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**PROCEEDINGS**

**Lordstown Village Council Special Meeting**

**(WHEREAS, the special meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)**

MAYOR HILL: I'd like to call the Lordstown Village Special Council meeting to order. 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: Here.

MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Dutton?

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Present.

MAYOR HILL: I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.

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?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

Motion carried.

Mayor's remarks. I do support this Legislation. I'd like to see Council pass these this evening. That's it for the Mayor's remarks. Are there any Council remarks?

MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I will just take a moment and make a quick statement here. Like I have in the previous two special hearings that we had, everyone knows that this is a conflict of interest for me. So I'm going to be abstaining from the vote and recusing myself from any deliberations or discussions in this issue and this matter. And at no point in time have I used my position to influence anyone, and I will not going forward. Like I said, I will be abstaining tonight. That's all I have.

MAYOR HILL: And under Council remarks we did get a letter from TJX today, and I'd like the Solicitor to read it for us.

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Okay. This letter arrived via email at around noon. It's from HomeGoods, Inc., Framingham, Massachusetts. It's directed to Mayor Arno Hill, and Members of Council received copies, as well as the Solicitor, the Clerk, the Planning

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Commission and the Planning and Zoning Administrator. And it's re: Parcel No. 45-117512, Harvey and Dolly Lutz; Parcel No. 45-117511, DBR of Ohio, LLC; Parcel No. 45-027550, HomeGoods, Inc. (formerly Georgiann Fulkerson property); Parcel No. 45-048950, HomeGoods, Inc., (formerly Bertha Kaloci)—is that how you pronounce that? And Parcel No. 45-904644, Ronald and Cynthia Radtka; Parcel No. 45-003359, owned by DBR of Ohio, LLC; and the seventh parcel, 45-003357, DBR of Ohio, LLC. "Dear Mayor Hill and the Members of the Village Council: In our letter of May 7, 2018, HomeGoods, Inc. indicated its intention to formally restrict future development of that certain area identified as the "Environmental Buffer" through the establishment of a conservation easement or the like in consultation with the Ohio EPA. Since May 7, 2018, HomeGoods, Inc. has had meetings and conversations with several qualified entities that are eligible to acquire and hold a conservation easement or fee title to the land labeled as the "Environmental Buffer."

It is the intent of HomeGoods, Inc. to grant a permanent easement or to transfer fee title to the "Environmental Buffer", in consultation with appropriate natural resources regulatory agencies such as the Ohio EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to a qualified entity which will permanently prohibit the use of the "Environmental Buffer" for industrial, commercial or residential development. Such restriction will not affect any utility easements or natural gas/oil well leases that may now or hereafter exist in the "Environmental Buffer." Each and every activity or construction project in the "Environmental Buffer" which endangers the conservation value of the "Environmental Buffer" shall be prohibited.

Also in our letter of May 7, 2018, HomeGoods, Inc. indicated its intention to construct an earthen berm with interior swale along the western edge of the proposed improvements and the retention pond. The berm will be appropriately engineered with a swale constructed inside of it. The berm will be an average height of four feet. Since May 7, 2018, MS Consultants, the engineering and environmental consultants working with HomeGoods on this project, have continued their work of designing and engineering the berm and swale.

In connection with the proposed distribution center, HomeGoods, Inc. intends to relocate that portion of Hallock-Young Road that currently bisects the separate parcels for which petitions have been filed for zone change.

HomeGoods, Inc. does not intend to seek any funds from the Village of Lordstown for the vacation and relocation of the relevant portion of Hallock-Young Road. In addition, if the proposed development requires water storage and an on-site water storage facility, HomeGoods, Inc. will address those matters at its own cost.

HomeGoods, Inc. intends to install sprinklers in all areas of the proposed distribution center. If the public water supply is not adequate to meet the sprinkler system demands, then

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HomeGoods, Inc. will provide, at its own cost, a fire booster pump and associated equipment.

HomeGoods will implement the foregoing matters in consultation with the Village of Lordstown Planning Commission during the site plan review process.

The foregoing agreements are subject to the acquisition by HomeGoods of the above-referenced properties and the construction thereon of a distribution center. Very truly yours, Mark Walker, Vice President Real Estate." I'll give this to the court reporter.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other Council remarks?

MRS. JONES:

Mr. Mayor, last week, for the second time, I was asked by the media if I would be able to vote on these particular items. And I did consult with our Solicitor, and he said absolutely I had the right and privilege to vote on these issues, that it was not a conflict of interest.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other Council remarks?

MR. BOND:

Yes, Mr. Mayor. I realize that people here in attendance tonight picked up a copy of the agenda at the table up here that lists the Ordinances in order. It does not give the actual text of the Ordinances. I just thought I'd read one section. Section 4. "The Planning Commission and the Village Council have considered the testimony from some 25 individuals for and against the project from residents who abut the parcel as well as individuals who reside elsewhere within the Village and have concluded that the economic and social benefits to be generated from the project far outweigh any alleged harm to the Village and that the proposed zone change will thereby enhance the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the Village." This is pretty clear to me that it is a local zoning issue. A lot of people have been saying all along and that testimony is relevant primarily from these 25 individuals in making a decision here tonight. I just wanted to read that.

I thank you and there's a couple other things I wanted to cover real quickly. In Planning Commission minutes—they have not been approved yet. I have a copy of them, but these are unapproved minutes, and I want to advise you of that. Attorney Strasfeld had said and quote, "okay. We anticipate the project and the contracted prices for the property will increase land values in the immediate area benefiting the owners in large parcels of land that are suitable for commercial and industrial services." Well, there are large parcels in that immediate area. In the same minutes, former Mayor Chaffee said, "behind our property and Silver Fox there are two large sections of agricultural property. If this zone changes to all Industrial, that would open up that to Industrial also." That's something we really need to think about because it will then border Industrial property, if this passes tonight. Those are things I thought we should all be aware of.

One other thing, Mr. Wilke, who is the EPA employee and said, in the minutes, "also, environment covenants of the Ohio EPA is the strongest form of preservation in Ohio to protect the property from future development. My question for verification is it accurate that approximately 130 acres

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will be placed in preservation? Thank you."  
I thought we ought to get those stated here at the beginning. People would understand that because the way I read this letter it says such restrictions will not affect any utility easements or natural gas oil well leases that may now or hereafter exist in that environmental buffer. So it will be still open for oil and gas drilling, it sounds like to me. If they figure out how to drill the Northern Utica successfully, well pads take up about five acres if one would happen to be located there. Just some food for thought. I think everybody needs to be aware of this and we're talking local zoning here. That's all I have to say.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other Council remarks at this time?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, before we go into public remarks and since the Solicitor is the parliamentarian, I'd like him to explain how the vote will be going this evening.

SOLICITOR DUTTON:

You mean the rules.

MAYOR HILL:

The rules, yes.

SOLICITOR DUTTON:

Not telling anyone how to vote.

(Laughter.)

SOLICITOR DUTTON:

The issue and the question is, how many votes are required for passage or to defeat the legislation, given the recusal and the abstention of Mr. Radtka due to a conflict of interest? We wrote an opinion on May 15, 2018, addressed to Mr. Radtka, and we copied the Mayor and members of Council. And our opinion said that he counts towards a quorum. So his presence here counts towards a quorum. And he must recuse himself. He must state it on the record and state the reason why. Then he must refrain from any participation, not only in voting, but in discussing or influencing. To my knowledge, he's done this in every forum that he has attended.

What does that position mean? That means, according to an Ohio Ethics Commission ruling and an Ohio Attorney General opinion and one case in Ohio from 1992, that he would not be counted. It would be as though he had resigned from the Council. So there would be five eligible votes. So three votes are required for majority. That's either for passage or to defeat the legislation.

Now, Senate Bill 292 sort of reinforced that opinion because our opinion is really consistent with Senate Bill 292, and we wrote the opinion well before Senate Bill 292 was even contemplated.

In Section 12(a) of Senate Bill 292—I'm not going to read the whole thing. I'm going to read the relevant part. "If a member of the legislative authority is present but abstains from voting on the Ordinance, the member's seat on the legislative authority shall not be counted for the purpose of determining the required number of votes for the legislative authority to pass the Ordinance or to pass the Ordinance as an emergency measure." These are not emergency pieces of legislation.

So, based upon our opinion, our research and also language in Senate Bill 292, there will be five eligible votes here. It will take three affirmative votes for passage or defeat.

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MAYOR HILL:

Any other Council remarks?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Now to public remarks section. If you'd like to make a public remark, after I acknowledge you, please come to the microphone and give your name and address with your last name spelled so we can get it recorded in the minutes correctly. I will ask whether you will be pro or con. Please refrain from clapping when somebody comes up to speak as a courtesy for everybody else. Public remarks?

MR. COE:

My name is Richard Coe, C-o-e. I live at 3391 Lyntz-Townline Road, SW, in Lordstown here. I wish to say that I believe the Mayor and the Council have done a great job in the past at bringing businesses to Lordstown. Most recently they, along with the Zoning Board, denied approving a zoning change on Salt Springs Road for the energy plant. I worked with them to build on an Industrial site. That was a huge win for our school and for our village and will provide substantial income for the people in the future.

The people that are most affected by this zoning change have done a great deal of work in research and investigation to why the zoning should not be changed. Unfortunately, it seems to be falling on deaf ears. This is not about the Lutz or Radtka families selling their property. I know Ron, and I've talked to him on occasion. We've had a good relationship. I just met Harvey Lutz tonight, and he seems like a decent person. And I'm sure most families are fine families and hard working. It's not about them. It's about the zoning change.

The school has been told how much income they will receive in the beginning. \$130,000 will be given to them to put in security at the school. They will also be given \$400,000 in a lump sum. I have been informed that at the school it needs to have the roof either repaired or replaced. And there are serious issues with the boilers. But, instead of addressing these important issues, they chose to build a new concession building at the new track. I guess I'm the only one that unfortunately is confused by this logic. Maybe there's more than money issues at the school. Wise choices are also important.

This zoning issue has divided a village. Maybe it should be taken into consideration. Maybe the well-being and unity of the village should take priority. It's not always about the money. I'm sure that TJX, if it truly wants to be a good neighbor and build here, would be willing to negotiate some kind of deal to build on an alternative Industrial site and the village would surely cooperate. I believe that as a unified village we can do this, and I wish the Council would consider these things when they vote this evening. Thank you very much.

MAYOR HILL:

Any other public remarks?

MR. DICKSON:

Brett Dickson, D-i-c-k-s-o-n, 2860 Pleasant Valley Drive, SW, in Lordstown. H.B. 292, Section 12 did not clarify the language. There was no ambiguity. Before it passed, it took four votes out of this body of six to pass it. Today it takes three. H.B. 292, 12 changed that. Don't get confused. It was not clarified. It was changed. It was changed for this

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project.

If this passes, we will seek a referendum. We were told we need to do that. We do have counsel engaged. If you need to know his name, I can get you that.

Of all the points made for and against this project, the one that bothers me the most is the one that is irreversible. And it's based in physics. Myself and multiple other residents have brought this up in the past. And there's nothing in today's TJX letter that mitigates the one last remaining problem I have with this project. The minutes will live forever. This record will go on in perpetuity. Four million square feet of impervious roof and asphalt—73 feet below Bailey Road is the basement door to my house. Four million square foot of asphalt and roof, 73 feet of it uphill. The storm water will run down that hill. Gravity will pull that water downhill.

The state standard for the design of the storm water runoff is a three-quarter inch rain event. In the last 12 months, we've had in excess of that 18 times. Five of those times it was in excess of two inches, three times the state standard. To date we've punted this problem into the site review, that we'll do something that magically fixes this. If we really believe that we're going to have a plan—a storm water plan that's in excess of three times what the state mandates to take care of our storm water, it's a risk. It's a big question.

There exists 120 homes downhill like mine from this proposed project. Nearly ten percent of all the homes in Lordstown are within 6,000 feet, just a little over a mile. That's a lot of homes. A lot of homes have basements. Let's just say, after this projects goes through, assuming it passes, and only 20 percent of those homes have a water issue in their basement, just 20 percent. Let's say only half of those had finished basements, only 12. A finished basement is expensive. It's expensive to replace. So, let's say that finished basement is 50 grand. Most people have insurance. They're going to be covered. Twelve homes, \$50,000 each, \$600,000. Do you think that two-inch rain event that's three times the state standard might cause that to happen? A \$600,000 problem to the residents in this village. Happened five times in the last 12 months. I don't know if two inches is going to do it. I don't know if two and a half is going to do it. I don't know if three inches is going to do it. But I do know the situation we have right now around my house, it's pretty fragile. It's at the extent that it can take—some days when those gully washers come, one more drop of water and we'll build an ark. It's not a small problem.

There are consequences to our actions. And tonight you're set up to vote on this recommendation. If you vote to pass this recommendation from the Planning Commission, you will be joining them in culpability for this action. You are not indemnified by the village or any other level of government. You may have representation from the Solicitor, but he's not going to pay damages. If you vote yes for this, you could be in trouble personally, financially. Three yes votes can pass this tonight. \$600,000 divided by three is \$200,000. When the heavens open and a northeast

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Ohio gully washer comes down that mountain, keep your personal checkbook handy. God bless this Council and God bless this village.

MAYOR HILL:  
MS. DICKSON:

Any other public remarks?

Kathy Dickson, D-i-c-k-s-o-n, 2860 Pleasant Valley Drive, S.W. So, at this point, the Council takes the next step with a vote. This decision comes with controversy, as well as consequences. We know all about the controversy. We've been hearing it for months. Residents pitted against residents. The Regional Chamber steering TJX to the Residential property. Legislators changing state law to accommodate temporarily. Unanswered questions from TJX. It goes on and on. Having said that, for the Councilmen, there are underlying consequences. You are not indemnified financially. Now, let me define indemnification for those of you who don't know what that means. In this case, it means for each member of the Planning Committee and Council who vote yes to this zoning request, they would be held financially responsibly to compensate for damage or loss sustained or expenses incurred by the surrounding homeowners. In other words, if homeowners' foundations crack because TJX had to blast to get the bedrock out in order to have enough property to put their building on, or if your basement floods, as Brett just mentioned, because of the 130 acres of natural forest being replaced by concrete and asphalt, the Council members who vote yes could be responsible. All of those expenses would fall back to those who voted yes.

Who's not financially responsible for payment of damages?

Well, anyone sitting here tonight in a yellow TJX t-shirt.

Council President Radtka is abstaining. He's not responsible.

Tim Ryan, nope. Sean O'Brien, nope. Glenn Holmes, nope.

Sarah Boyarko, who started this whole thing, nope. Solicitor

Dutton, huh uh. I could go on, but I think you get my

point. Personally, I'm going to let my insurance company fight it out for us. They have lots of lawyers.

I'm going home tonight and taking pictures of our foundation and our basement floors to make sure today I have records that there are no problems. We've had this house—our house was built 15 years ago, and we've never had a water intrusion. So I'm going to make sure my insurance company knows that.

So, I'm just wondering if Councilmen have that kind of funds to back up their vote. They will have Solicitor Dutton's

representation, however, no indemnification. I would imagine no one in this room wants to bear that burden. If you do, I'm sure they might consider changing places with you right now, but that's not possible either.

So don't be naive to think that there won't be damages. In fact, we will take pictures, and I will advise everybody else in this room that lives near the site, you better go home and do the same thing.

Now let's be real, TJX is passionate about settling in Lordstown. The I-80 east, west and I-76 corridor are too tempting to pass up. They will move to another I-1 property in Lordstown. We will get the jobs. The school will get the

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MAYOR HILL:  
MR. MARR:

concessions. And the citizens will finally put this to rest with a vote tonight or through legal, binding court decisions. You can vote yes and continue this insanity, or you can vote no thereby removing the financial responsibility from yourselves for years to come and end it tonight. Thank you. Any other public remarks?

My name is Jerry Marr. I live at 2790 Silver Fox Drive, S.W., Warren, Ohio, mailing address, not Lordstown. I live at the end of a cul-de-sac on Silver Fox that has never been shown, basically. And—I hate to use this term—the fake news that's put out by the Tribune, the YTV, the Vindicator, my area doesn't exist on the damn maps. When I call the one guy from the Tribune, because he did put it on the map, he got the road coming right across my property.

My neighbor got a letter saying he was an a-hole because he didn't support the project. He was concerned about it. I guess I'm an a-hole because I'm concerned about the project and where this road is going. One time you get it going across my property. Next time they're going to close the road and reroute it. Another time they're going to make a cul-de-sac.

When I went for a zoning change to put up a building on my property, I had to submit all kinds of plans before I was granted the ability to put the building on, not after. What the hell? Because you're a \$500 million company you can go talk to somebody else, get the legislators to do what you want. My gosh. The Tribune and the Vindicator had just previously said that they were so glad that it is open Sunshine month and open involvement with the government in the papers. Where the hell's the Sunshine Laws now protecting me? I don't think they exist.

I get stopped one day by somebody from the Chamber, who sits at the end of my driveway, to hand me a letter to go to a private meeting. Then I hear, "we bought the property." To me that gives me the impression that this is basically a done deal. You know, it just really infuriates me. The more I've seen, the less I like this project.

I guess if I offered anything—and everybody says they're going to close GM. Well, shit, Canada is getting ready to legalize marijuana. Turn the damn GM plant into the world's largest indoor growing facility and ship it out there.

(Laughter.) It's supposed to be a billion dollar industry. You know, you've got the water there going to it, you know.

I just think there's been a lot of things done here that don't seem to be what I pictured as part of our government process. You know, they seem to have circumvented everything to their benefit. When you try to express anything, you get basically shut down.

I got a letter from O'Brien and his minion basically telling me that I need to sign the referendum if I want to be heard. What is that? Then I get something from the Ohio Realty that probably doesn't know me from anybody, but they're telling me not to sign the referendum. I'm very frustrated. I know my wife is very frustrated.

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She encountered Councilman Radtka one day here and I think she basically told him that if he's got to move, we've got a house for him. So I guess if I go back to the letter that my neighbor got that said he was an a-hole and we need to sell, when you get your building up and your executives are looking for a home, I guess I got a nice home, I think, that might qualify, at the end of Silver Fox that doesn't show up on your map. Thanks.

MAYOR HILL:

Public remarks?

MS. HOOD:

My name is Kathy Hood, 561 Salt Springs Road. I'm not real passionate on this either way. I'm really against the spot zoning. I keep thinking ten years ago who would have thought Toys R Us would go out of business. What happens in ten years with all this online shopping if TJMaxx goes out of business? What happens with all this property then? I guess there could be another marijuana facility. But that's all I wanted to say.

MAYOR HILL:

Yes?

MS. SCHANZ:

My name is Theresa Schanz, S-c-h-a-n-z. I live at 2810 Silver Fox Dr., S.W. in Warren, that's the mailing address. I just want to say that I do want TJX here, but I do not want the rezoning. I believe they will—this is a good village and place for them to come to. There are properties that are already rezoned Industrial, and I believe they should go there. But it isn't that we don't want them here. Please. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Martin?

MR. JONES:

Martin Jones, 2786 Hallock-Young Road. The general public has known about this project for about four and a half months. During this time, the only compelling argument to support putting projects where TJX wants at any cost by changing zoning and throwing several hundred residents under the bus, has been a thousand jobs. State politicians were even convinced to temporarily skirt a 40-year-old Ohio Revised Code just for this one project so they could grease the skids.

In November of 2017, the Regional Chamber reported that there were 15,655 job openings in the tri-county area that could not be filled. They quoted drug issues as a good part of the reason. In April, 2018, a little more than four months later, they reported that there were now 17,875 job openings. Although, they also stated that 40 to 60 percent of the applicants are failing drug tests. So there are plenty of job openings in the valley, any of which pay better than TJX. I started out looking for TJX's job description and wages because so many people did not believe that these are \$10 an hour jobs. I did find this information and much more information that I wasn't expecting. Some startling highlights from their job descriptions are as follows—and this is from their Pittston facility two days ago. "New starting rate, \$10. Lifting ten pounds constantly, up to 50 pounds frequently, 60 pounds occasionally. Lifting from as low as the floor and as high as eight feet. Standing and walking on concrete for up to 12 hours. Must pass drug and background check." Specifically states: "Requires less than a high school education. Read and understand a limited

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number of two-and three-syllable words. Add and subtract two numbers, multiply and divide by tens and hundreds. Ability to use American units of money, weight, volume and distance." If you think that these qualifications are more in line with immigrants instead of anybody that has gone through our schools, then you would be correct. Over the last 15 years, TJX has been investigated and fined several times for employing hundreds of undocumented immigrants at several of their distribution centers, not just in the southwest where you would expect it but in Indiana, Pennsylvania and their home state of Massachusetts. Some years ago when they found out a raid was imminent at their Evansville center, more than 200 employees quit their jobs. There were discrepancies found in work documents of 261 workers. A search by Homeland Security of 180 job applicants at Pittston, Pennsylvania, Center found 90 illegal workers. Legal workers at just about all of the TJX distribution centers have been complaining for years about the high percentage of illegal workers. In some cases, they have complained about having supervisors that did not speak English. An H.R. employee was accused and investigated for selling fake documents. In 2016, the L.A. Times did a story about a U.S. Labor Department investigation into 77 sweat shop garment makers in Los Angeles. These are hot, run down factories with poor lighting and lots of rats. Employees were primarily Asian and Hispanic women making between \$4 and \$7 per hour. TJX was one of their top three customers. They were pretty much shielded from prosecution by several layers of subcontractors. Similar situations existed in Nevada with their local truck drivers that were taking their goods from the warehouse to the stores.

A judiciary subcommittee hearing document explains the several-year ordeal that a family in Utah went through when it was discovered that a TJX employee had been using their three-year-old son's Social Security Number for over ten years. There was also testimony from many other families that were going through the same thing. Today's Channel 27 website article about the raid in Salem stated that Ohio is one of the top five states that illegal immigrants are settling in. In an advertisement from TJX's architect where they brag about blasting over a million cubic yards of rock in the Pittston, PA Center, which they then ground up and used in the concrete for a site—

MAYOR HILL:

Time is up.

MR. JONES:

One more sentence?

MAYOR HILL:

Time is up. Any other public remarks?

(UNIDENTIFIED  
SPEAKER):

Yeah. I'll give him my five minutes.

(UNIDENTIFIED  
SPEAKER):

I'll give him mine.

MAYOR HILL:

Can't do that. Public remarks? Yes?

MR. SCHANZ:

Richard Schanz, 2810 Silver Fox Drive, Lordstown, Ohio. I just kind of wanted to bring up that the questions about the buffer zone. Nothing has been answered about what they're going to do, how they're going to do it, the water runoff. I

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was hoping to hear the company give some answers tonight. So that is my concern. Council, I mean, you're for the better of Lordstown not only business and the residents. I hope you get all the answers before you make the decision. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Public remarks?

MS. SAXON:

My name is Susan Saxon and I live at 2932 Hallock-Young Road, S-a-x-o-n. I just want to make a couple points regarding the modifications and concessions that TJX has come up with. These things were not done voluntarily. They were done because a group of citizens collectively demanded better. Otherwise, they would not have done these things. They have never been held accountable to give a reason why they cannot locate on the other properties. No one makes them accountable. No one has demanded answers. They can do what they want. Say what they want. It doesn't matter. It is unfortunate. The zoning shouldn't go forward until those questions are completely answered to everyone's satisfaction. Thank you.

MR. JONES:

My name is Leslie Jones. I live at 2785 Hallock-Young Rd., S.W., and that's Lordstown. There's one thing to continue on the question concerning the blasting of the rock on the property. They have never answered whether or not they are considering having to blast or not and what the impact is going to be on our area. One thing about it, there's many little things concerning our community what the impact of this business will be. Between the unknown work forces, the working conditions that these people are going to have to work under, are they really going to get benefits and what they need to survive in this community and this area alone? I certainly hope that Council is listening closely about what could happen and what may happen. Thank you very much.

MAYOR HILL:

Public remarks? Bob?

MR. SHAFFER:

Robert Shaffer, 2626 Pritchard-Ohltown Road, S.W., Lordstown. Again, I am an abutting property owner. I find it kind of interesting in these comments that we hear that there's nothing but rock and they have to blast. And we all know that rock doesn't absorb water. It runs off. Now we've got a concern we're going to put a building on here and what are we going to have? Water runoff. They've got an engineer, retention pond to specs, they've agreed to add a swell and a berm three to four feet deep and three to four feet tall, so we're talking 12 to 15 feet. If water goes over that, my God, we are all in trouble.

People keep saying that they want this addressed, that addressed. The Solicitor just read a letter tonight that addressed all your concerns. It's all in writing. It's all there. It's all going to be taken care of. Again, Council, I think this is a good thing for Lordstown. It's a good thing for the entire area. I would encourage a yes vote from every Council member. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Roberta?

MS. HILLER:

Roberta Hiller, H-i-l-l-e-r, 2706 Salt Springs Road. I just want to state a couple facts. There's all kinds of opinions going around, all kinds of comments. Everybody knows there's going to be a half a million dollars coming up front

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from TJX for the school. And everybody keeps commenting about where that money is going. You guys elected school board members. They made that decision, and that is the decision we need to accept whether it's right, wrong, they made the decision.

Also, regarding tax abatements. They're going to get anywhere more or less \$410,000 a year with a 75-percent tax abatement. It's going to help the school. If you think about it with the Energy Center with a hundred percent tax abatement, they're getting a million dollars a year. For the first million and a quarter and a million and a half. And that's from property taxes and income taxes.

Now, right now, we have the lowest property taxes in Trumbull County, except for McDonald. They probably are the only ones that are lower than us right now. Howland I think used to be, but they just passed a levy so they're higher. This is because of the industry in our community. It's not because of anything else.

When you think about tax abatement, do you know that Lordstown right now has—50 percent of the land here has a CAUV tax abatement. I have a list right here. Right here. Seven pages of people and land that get a CAUV tax abatement. Now, I don't know how many of you know what that is, but it has to do with farmland. It's current agricultural use value. That's not a bad thing because our farmers do a great job for us. We need farming, but we also need industry and manufacturing.

This project has been handled according to the letter of the law. Mr. Dutton has done a wonderful job making sure that they did everything that they should. And I thank you for that, Mr. Dutton.

And, Mrs. Jones, I'd like to state this, I currently have the job right now that you used to have working for the Warren Area Board of Realtors. The Ohio Realtors support this project the same as I do because of the fact that they know it's going to be good for everybody's home values.

I know I don't have a yellow shirt on tonight. I had a couple other commitments, and it was impossible for me to wear it. But I do support this. I support the zoning change, and I hope this Council votes for it. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:  
MS. RUSK:

Public remarks? Pat?

Pat Rusk, R-u-s-k, 6684 Highland. I think the thing that bothers me the most about this is when you have to legally change the law temporarily. It's a local issue, but in order to get it to pass, we probably had to go through the state, suspend how we do our voting and when you do what they are doing now, you disenfranchise those people, who are not present, to vote. Number one that bothers me, the handicapped people who use absentee ballots have no voice, nor do the ill people. And especially your military, the very people who are out there protecting you to even be alive. Because you're not giving them time to get their ballots and have time as under usual law—but, of course, we suspend the law to make it do what we want it to.

So think about your loyal obligations to your fellow citizens. If you really want to undercut the least able of society, then I

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guess bringing the state in on a local issue, you can sleep with at night. I have a problem with suspending their rights. You disenfranchise the fragile members of your society. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:  
MS. KRISHER:

Public remarks?

Karen Krisher, K-r-i-s-h-e-r, 4510 Highland Avenue, S.W., Lordstown. First of all, I am against the rezoning. We were against the power plant being located on Salt Springs for very good reasons. It was in a Residential area. I don't quite understand why this is any different than the power plant. We were told the power plant would leave. To the best of my knowledge, it's right down the road. They never left.

One of the questions that I have, I understand the letter that you received today. And intentions are wonderful. We all probably got up this morning and intended to do a lot more than we accomplished. Intentions don't mean that they're going to do it. In that letter, they didn't even state how big this environmental buffer zone is going to be. And if I refer back to the article that was in Sunday's Warren Tribune Chronicle, when Mr. Walker was referring to the environment buffer zone and talking to the MetroPark people, in plain print, it said at the north end of the property. The only thing that abuts that property at the north end is the Ohio Turnpike. Who is that going to help? Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:  
MR. GATES:

Public remarks? Jim?

My name is James Gates, G-a-t-e-s. I live at 4113 Tod Avenue, S.W., Lordstown. Put that on my mail rather than Warren. I'm against the TJX rezoning, because I believe Industrial property should be on already Industrial zoned land, not to rezone for that purpose.

I believe it would be spot rezoning. They're causing the question if any of the other vacant land behind it now would become eligible to be additional Industrial property. I don't know who owns the property behind that on both sides of Hallock-Young behind most of the houses. So pretty much I'm against the rezoning, and I request the Board to consider all the facts that were presented and those that were not presented by TJX—I don't think they answered all the questions that people had sufficiently to even define the buffer zone, to talk about how much—what is really in the soil? Nobody knows. People say there is rock. Some people say there isn't. I know where I live the bedrock is three feet down and comes out of the ground.

The part of what I also wanted to mention is that regarding the homeowners' insurance for flooding, you have to have flood insurance. It's a different policy, absolutely different. Homeowners' insurance will not cover floods. I just wanted to put that out there. And I think there's a one-year waiting period. That's through the government.

But I did find it interesting that comments about if Council members can be held personally liable for damages for voting yes on that, I would have concerns with that if I were voting. I just feel it should be on Industrial property. I feel a lot of questions weren't answered about what is in the ground there? How high is it? Access roads and what type of angle

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they're going to come down to be at that flat level for the building from Bailey Road? I mean, granted, I'm not a truck driver, but I know when it snows and it's icy, it's hard to get up a particular grade of ground.

But anyway, I wanted to express my concerns and urge you all to vote no. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Public remarks? I guess I'm going to ask people if you'd like to make a public remark, please get in a line behind the microphone so that way we can see how many more would like to speak.

MR. SAXON:

John Saxon, 2932 Hallock-Young Road, Lordstown, Ohio. All these meetings so far I've been sitting there I've kept my mouth shut. Didn't say anything. Wanted to hear everything. I know there are a lot of people got a lot of money riding on the line there. And I know people. I would hate to see anything taken away from anybody.

Thirty years ago when I bought my land—well, before I bought my land, I did what Mr. Mayor likes to call due diligence. I went to see Mr. Barnhart, and I asked him, what's going on with this land over there? Any future development? No, he says, nothing from the Turnpike down. He said we have all this land we have to get rid of first before anybody could try to rezone other properties. That land he was talking about 30 years ago is still for sale today. Isn't that something? How come some people can get their land sold and other people can't? Ask the Chamber of Commerce lady that. She could tell you that. Due diligence. That's all I can say. We did our due diligence. We were promised that this would be okay to build a home and to invest money in the Village of Lordstown. I might not live here too much longer, but my house will be here forever. Realtors tell you, boy, your house is going to be worth a lot of money when this comes in. Tell them people that live around Packard Electric or go stand by General Motors. My house is 650 yards from the edge of the property. Go stand 650 yards from that and see what you can see. That's what you're going to see.

If this goes through, there's a gentleman here saying he can't live in his house because if this doesn't go through, he worries his taxes are going to go up and this and that. Well, if this goes through, I'm going to be kicked out of my house because I'm not going to live next to industry.

I grew up next to Republic Steel. Right by the Golden Stallion. My father had a store there. Every night the graphite rained down and the blast furnace went. And I went to that dirty little steel mill and worked for 40 years to build what I have now. If you people feel good about taking that away from me, then God bless you. Feel good about it. I hope you all enjoy your money. That's all I have to say.

MR. KOHUT:

Gary Kohut, 3577 Lyntz-Townline Road. We're all divided here. This town is divided. Half are for it and half are against it. I'm going to tell you, once this vote goes through, that ain't going to change. That ain't going to change at all. Going into the next couple years, like the gentleman was saying, we planted roots here. We don't want to be forced out of here, but guess what? It's a gamble. It's a gamble.

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Right now we've got clean air. We've got a nice setting and everything. But you guys want us to gamble it and that gamble is way high, that price. We invested to set roots here. We're divided. However this goes, whether it passes or whether it doesn't pass, nothing is going to change. For years and years we're going to be at each other. And the reason why, no one can change that. People that are for it, are for it. People that are against it, are against it.

I challenge TJX. They want to say they want to be here for the community. They want to be good partners for the community. You'll get your money. You'll get your money because if they go on Industrial land, they'll be here. They'll be here. We'll get the money. They'll get their cuts and you'll get a thousand jobs and we keep our zoning intact. That's the only way that this is going to help everybody and everyone is going to win somewhat.

The land owners, I feel bad for them. They'll lose.

Someone's always got to lose, but you've got to go with the minimum amount of numbers. We don't want to be forced out. I don't want to be forced out. It's a gamble for us. If something happens, my wife can't breathe very well and we've got to leave, I don't want to take a hundred thousand dollar bath. I put too much time and effort—everybody here gets up every day and goes to work and works their butts off for what they have. And I don't think anybody here is writing checks to anybody else.

So you want to be good with your fellow neighbors and stuff, that is true. But nobody here in this room is going to sacrifice what they've got and what they worked for for their neighbor. That's the facts.

So I challenge TJX to do the right thing. Go on that Industrial land. Show the people, show the county that we are invested in the community. We're going to do the right thing. We're a \$33 billion company, but we're going to divide this town. We're going to rip 'em apart. You're the only ones that have the power to go on Industrial land and everybody wins.

I feel bad for Ronnie because I know he wants to sell his land and probably retire and everything, but a lot of people got a lot at stake here. I don't want to be forced out. I don't want to be forced to leave.

There's a lot of media. I've said it before. People say, you don't like it, move. There's four houses for sale down there right now, and they ain't selling. You know why they're not selling? They're not selling because the people that want to leave because the factory is coming in—or the distribution center—it's the same reason why no one is coming in to buy. You search your soul deep. You've got \$250,000 and you're going to buy your home, your dream home. You tell me—think about this—you tell me that you're going to buy it with a factory in your back yard. Or would you take your 250 and spend it elsewhere and put it somewhere where there ain't a factory in your back yard? Because you've got a lot of options. You've got a lot of options.

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For the Council, you're setting precedence here tonight. If you do this tonight, I'm telling you, nobody will move to Lordstown and build a house. Because you're setting a precedence and you're basically saying to everybody that guess what? Nothing is off limits. Nothing's off limits. And all yins out there, if this ain't happening to you, it might be happening to you next year or the year after. So think about that. That's it.

MAYOR HILL:

Sherry?

MS. BURCHETT:

My name is Sherry Burchett. I live at 2626 Pritchard-Ohltown Road in Lordstown. I just want to—I'm sorry. I don't have any threatening words like some of my neighbors do for the Council. I just want to reiterate what I said at the last meeting that that property has never been developed. It sits on an industrial corridor, and it should be used for what it's designed for.

Someone said something about having to rezone the property. What was the GM property zoned as before they came to life?

MRS. JONES:

There was no zoning.

MS. BURCHETT:

Who is to say that this property was not zoned correctly to begin with? Why was it never developed Residential?

Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

I don't see anybody else in line. I would like to have the Solicitor clarify something. There were some statements about Council people being personally held liable. Paul, if you could address that.

SOLICITOR DUTTON:

Well, in all these public hearings and public responses, this is the first time we have heard that members of Council who vote one way or the other can be held personally liable. I just will remind my clients, who are the Village of Lordstown and its duly elected and appointed public officials, that as with all municipal corporations in Ohio, you enjoy what's called sovereign immunity for governmental activities. And zoning is a governmental activity. And voting on zoning or Planning Commission matters at the level of Planning Commission as well as the Council, is a governmental activity. Unless you, as individuals, engage in some unethical conduct or violated the law otherwise, you are not personally liable for your vote.

Now, anybody with a hundred dollars in their pocket and an irresponsible lawyer can sue anybody. And the village is sued from time to time. Not only does our firm defend the village, but we have liability insurance and errors and omissions insurance. And that covers the cost of legal defenses and we've experienced this. Rest assured, that unless you've engaged in some conduct that I'm not aware of, you are not personally liable for the consequences of your vote tonight.

MAYOR HILL:

The purpose of this special meeting. Lordstown Village Council will conduct a special Council meeting on June 21, 2018, at 6 p.m. to consider the following legislation. Mr. Blank.

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MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission For Passage, **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).**

MAYOR HILL: Is there a motion on this?

MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to adopt?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to adopt by Reider. Is there a second?

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments or questions on the motion?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: No.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: No.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Abstain.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

**(VOTE: 3, AYE; 2, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 3, ayes; 2, nays; 1, abstention. Motion carries. This is Ordinance 36-2018.

MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission for passage, **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).**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MR. REIDER: Motion to adopt.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to adopt by Reider. Is there a second?

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. 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: Abstain.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: No.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

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MR. BOND: No.

**(VOTE: 3, AYE; 2, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 3, ayes; 2, nays; 1, abstention. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 37-2018.

MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission for Passage, **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-(INDUSTRIAL).**

MAYOR HILL: Is there a motion?

MR. SHEELY: Motion to adopt.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to adopt by Sheely. Second?

MR. LIMING: Second.

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

Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Abstain.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: No.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: No.

**(VOTE: 3, AYES; 2, NAYS; 1, ABSTAINED)**

MAYOR HILL: 3, ayes; 2, nays; 1, abstention. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 38-2018. Next, please

MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission For Passage, **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).**

MAYOR HILL: Is there a motion?

MR. SHEELY: Motion to adopt.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to adopt by Sheely. Second?

MR. LIMING: Second.

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

Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

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MRS. JONES: No.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
 MR. REIDER: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
 MR. RADTKA: Abstain.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
 MR. BOND: No.

**(VOTE: 3, AYE; 2, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 3, ayes; 2, nays; 1, abstention. Motion carries to adopt.  
 Ordinance 39-2018. Next, please.  
 MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission For Passage, 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. 45-90464 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL)  
 TO I-1 (INDUSTRIAL).**  
 MAYOR HILL: Is there a motion to adopt?  
 MR. SHEELY: Motion to adopt.  
 MAYOR HILL: Motion by Sheely. Second?  
 MR. REIDER: Second.  
 MAYOR HILL: Second by Reider. Comments?  
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
 Roll call, please.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
 MR. BOND: No.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
 MR. RADTKA: Abstain.  
 MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
 MRS. JONES: No.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
 MR. REIDER: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
 MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
 MR. LIMING: Yes.

**(VOTE: 3, AYE; 2, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 3, ayes; 2, nays; 1, abstained. Motion carried to adopt.  
 Ordinance 40-2018. Next, please.  
 MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission For Passage, AN ORDINANCE  
 AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN ZONING MAP TO  
 RECLASSIFY 104.46 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY  
 OWNED BY DBR OF OHIO, LLC, BEING PARCEL NO.  
 45-0023359 FROM R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO I-1  
 (INDUSTRIAL).  
 MAYOR HILL: Is there a motion to adopt?  
 MR. LIMING: So moved.  
 MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming. Second?  
 MR. SHEELY: Second.  
 MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments?  
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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Roll call, please.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
 MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
 MR. REIDER: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
 MR. RADTKA: Abstain.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
 MR. LIMING: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
 MRS. JONES: No.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
 MR. BOND: No.

**(VOTE: 3, AYE; 2, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 3, ayes; 2, nays; 1, abstention. Motion carried to adopt.  
 Ordinance 41-2018. Next, please.  
 MR. BLANK: From Planning Commission For Passage, **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).**

MAYOR HILL: Is there a motion to adopt?  
 MR. SHEELY: So moved.  
 MAYOR HILL: Motion by Sheely. Second?  
 MR. LIMING: Second.  
 MAYOR HILL: Second Liming. Comments?  
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
 Roll call, please.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
 MR. BOND: No.  
 MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
 MRS. JONES: No.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
 MR. LIMING: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
 MR. RADTKA: Abstain.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
 MR. REIDER: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
 MR. SHEELY: Yes.

**(VOTE: 3, AYE; 2, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 3, ayes; 2, nays; 1, abstention. Motion carried to adopt.  
 Ordinance 42-2018.  
 Is there any old business Council would like to discuss at this  
 time?  
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
 Hearing none, is there any new business?  
 MR. RADTKA: Are you going to bring up the meetings in July—  
 MAYOR HILL: We're going down to one meeting in July, that's July 16.  
 We're canceling the first one on the second. And we're going  
 down to one meeting in August, which is the third Monday.

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We're canceling the first one.  
Additional public remarks?

MR. MOTT: My name is Terrence Mott. I've lived in this area for most of my life.

MAYOR HILL: We need an address for the minutes.

MR. MOTT: 3241 State St., Youngstown—

COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, can you—

MR. BLANK: Can you spell your last name, please.

MR. MOTT: Mott, M-o-t-t. It's my understanding that a lot of this stuff is caused by foreign interests as far as dividing the community. Well, 9-11 came out of Europe, okay. We'll start with that. This is to get us back under control of Britain. This is part of their deal. As far as—I found out by living in Poland, they don't work like you people. They stand around all day figuring out ways to, you know, shag somebody for their money. They don't work like you. They don't go to real jobs. They don't create new jobs. Basically, we're carrying these other countries. Spend some time in Dubai. I advise you to go to Dubai and see the same thing. They built a bunch of big buildings and there's nothing in them. So there's a market opportunity. I'm saying this to young people. It's going to crash there. Dubai is going to crash. This is all paid by your money. All this was started by your money here. It's a perfect opportunity to take a position here. I took a position against that company over there in Monaca and this related to me and my situation. Took a position, I'm in court. Okay. Three days later the guy from Kazakhstan—the president of Kazakhstan shows up in Trump's office because he has interest in that project there. You've got Kazakhstan involved in that chemical plant in Monaca, PA. I want you people to understand what you're dealing with. And you want to look into with the Hermitage Fund? That's all on the Internet. The Hermitage Fund is rated. The guy out of Estonia, he took 10 million of the money. He's part of this chemical group, along with other people too—secret society or whatever. Keep that all in mind. As far as dividing the community, this is your opportunity. When I say these things, it's your opportunity to take a position in their country. They're taking a position in your country right now. That's what they're doing. A lot of this financing comes out of Canada. Canada's brought this waste incendiary to it. And with George W. Bush, too. Now they want to make everybody sick and put all these hospitals in. They've got almost 50 hospitals in Akron.

MAYOR HILL: You've got 30 seconds.

MR. MOTT: For what, okay? For what. Now you have to think about that. Who ran Akron a few years ago? Think about that. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: Judy?

MS. HALL: I just want to say—

MAYOR HILL: Judy, name and address, please.

MS. HALL: My name is Judy Hall, 6087 Palmyra Road, S.W. I respect each and every one of your comments; although I didn't hear it all because I don't know what happened to the sound system. But I would like to know, how many in this room are supporting this project? I, for number one, am. You

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know, we need to start looking to the future. It's not all about now. But had GM not looked and the Council looked when GM came in here—GM has put a lot of bread and butter on our tables. And we are very thankful for that. Now we need to give the younger generation their opportunities to go buy homes, settle in the village. And as I thought that I had when they brought GM in here, they thought all these people that worked at GM were going to buy houses here. That didn't happen. The school built new schools and now they are struggling to keep their schools open so they can educate your grandchildren, your children and the generation after that.

So I would like to think that maybe I was sitting on the wrong side, but I am for the people who support this.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you. Any other public remarks?

(NO RESPONSE.)

Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. REIDER: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Reider. Second?

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. 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. Meeting adjourned.

**(WHEREAS, THE SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

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 special 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.

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