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**PROCEEDINGS**

**Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting**

**(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 6:05 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)**

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

MAYOR HILL: Could we have roll call, please, Bill.  
MR. BLANK: Mayor Hill?  
MAYOR HILL: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
MRS. JONES: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.  
Treasurer, George Ebling?  
MR. EBLING: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Solicitor Paul Dutton?  
SOLICITOR DUTTON: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan?  
CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham?  
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)  
Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, Kellie Bordner?  
MS. BORDNER: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Parks, Buildings and Grounds, Street Commissioner, Dale Grimm?  
MR. GRIMM: Present.  
MR. BLANK: Recreation, Marty Gibson?  
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)  
Board of Public Affairs?  
MR. DIETZ: Here.  
MR. BLANK: Municipal Engineer Chris Kogelnik?  
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.  
MAYOR HILL: I did not hear anything from Travis, but I will entertain a motion to excuse Marty. She did let me know yesterday that she'd be unavailable this evening.  
MR. RADTKA: So moved.  
MRS. JONES: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka; second by Jones. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

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Motion carried.  
I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.  
MRS. JONES: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Jones. 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.  
I'll entertain a motion for disposal of the minutes of the regular meeting held August 19, 2019.  
MR. SHEELY: So moved.  
MR. REIDER: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Sheely; second by Reider. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

Motion carried.  
I'll entertain a motion for payment of the bills.  
MR. RADTKA: So moved.  
MR. BOND: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka; second by Bond. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

Motion carried.  
I have no Mayor's report this evening.  
Is there a Clerk's report?  
MR. BLANK: Yes, Mayor. I received a letter today from the Department of Taxation on that two million dollars that we wanted to transfer from Capital to General. We did get authorization, so we'll bring legislation next meeting.  
MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Bill?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Solicitor's report?  
SOLICITOR DUTTON: No report.  
MAYOR HILL: Treasurer's report?  
MR. EBLING: No report.  
MAYOR HILL: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?  
MR. DIETZ: Got a meeting on the 17th.

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MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Tom?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Village Engineer's report?

MR. KOGELNIK: Just wanted to update Council on TJX. The sanitary sewer is still being installed along the eastern section of Hallock Young Road east of Ellsworth Bailey. The water line, for the majority, has been installed. The connections will be next week. And then it will be tested out. There, obviously, has been a lot of construction going on at the site, so we're paying attention to things that we have to pay attention to, the water and sewer roadways, etc. And, as you know, all of the agreements—the transfer agreement has been approved verbally and the meter manhole agreement is in your legislation tonight.  
So, are there any other questions for me?

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

MR. KOGELNIK: Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: Special reports. Police Chief Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I've submitted my monthly report for August, if you have any questions.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Brent?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Travis is not here this evening.  
Planning and Zoning Administrator and Director of Economic Development, Kellie?

MS. BORDNER: No report, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Kellie?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Mr. Grimm?

MR. GRIMM: No report this evening, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Dale?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Marty is excused.  
Is there any correspondence this evening?

MR. BLANK: Yes. I believe Mr. Dutton has one.

SOLICITOR DUTTON: This is sort of awkward. Council received a letter from Mr. McGrail, who is sitting here. I've been asked to read it. I think it's more appropriate that you read it into the record. If you'd like to come up and read it—

MR. MCGRAIL: You want me to do it?

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Yes.

MR. MCGRAIL: Okay. Mark McGrail, 3656 Goldner Lane, Lordstown, Ohio. "Members of Council, as you may recall, during public comments at the August 19, 2019, Council meeting, I offered some thoughts with regard to the abatement Resolution. My main point was that companies locate their facilities primarily due to location, not tax abatements. Following my comments, there was an attempt to refute my points. That attempt, in my opinion, was a failure and, in fact, actually bolstered the point that I was making.  
FedEx was mentioned in rebuttal. At the time that the FedEx facility was located in North Jackson, both Lordstown and North Jackson offered tax abatements. Then why choose North Jackson over Lordstown? The answer is location.

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The site offers better access to the highways that are used by the company and location, not tax abatements, was the deciding factor.

PurFoods—this new construction did not receive a tax abatement, yet located in North Jackson, not Lordstown. It appears that the decision to locate in North Jackson had to do with the site being located near an existing facility. Again, location, not tax abatements, was the deciding factor.

Finally, at a time when the Village revenue has dropped over 60 percent, we should not be giving away tax dollars when it's not necessary. That's just irresponsible. Instead, we should be promoting the location of our Village because of its location near major arteries of transportation and the abundant availability of commercial and industrial land. The Resolution before Council is a reasonable compromise and should be passed.

Thank you for your consideration." I did add a couple words in there. I hope that's okay.

SOLICITOR DUTTON:

They are your words.

MR. MCGRAIL:

Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any public remarks this evening? If you'd like to make a public remark, after I acknowledge you, please come to the microphone and give your name and address so we can get it recorded in the minutes correctly.

MR. CATLIN:

My name is William Catlin, 6203 Tod Avenue, S.W. I'm speaking in opposition to the proposed legislation on limiting tax abatements. If this Ordinance passes, I feel that we are just opening the door to Jackson Township to further develop Bailey Road in their township and that development has not only allowed them to improve their roads and bring needed revenue into their community.

There has been some conversation that Jackson does not grant tax abatements. In an article in *The Business Journal* dated April 7, 2017, "following the lead of Jackson Township trustees earlier this week, the Mahoning Board of Commissioners yesterday approved a Tax Increment Financing District for the township. Under the TIF, 50 percent of the new real property taxes that projects generate will be split according to the formula for the county, township and schools, said Commissioner David Ditzler." Jackson Township did have a say in that process.

Whether or not you are for or against abatements, you have to agree they have helped our school overcome the loss of tangible personal property tax and the loss of school funding by the state.

Being a capped district this year, the Cap will cause our schools to lose nearly 50 percent of state funding, which is nearly \$800,000.

Passage of this Ordinance will only cause financial hardships not only on the Village, but also on the school system.

I'd like to see you oppose this legislation.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other public remarks?

MR. WILLIAMS:

Richard Williams, 2002 Imperial Drive, Lordstown, Ohio. I have nothing to complain about about this abatement or any of this stuff. This is my own personal gripe right now. TJX is right straight across the street from my house. I am sick

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and tired of eating their dirt every day. My house, my truck, everything is completely covered in dirt every day. I've called County Commissioners, asked them to take and have TJX water the dirt down so it doesn't come to my house. I have heard nothing from them—well, the County Commissioners got back with me and said they notified TJX, and TJX doesn't want to do anything about it.

I turn around and I can't open my windows during the day because of all the dirt. All that pounding and stuff going on, when I do open my windows at night, at 7:00 in the morning, I'm being woke up from all their construction going on, pounding on the ground.

Now they've relocated all the traffic. It comes up past my house. There is a speed limit sign in the trailer park that says ten miles an hour. I'm tired of watching all these cars, and trucks, and vans going by my house at 20 miles an hour, sometimes even faster. Apparently, nobody cares about the people that live in Imperial Community, inside the trailer park.

I'm tired of eating their dirt, listening to their noise.

Something's got to get done about it. If nothing else, TJX ought to at least offer to have to power wash my house as least twice a year. And my vehicles—whether it's in the garage or outside, every day—you can go look at my truck right now. It was sparkly clean yesterday. Today it's filthy because of all of the dirt.

I thank you. I just wanted to get that off my chest.

MAYOR HILL:  
MR. MCGRAIL:

Thank you. Are there any other public remarks? Mark? Mark McGrail, 3656 Goldner Lane, Lordstown, Ohio. To keep the letter short, I left out one comment. And it had to do with the comment that North Jackson is losing business because of the lack of tax abatements, as Mr. Catlin just pointed out. In lieu of tax abatement, they found another avenue, which is actually better than tax abatements in general. That statement was made without any proof to support it. And, for me, it's just a continuation of a fear mongering campaign that exists in this Village. Any time we bring—something comes up for discussion, think back to the time when we were discussing the location of the LEC down on Salt Springs. We were told, long and hard, if they don't locate there, it's the only place they can locate in the nation, and we're going to lose it. They're going to go someplace else. Well, the last time I checked, they didn't go someplace else. They're sitting right here in Lordstown. That was all nonsense. Fast forward to today. The TJX Corporation, we were told unless they are given a one hundred percent tax abatement, they're taking their ball and going home. Last time I checked, TJX is right out there at work right now. They did not get a hundred percent tax abatement.

We need to have serious, open and honest discussions about these subjects instead of this fear mongering.

MAYOR HILL:

Are there any other public remarks?

(NO RESPONSE.)

Hearing none, are there any Council remarks?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, we'll go on to committee reports. Finance,

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Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I don't have a report tonight, but I would like to have support on a couple Ordinances coming in.  
MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Ron?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: The only thing I have tonight, Mr. Mayor, is, as I said in caucus, we have a bridge inspection (consent) I'd like to see passed.  
Public Safety and Police Department, Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Nothing on the Safety side, Mr. Mayor, but we do have a negotiating meeting this Thursday night at 6:00.  
MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Don?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Mr. Mayor.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Howard?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Public Utilities, Mrs. Jones?  
MRS. JONES: The only thing we have are the two pieces of legislation we'd like to see passed tonight and progress with the metering pit and the agreement with the county.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Karen?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Recreation and Planning, Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Just the one piece of legislation we need passed tonight.  
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Lamar?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Bill, if we could have the first piece of legislation.  
MR. BLANK: From Board of Public Affairs For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF SARCHIONE CHEVROLET, INC. 1572 STATE ROUTE 44, P.O. BOX 217, RANDOLPH, OHIO 44265, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW 2019 CHEVROLET SILVERADO TRUCK, SUCH PROPOSAL BEING THE MOST RESPONSIVE, LOWEST AND BEST PROPOSAL, FOR USE BY THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. If it's Council's pleasure, I'd make a motion that we pull this piece of legislation being that the BPA has already purchased that vehicle.  
MR. LIMING: I'll second that.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion by Mr. Radtka second by Mr. Liming to pull this piece of legislation and return it back to committee.  
Comments?  
MR. BOND: Yes, Mr. Mayor. It seems like the horse already got out of the gate. I don't understand quite how this happened. If it needs to come here, it should come here before it is purchased.  
MAYOR HILL: Any other comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call, please.

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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: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to return this back to committee. Next, please.

MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole For Emergency Passage, **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY LIMITING TAX ABATEMENTS AWARDED TO QUALIFYING BUSINESSES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.61 AND 5709.63 ET SEQ. (ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX ABATEMENT) AND OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 3735.65 (COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I guess I have a question. Do we want to—does anyone want to suspend the rules to bring this up on the floor? Or what is Council's thoughts? No one has made any comments on it.

MR. BOND: I think it ought to go to second reading.

MAYOR HILL: For what reason, Bob?

MR. BOND: What?

MAYOR HILL: For what reason?

MR. BOND: Well, it's a piece of legislation and I think it needs to go three readings and then be voted on. I think that's ample time to have the community come out—we've had Mr. Catlin come out tonight. It can go to the next Council meeting. I think it needs to go three readings. I'm not going to vote for the emergency at this point.

MAYOR HILL: Any other comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Hearing none, I declare this Resolution has had its second reading. Next, please.

MR. BLANK: From Utilities Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF TRUMBULL, OHIO, AND HOMEGOODS, INC. TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF A SANITARY SEWER SEGMENT OWNED BY TRUMBULL COUNTY BUT SITUATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN AND TO GRANT THE HOMEGOODS, INC. (TJX) PROJECT PERMISSION TO ACCESS SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FROM TRUMBULL COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
MR. SHEELY: Motion to suspend the rules.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend the rules by Sheely. Second?  
MR. RADTKA: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Radtka. Roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
MRS. JONES: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?  
MRS. JONES: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Jones.  
MR. BOND: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Bond. Comments?  
MR. REIDER: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to make a comment. I voted yes on the emergency. I would want to get it on the floor, but I cannot support this piece of legislation. I'm going to vote no because, I personally, feel this thing has been going on—and the same as next piece of legislation. I feel that this company and TJX are being strong armed into these pieces of legislation. But that's all well and said. It's got to be done. I understand they already paid for it. I also understand back in the year 2014 that this meter manhole that both of these are all about because it was brought up in a meeting at that time, that the BPA agreed to pay for that at a price of approximately \$40,000. Apparently, they didn't have the money, but the Village was going to back them. Then in 2016 it went up to \$50,000 and it didn't get done. Now, here comes a company that's got the money to move different things and they have been very good to our community and good to our schools, and I think this is no more than a strong-arm tactic. And that's why I won't support it. That's all I have to say. Thank you.  
MAYOR HILL: Any other comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: No.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.



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MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
 MRS. JONES: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
 MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 5, Ayes; 1, nay. Motion carries to adopt. Ordinance 25-2019. Next, please.

MR. BLANK: From Utilities Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HOMEGOODS, INC. TO ENABLE CT CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMPERIAL METER MANHOLE PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LORDSTOWN HOMEGOODS, INC. (TJX) ("HOMEGOODS") DISTRIBUTION CENTER WATER AND SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
 MRS. JONES: Motion to suspend.  
 MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend the rules by Jones. Second?  
 MR. LIMING: Second.  
 MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. Roll call.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
 MR. BOND: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
 MR. RADTKA: I'll be abstaining.  
 MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
 MRS. JONES: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
 MR. REIDER: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
 MR. LIMING: Yes.  
 MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
 MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 5, ayes; 1, abstention. Motion carries to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?

MR. SHEELY: So moved.  
 MR. BOND: Second.  
 MAYOR HILL: Moved by Sheely; second by Bond. Comments?  
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Abstain.

**(VOTE: 4, AYE; 1, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 4 ayes; 1, abstention; 1, no. Motion carried to adopt.  
Ordinance 26-2019. Next, please.  
MR. BLANK: From Streets, Sidewalks, Public Parks, Buildings, Grounds,  
and General Improvement Committee For Emergency  
Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO ENACT CONSENT  
LEGISLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO  
REVISED CODE SECTION 5511.01 AUTHORIZING  
THE OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
PROCEED WITH ANY AND ALL NECESSARY  
BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES, PID  
NO. 109334, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF  
LORDSTOWN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
MR. SHEELY: Motion to suspend the rules.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend the rules by Sheely. Second?  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. Roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
MRS. JONES: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules. Is  
there a motion to adopt?  
MR. RADTKA: So moved.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka. Second?  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. 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.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 27-2019. Next, please.  
MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LORDSTOWN VILLAGE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
MR. LIMING: Move to suspend.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Liming. Second?  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
MRS. JONES: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?  
MR. BOND: So moved.  
MRS. JONES: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Bond; second by Jones. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call, please.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?  
MR. REIDER: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?  
MRS. JONES: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 28-2019. Next, please.

MR. BLANK: From Planning and Zoning and Recreation Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE CREATING VARIOUS SEASONAL, PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS FOR THE FALL 2019 RECREATION PROGRAM, SETTING WAGES FOR THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MR. SHEELY: Motion to suspend the rules.

MRS. JONES: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Sheely; second by Jones. Comments—excuse me. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?

MR. RADTKA: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka. Second?

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in—Roll call, please. It's been a long day.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 29-2019. Next, please.

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MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 2019 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE, 3-2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MRS. JONES: Motion to suspend.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend the rules by Jones. Second?

MR. RADTKA: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Radtka. Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to suspend the rules. Motion to adopt?

MR. SHEELY: So moved.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Sheely; second by Bond. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mrs. Jones?

MRS. JONES: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Ordinance 30-2019. Next, please—old business. Is there any old business to discuss at this time?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
Hearing none, new business. I'll go first. We've got some appointments for the Village Rec. Program. Instructors: Jane Grider, Mike Rendziniak. Substitute instructors: Tom Paisley, Alex Behon. Supervisor: Theresa Rendziniak. Substitute Supervisor: Jane Grider, Courtney Gibson. And, also, Instructor Brian Force. I'll entertain a motion to have

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them put on the Rec. Program.  
MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MRS. JONES: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming; second Jones. 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.  
Is there anything else under new business?  
MRS. JONES: Yes. I'd like to make a motion for the Clerk to advertise for  
the Imperial meter manhole project.  
MAYOR HILL: Everybody heard the motion by Karen to advertise for the  
meter manhole project. Is there a second to the motion?  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments or questions on the motion?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)  
MR. RADTKA: I'll abstain, Mr. Mayor.

**(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 10, ABSTAINED.)**

MAYOR HILL: 5, ayes; 1, abstention. Motion carries. Karen, you have  
another one?  
MRS. JONES: Yes. I would like to see us approve a work authorization for  
CT Consultants. This is for work construction phase and  
inspection on the sanitary sewer, the water and roadway for  
TJX. This is a reimbursable amount of \$17,260.  
MAYOR HILL: Everyone heard the motion by Karen. Is there a second to  
that motion?  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Liming. Comments or motions?  
(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.  
Is there any other new business Council would like to  
discuss at this time?  
MR. RADTKA: I have a question real quick. Have you heard anything out of  
Larry since the last Council meeting on the turbines?  
MR. BLANK: Kind of left it in your hands.  
MAYOR HILL: He may want his dollar back.

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MR. BLANK: I don't think he cares about the dollar. I think when he was done speaking, he left it in your hands. So, if you want something done, you better do something.

MAYOR HILL: Are there any other public remarks?

MR. MCGRAIL: Mark McGrail, 3656 Goldner Lane, Lordstown, Ohio. In reading the *Lordstown Courier*, in your Mayor's report, Mr. Mayor, under your comments with regards to finances, you say, "we'll be okay in the short term and adjustments will be made as needed for the long term." And it struck me that's a similar type of phrasing that you used in an interview with—I think it was the *Tribune Chronicle* right after the plant closed and, you know, the last shift left. And she wanted to know about finances and, basically, you said the same thing. You know, we're going to be okay in the short term but instead of the second part that adjustments will be made in the long term, you said we may need to increase taxes—

MAYOR HILL: I never said that—

MR. MCGRAIL: You—

MAYOR HILL: —you assumed that, and you went on the radio—

MR. MCGRAIL: No.

MAYOR HILL: And you're wrong.

MR. MCGRAIL: No, I'm not. I've got that article. We will be okay—let's put it this way—let me—okay. I'll stipulate that that wasn't exactly what you said. Do you think in the long term that you're going to propose a tax increase on the residents of the Village? That's my basic question.

MAYOR HILL: That is up to this Council to decide. The Finance Committee works with the Clerk and myself. And, if there's any proposal, that will probably come out of Finance.

MR. MCGRAIL: And when would that happen?

MR. BLANK: That's never been discussed.

MAYOR HILL: It's never been discussed—

MR. MCGRAIL: I know it hasn't—

MAYOR HILL: —because we are okay for the short term. The short term could be a year, a year and a half, two years. We don't know what's going on with a crystal ball, what's going on with General Motors. Neither do you or anybody else.

MR. MCGRAIL: What I do know is for the last three years, the revenue from this Village has been decreasing and nothing has been done. And what you're doing now is just basically rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. But the question that Bill asked earlier about moving money from the Capital Improvements fund, that is not a long-term plan. And that's what I'm asking you. What is the long-term plan?

MAYOR HILL: You can come to the Finance meetings, Mark—

MR. MCGRAIL: And I'll be there tomorrow.

MAYOR HILL: And you're quivering, so I guess we must have got your attention, which I kind of like that. But, at the Finance meeting, we feel we're going to be okay for probably the next year. We have had employees who have retired who we have not replaced. We have cut back on any capital expenditures. And I realize you're up here campaigning and that's fine.

MR. MCGRAIL: I am not campaigning.

MAYOR HILL: You most certainly are.

MR. MCGRAIL: I'm not.

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MAYOR HILL: But we are looking at our budgets. We have department heads. They are watching their budgets every time. This Council cut it back from \$1,000 to \$500 how much they can spend without approval of the committee. And there have been, as far as we know, no unnecessary expenditures. Now, will we have to—you can only cut so far before our services start getting affected—

MR. MCGRAIL: I'm not asking about cuts. I'm asking about a tax increase.

MAYOR HILL: And that has not been discussed at all. And we don't know what the future holds yet. We will ride it out for a while and see where we're at. Because, you know, I know you're a strong supporter of that piece of legislation. And you say, "well, that's a great start." Well, let me tell you—and I wasn't going to bring this up. I wanted to wait until the next meeting. But was the one million dollar track at the school a 50 percent abatement? No. Would \$400,000 be to take down the old school? No—

MR. MCGRAIL: You don't know that for sure.

MAYOR HILL: Oh, yes I do.

MR. MCGRAIL: No you don't—

MAYOR HILL: Yes, I do.

MR. MCGRAIL: —because there was never any discussion with the company out in public where those issues were discussed—

MAYOR HILL: Mark, you come along and say "well, I think you should get the School Board involved." I will tell you, the School Board has been involved with any proposal, and I was not involved with the school's finances. You came here and said, "well, TJX wanted a hundred percent abatement." Well, they went down to 75. I asked them to go down to 75 because I said we would never be able to sell a hundred. Then you come along and criticize me—as you have for the last 18 months—on Facebook hiding behind your keyboard and your—

MR. MCGRAIL: I use my name. I don't use my wife's name.

MAYOR HILL: My wife hasn't said anything.

MR. MCGRAIL: I didn't say your wife. I said my wife—

MAYOR HILL: I—

MR. MCGRAIL: I want to get back to this issue you brought up about campaigning. It's my belief—and this is just an observation—the reason that you will not discuss this about the budget is because you need to get past the election in November because you know this is an unpopular discussion. And you know it's a possibility that if the truth comes out about the finances of this Village and that you basically have no plan, you will not be re-elected. So, that's my observation about campaigning.

MAYOR HILL: Well, your observation, Mr. McGrail, is wrong—

MR. MCGRAIL: And it's just as my—your observation is wrong, also—

MAYOR HILL: That is your opinion. And opinions are just like other things where everybody has them.

MR. MCGRAIL: I understand—

MAYOR HILL: There is a Finance Committee. I have worked with the Clerk. We don't know what the final disposition of what General Motors is going to be. You know, I've seen many times when you come and you make—"well, what business would come in to a community that doesn't support the



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schools?" If you go down to the 800,000 when the second power plant comes, that's a direct payment to the school. If the School Board asks—

MR. MCGRAIL: If. If.  
MAYOR HILL: —1.5 million for money during construction because they weren't able to make payroll in the fall. And, if you add the \$500,000 from TJX, there's 4.2 million the school got. And, I will say, that came after Roberta Hiller took over the School Board. Because the previous board didn't get any kickers like this. And, I will tell you, I have never negotiated on behalf of the school. You can ask the School Board president right there—

MR. MCGRAIL: I never stated that.  
MAYOR HILL: I know, but you know what, you're insinuating—  
MR. MCGRAIL: I never—  
MAYOR HILL: You come up with the Mayor hasn't looked out for the schools. It's not my job to negotiate for the schools.

MR. MCGRAIL: You know, I'd just like to go back to your comment about GM. If you're standing—or sitting there telling us tonight that you're basing the Village finances on what might happen with that plant, that's really sad. You should resign right now—

MAYOR HILL: No. It's that—  
MR. MCGRAIL: —because you have no idea what's going to go on with that plant. And even if, even if—and I would hope that it does occur—a new product were to come to that plant or someone else would take it over, you're looking at two, three, four, five years. What's that going to do to our budget in the meantime? We need a plan now.

MAYOR HILL: We have prepared for a severe economic downturn for the last several years, Mark. You just all of a sudden—

MR. MCGRAIL: Where's that plan? Where is it? You keep talking about this, and there's nothing in writing. Where is it?

MAYOR HILL: The Finance Committee has watched this. I'd like to see the plans you had when you were leading the School Board and you lead the negotiations for the oil and gas leases where the school got zero and there's people in this room right now who challenged you on that—

MR. MCGRAIL: I'm glad you brought that up.  
MAYOR HILL: I'm glad—  
(Court reporter interrupted and asked the parties to speak one at a time.)

MR. MCGRAIL: For everyone here, does everyone know why we did not have a lease with the oil and gas company? Because there was already an oil and gas lease on the property. You can't lease it again. This is just more of the misinformation that you spread in this Village.

MAYOR HILL: Are there any other public remarks? Yes, Tom?  
MR. DIETZ: Tom Dietz, 2821 Hallock Young Road. This time I'm speaking for the BPA. There was comments made that we were strong arming TJX. We weren't. They wanted to go to Trumbull County sewer not ours. But we just told them frankly, you're going to ours or you're—else. And I don't think we did anything wrong. Other outfits in this Village haven't got stuff done for them by companies coming in. We let them go to the Trumbull County sewer, which is going to cost more money to them. And they agreed to put in that pit

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for us.

And on that truck, we got a truck running around the community with the gas filler taped in with duct tape. And I think we were also told that we can spend our money on a truck if we have to. So, I'm probably in more trouble now, but I don't care.

MAYOR HILL: Any other public remarks?  
(NO RESPONSE.)

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

MRS. JONES: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Jones. 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. Meeting adjourned.

**(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.)**

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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

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Sharon K. Vigorito, Notary Public  
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