge that we did have substantial conversations with the owners of the property, those Residential owners. We actually employed third-party consultants that went out and did some investigations on the properties. So we spent some time and money to vet those properties. This is the only property that works for us. We have not spoken to any of the other property owners in several months.

MR. REIDER: Thank you.
MAYOR HILL: Any other Council comments?
MR. LIMING: I have one question I want to clarify. At the last meeting, Mr. Dickson wanted to know about—the mayor asked you too—about the fire suppression system and that. His concern was if you need another water tower or water upgrade, such as that, who pays for that? Does TJX pay for that or does the village have to pay for that?

MR. WALKER: We would not come to the village for a water tower or any type of—we'll take care of that problem.
MR. LIMING: So if you need more water, you'll take care of it?
MR. WALKER: From what I know, yes. I can maybe between now and Monday or Thursday get a little more information on what we plan. It's been brought up a couple times about the fire suppression system. Again, I can only tell you we are sitting with probably \$300 million worth of inventory in this building. We're going to take care of it. It's going to have to be protected, and it's going to be protected under the guidance, again, of Factory Mutual, who is the commercial insurer's industry's toughest demander of protection. They don't insure these things without having their butts covered.

MAYOR HILL: Are there any other Council comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Mr. Reider. Second?
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Mr. Liming. Comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

Motion carried.

**(WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF
LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:20 P.M.)**

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk

STATE OF OHIO)
)
COUNTY OF TRUMBULL)

I, Sharon K. Vigorito, a Notary Public, within and for the State of Ohio, do certify that the foregoing Public Hearing 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
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