

**Village of Lordstown Board of Trustees of Public Affairs**

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A special meeting was held September 7, 2018 at the Lordstown Administration Building at 4:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kevin Campbell, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Kevin Campbell, President  
Mr. Michael Sullivan, Vice-President  
Mr. Thomas Dietz, Board Member  
Mr. L. Bruce Platt, Supt. of Utilities  
Mrs. Cinthia Slusarczyk, clerk  
Mr. Darren Biggs, Utility Foreman

MR. CAMPBELL: We'll go ahead and call our meeting to order. Please stand with me for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Campbell: Cindy, roll call please.  
Ms. Slusarczyk: Kevin Campbell.  
Mr. Campbell: here.  
Ms. Slusarczyk: Thomas Dietz  
Mr. Dietz: here.  
Ms. Slusarczyk: Michael Sullivan.  
Mr. Sullivan: here.  
Ms. Slusarczyk: Bruce Platt.  
Mr. Platt: here.  
Ms. Slusarczyk: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present.

**AGENDA**

1. **A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION NO 2016-13 OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY WAGES, AND OTHER TERMS OF REMUNERATION FOR THE EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 731.13 TO BE EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY TO JANUARY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
2. **A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN AMEND CHAPTER 925 "SEWERS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN.**
3. Utility Department Office Space

Campbell: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION NO 2016-13 OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ESTABLISHING THE HOURLY WAGES , AND OTHER TERMS OF REMUNERATION FOR THE EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 731.13 TO BE EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY TO JANUARY 1, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Cindy has a copy of that if you want to see it. Did you happen to get on your email and read through that?

Dietz: I got it on the email. I read through the one..

Slusarczyk: This is the revised one that took the termination date off of the Superintendent of Utilities. I don't know why he put a termination date on there but I did not believe that was correct. Mike

Sullivan: Ordered her..

Campbell: What was that? I understand what you said.

Sullivan: Well we were talking and she showed me that termination date and she said we don't have a termination date for the superintendent and I said no we don't but they won't let me take it off. So can I tell you then to do it and she said yes that will work.

Campbell: Ok I'm up to speed.

Dietz: Where I am confused is the other one the other one that was

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going on, two something for the sewer line.

Campbell: That is different.

Slusarczyk: We are working on the employee wage resolution right now.

Dietz: Yeah that is right.

Campbell: any other questions or issues around that? Bruce does it capture and Darren did you guys read through it and check that it captures what you need for the position.

Platt: I think it does, you know.

Campbell: From what I understand it did.

Platt: When is the termination date of the temporary?

Slusarczyk: April 30<sup>th</sup>

Campbell: of 2019

Platt: Ok

Sullivan: You needed to work the 1<sup>st</sup> of March so we had to make it April.

Platt: Yeah I need to work the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, okay.

Sullivan: But then that will give you benefits for April.

Slusarczyk: No.

Sullivan: Isn't that what Bill said.

Slusarczyk: No, he was worried that by putting this temporary person on. They were worried that that person would get benefits that next month if it said April 1<sup>st</sup> so we made it April 30<sup>th</sup>. Regardless that temporary person that is in here as D. isn't going to leave the Village of Lordstown he is going to become permanent full time so it doesn't matter Debbie's thing was when their benefits are going to end they are going to take on a permanent position.

Sullivan: that is what Dutton said is you can't do the permanent full time without benefits. Anything over what 30 hours has got to have benefits.

Campbell: It is what it is.

Sullivan: that is what I said.

Platt: Hopefully that idea for this position again is to attract an individual that is going to become a permanent member of the water & Sewer Department, you know, when I retire why then they the person moves from the laborers or foreman's position, you know, Darren will move up and fill the Superintendents position and then you guys can pick a foreman and then one of those laborers positions will be open and then you got to fill that. I think with that Ordinance that you will still have to advertise you couldn't just shift him right over but possibly you could.

Sullivan: He'd be full-time.

Platt: We got time to check with Mr. Dutton, you know, I think it would be the same as if a road department employee would transfer over or want to transfer over.

Campbell: in my mind it does.

Platt: You know, to me...

Sullivan: Well like you said we have plenty of time on that.

Dietz: But our mind doesn't count.

Campbell: So are we good?

Platt: So if what I'm saying if all goes according to plan and Bruce leaves on March 1<sup>st</sup> you don't have to wait to till April 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sullivan: Right.

Platt: Or 30<sup>th</sup>.

Slusarczyk: You can end it before. You can make your moves before it doesn't make you act immediately, it gives you more time. If you wanted to dissolve that person that's temporary position before you can by taking the employee and promoting from out and not filling but it gives you the time if something happens and he can't leave on March 1<sup>st</sup> and its April 1<sup>st</sup> you have reaction time.

Platt: or heaven forbid the person isn't working out, you know, okay you put up with it...

Sullivan: It happens

Campbell: Alright are there any other questions on it. **Alright I will make a motion that we accept this resolution.**

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Dietz: I'll second it.

Campbell: All in favor?

Sullivan: Aye

Campbell: Aye

Dietz: Aye

Campbell: All opposed? Motion carries.

Slusarczyk: This becomes Resolution 2018-4.

Campbell: Make sure we sign it and get it back to Ms. Cindy. Alright that one is taken care of. Number two **A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN AMEND CHAPTER 925 "SEWERS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN.** Okay now this I believe Tom had some questions.

Dietz: Yeah, I cannot compare the two on my screen where they have the yellow things taken out and put Paul's thing up beside it.

Slusarczyk: All we did, Chris edited the bold in section A to distinguish between Westside and Eastside Sanitary sewers. Then there was language in between that said Council wants this and well they are not participating is what was drafted so that was removed and there was part of it that stated a specific account that was from 1980's so we removed the account number and left it the General Improvement Fund.

Dietz: For me to look at it at the house and try to decipher what was taken out when Paul sent his clean copy back or was that your clean copy on the computer.

Slusarczyk: Paul edited it, I forwarded it to you.

Sullivan: The clean copy. So this is what wasn't cleaned up.

Campbell: That is what Cindy marked up..

Dietz: What I am saying is that I would have print it out both copies and I'm not going to waste my..

Slusarczyk: All we did was removed where it implied that Council was taking the action in the sections and now it read the Village believes that. Everything that is on bold in the clean on is the changes.

Dietz: Sorry I'm slow on it.

Sullivan: And this is what we kind of wanted the Utility Committee to look at that they never did.

Campbell: There you go, yep.

Sullivan: We never got an answer back.

Campbell: Sort of did.

Sullivan: From Bond.

Campbell: I'm good with the changes; it's a good catch that Bruce or Cindy caught.

Platt: I didn't

Campbell: Good job, Cindy that was a good catch. I didn't realize that was out there. Does anybody want to make a motion for..

Sullivan: **I'll make the motion to accept the codified..**

Dietz: I'll second.

Campbell: All in favor?

All: Aye

Campbell: All opposed? Motion carries. This will be five right?

Slusarczyk: 2018-5. They may want to revise it later but is with them at least they are looking at it.

Campbell: There you go. Yeah, I know exactly what you are saying now.

Slusarczyk: Kellie said once this Ordinance is passed then it's done. We do not have to do anything further it will automatically go in to be revised with Walter Drane. It will not be in the printed books but it does not invalidate it by no means because they just got the books in now. I tried to hold them up on that but they did not want to wait.

Dietz: It's like the state fire code you spend thousands of dollars to try to keep it up to date.

Campbell: Alright we got one and two under control. Number three, Utility Department office space.

Slusarczyk: Tom asked me to add it to the agenda.

Dietz: I ask her to add it because I know Mike's daughter buys these portable offices and according to the people that handed us that

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contract we were going to millions of dollars from the power plant but I would like to start looking into an office even if we have to set it up beside the building there in now. Really would like to have it down at the space center but Arno's folly I don't think they are going to do much with that.

Campbell: Yeah, I don't know I know we have talked about that idea before.

Sullivan: I don't think my daughter would want to bid on it.

Dietz: I didn't say...

Sullivan: No not that, it too little to come from Florida...

Dietz: that is not what I am getting at.

Sullivan: She could give us some prices so when we did go out we'd know, you know, she does modular buildings, does the whole thing, the water but she had one seven to eight million dollar contract after the other at the Orlando airport but I sure she'd sit down if you guys gave me an idea what you though you would like so...

Platt: So you could what ball park you are in for things.

Dietz: What I was looking at was being that she could send us some literature that she has. I will give you the money so she could send.

Sullivan: What would you want? Like a...

Dietz: Lunch room slash...

Sullivan: Conference room or... your office?

Biggs: Are you asking me what I'd like? I like a whole new building something we could work out of. That is what I want. Something that is not a pole barn. We are not eating where everything is moving around. Maybe a little air for a half an hour for the guys so maybe they could take a little break while they are eating, you know. A decent restroom, a bigger office; there is nothing over there. I mean there is nothing, absolutely it's terrible. A brand new building something for these professionals to work in would be great and be able to have people in there and not be embarrassed to have them in there and have the room for our stuff. That is what we should have.

Sullivan: I was thinking it about it would be wonderful if we could just move the water department back over there.

Slusarczyk: To over where?

Sullivan: to wherever we put the building. Like if it is over there or where ever. We weren't under Bill's eulogy.

Platt: Many moons ago the discussion was to have the water department back when we were just the water department there is extra space up there to put an additional building but since we are carrying this sewer and all this stuff, the area up there is not big enough for something like that so yeah but...

Sullivan: I'm just trying to get an idea, would you want a worker's section, and then a section for discussions?

Platt: I'm on my way out so my opinion does not count as much as it did in the past but I envisioned like three sections if you would. Like one section or the front section or whatever, one third is designated for the superintendent's office that kind of stuff, the middle section is restrooms, map room, and the third section is field maintenance workers section where that's where lunch room is that is where bathrooms are so mostly if there is dirt and everything it tends to stay down that direction, you know, on a daily basis. That was my vision but it matters more what the coming guys envision so.

Sullivan: Yeah if I could get an idea of what you are talking about like square footage or something I could get a ball park.

Platt: We can come up with that in the very near future.

Sullivan: and how it is broke down the more rooms

Dietz: Is there any more room back there that the village owns?

Platt: Back in the back here?

Dietz: Yeah

Platt: On the other side of the fence but that is all taken up with the grindings and all the surplus material that they need for the road department so.

Dietz: Would we basically have to move off site to do it?

Platt: Yeah

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Dietz: So down at the other one is just about the best place to go roughly.

Sullivan: You're talking about down at the space center?

Dietz: the folly, yeah.

Sullivan: Just for the space, we do not want to use that building.

*Reporter Bob Coupland enters room*

Campbell: Hold on a second, I don't want you to be wasting your time. We are down to our last item we are down to our last item which we are discussing option for office space.

Reporter asks questions where a brief question and answer was conducted about previous agenda items.

Campbell: I know Darren's concerns of, and they are very valid for pursuing this route of getting a semi temporary solution that ends up being the forever and you never get to the goal you want. It's a very valid concern; you have been living that for years. So I mean it's not that were trying to insult the idea. I'm just saying it is a very valid concern that we work hard to get where we can right now because it really would even stretch us financially to even consider anything. We know where we are at that way. Even if you got something that said this is an improvement from what we got, all right. Is it going to be the next twenty years that you did that and you live with it because you did this step? Or is it something when we get financially sound and we or work more with Council and Village to get a better, permanent, professional facility that supports our department. That is always what I am battling that is what is in my head. As a Board it is definitely not an easy correction.

Sullivan: Right, certainly don't want to run that during the time of the water raise.

Campbell: Correct, and we all know perception is a necessary evil on how and when you do things for the public eye.

Dietz: well from the public eye after Sunday, take a picture of what the building is going to look like after we get that 2 ½- 3 inches of rain. You guys make sure you get everything up that is going to get ruined because you know it is going to be in that building.

Sullivan: They are saying 3 inches in a 48 hour period.

Biggs: I mean what can you do, Tom?

Dietz: I know there is nothing

Campbell: I'm sorry I'm missing what we are talking about.

Biggs: We get a hard rain it...

Dietz: the building is full

Campbell: oh yeah

Darren: that is what he is talking about

Campbell: I thought you meant one of the pump stations is what he was talking about.

Dietz: No

Biggs: I hope not

Campbell: trying to understand

Dietz: well we can keep this on and see what we can do about.

Biggs: Here is my opinion; it has been long enough we have got to do something. Have to, I don't personally like the idea of baby steps and we will see what we can do later, see what we can do later. I have seen how that works around here. It does not. Everybody knows it. It sounds good. It doesn't come off the agenda. Its gets shot down, something else comes up, something wait on this. I have heard it over and over and I know you guys have. Something has to be done. It has got to get started and we got to figure out a way to do it that is my opinion on it that is what needs to happen.

Campbell: I think the proper time to institute something along those lines. Hopefully we get more cooperation from Council; Village side would really help us.

Biggs: That would be great, we are going to have to impress on them

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however we can. The only thing that when we were talking the Kunkel thing. It was just a great idea at the time wasn't ideal.

Campbell: Worth considering

Biggs: It was great cause at the time because Village wise, put all the money in over there and then want to tear it down. If we need a building and they go put money into a building and then want to tear it down. I'm like HELLO.

Sullivan: For sure

Biggs: You know, was it ideal, no. Would it cost some money, absolutely but the space was the huge thing over there. Even the stuff we have laying around, you know, here there would be plenty of room to share with the fire and you know that is how the Kunkel thing got brought up. Maybe then just start with an office, you know, it would be nice to actually have restrooms and have a place to sit down and eat in comfort. Have people in or Bruce can talk to somebody where he can show them some papers or whatever would be great. Is it final, probably would be if that happens. It is heck of a lot better.

Campbell: I kind of lost track of where Council's mind set is with the Kunkel building.

Sullivan: the last thing...

Campbell: Kind of kick around ideas and nothing more...

Dietz: No, according to Jones they weren't even going to heat it last year. The office part

Biggs: They haven't been heating that part over there. That broiler broke over there and they weren't putting any money into it. What they did do is put new heat in the big part because we have equipment there, road department has equipment there, fire department has equipment there so yeah...

Platt: They have Ray-o-vac heaters

Biggs: So at least over stuff in storage over there would be fine. The other part over there is not heated and that is what they wanted to tear down last I heard and keep the bigger part.

Campbell: that is the last I understood. Then if they tear it down then there is the spot to put something new one. Till then not so interested in making let us work there. And that is where I think we all left it. I didn't know if they are pushing to go ahead and bulldoze the thing...

Biggs: last I heard are you guys going to do that or whatever or us to take care...

Campbell: they just wanted us to help save there bacon on dumping a bunch of money into the building.

Biggs: that's what I mean...

Campbell: then they say hey it got used. That is my gut feeling on that and then we are like that doesn't work for us. Put a bunch of money into something that doesn't work for us. Now if you want to tear it down, spend the money and say here is a lot for you.

Biggs: And whose is it going to be?

Campbell: That is the big question.

Biggs: Exactly, who do we need to talk to to find out these answers...

Sullivan: The discussions we had not with Council with Hill he came in and said and that could have changed by now but he come in and said Council would put up \$100,000 and we would have to pay the rest.

Biggs: To do what, repairs?

Sullivan: yeah

Biggs: Okay

Sullivan: But we never really got a price on the rest because I think we were thinking of tearing part of that down weren't we?

Platt: You know everything we wanted to do, like first it was I seem to remember a \$200,000 figure to tear it down. That was first so I said wait a minute you got an estimate, CT gave them an estimate for like less than that money to upgrade it. So like I said we could use that and you'll save \$70,000 or x amount of dollars by fixing it up and then we could move in and use it. Well then if we are going to move in and use it we were going to have to pay for that.

Dietz: And they you also have one Council person that was on a tour

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with us down that made the statement that we are going to do what we want to do.

Platt: That is always the case but when it came to when to if we are going to have to pay for anything let's just - you guys tear it down and we'll bring in a modular and have something brand new then and exactly what we want.

Campbell: Obviously we are rehashing some of the history. So I'd like to keep it on the agenda. If you can at least collect some information at least figure wise it is something we can have. Maybe it's even figures to take a put something modular on a proper location. Alright...

Sullivan: And when you say modular these are not like trailers.

Campbell: No, No

Sullivan: they are like buildings

Campbell: Any member comments?

Dietz: I made my comments.

**Sullivan: Motion to adjourn.**

**Campbell: I will second. All in favor?**

**All: Aye**

Campbell: All Opposed? Okay have a great weekend!

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Approved by:

Cinthia Slusarczyk, clerk

Kevin Campbell, President