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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:05 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

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

MAYOR HILL: Bill, roll call, please.
MR. BLANK: Mayor Hill?
MAYOR HILL: Present.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?
MR. RADTKA: Present.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?
MR. REIDER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.
Treasurer, George Ebling?
MR. EBLING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Solicitor Paul Dutton?
SOLICITOR DUTTON: Present.
MR. BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT).
Fire Chief Travis Eastham?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
MR. BLANK: Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, Kellie Bordner?
MS. BORDNER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Parks, Buildings, Grounds, Street Commissioner, Ron Hickox?
MR. HICKOX: Here.
MR. BLANK: Recreation, Marty Gibson?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT).
Board of Public Affairs?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT).
Engineer Chris Kogelnik?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT).
MAYOR HILL: I have not heard from Mr. Kogelnik. I will entertain a motion to excuse Police Chief Milhoan. He is unavailable this evening.
MR. RADTKA: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka; 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.)

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Motion carried.
Motion for adoption of the agenda?
MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Reider. Second?
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second 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.
Entertain a motion for disposal of the minutes of the regular Council meeting July 19, 2021.
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Sheely. 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.
Motion for payment of the bills.
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Campbell. 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.
Mayor's report. We do have two appointments to the Water Board this evening.
And the deadline for the newsletter is Wednesday, so we can get a newsletter out before the Apple Cider Festival, which is the 24th, 25th and 26th of September.
That's it for the Mayor's report.
Is there a Clerk's report?
MR. BLANK: Just the fact that we're up \$364,000 as the same time as last year. I'm sure a lot of it is construction money.
MR. RADTKA: That's 346? What's was your number, Bill?
MR. BLANK: 364.
MAYOR HILL: Okay. Thank you. Solicitor's report?

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SOLICITOR DUTTON: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR HILL: No one is here from the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs, and we have no Village Engineer here this evening. Special reports. Police Chief Milhoan? Not here. Fire Chief Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: Thanks, Mr. Mayor. The only thing I have tonight is we did start selling stuff on GovDeals. So, I've been posting probably a half dozen items a week or so. It's kind of strange. Some things are selling really high; some things there's no one bidding on them. I talked to Bill about it. His thing was because it's Village property, he wants it to be advertised. Say it doesn't sell, I'm putting it in a pile off to the side, and he said we'll pass an Ordinance to dispose of it from there to get rid of it. A lot of things I didn't think were going to sell are actually selling very well. And things that I thought would sell, some of them aren't, just chairs and things like that, there's no interest in, and file cabinets. But a lot of the other equipment is actually going higher than expected.

MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Travis?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
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. Hickox?

MR. HICKOX: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Last couple weeks has been mainly roadside mowing. We cannot get on top of that. The rain is just not our friend right now. We'll mow it and get around the Village and in two weeks we're right back at it again, just keep going in circles. But we're on it. Same thing with the parks and the cemetery, mowing and mowing and mowing. We mulched the walking trail in the park and we've got all but maybe a hundred feet left to do. We'll have that wrapped up this week. The crew at the parks painted the community building down there. If anybody saw it and happened to drive by, it looks real nice now. It's the old club house, is what I'm told it is. This week now Ultium Cells is expecting, I'm told, approximately 1,000 oversized loads of their material, their plant material, their machines and whatnot, coming from Seattle and hitting here one after another. Barton Malow came on board with us, and they agreed to pay for truck route signs. They have Ultium Cells on it. Big florescent green arrows. We're going to try to get them right to their gate. We've got the signs now. All this happened since about last Wednesday. We've got the signs in our possession. We're going to start putting them up tomorrow. That's all I have to report.

MAYOR HILL: I've got one question. Ron did get a call—or had Trumbull County Soil and Water come out. Our two ponds are looking horrible. If anybody has been to the one up here,

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you know, it's very shallow. We're going to end up, you know, either—I think there's three ways Ron had said they told us. We could either fill it in. We can treat it. But the one up here is so shallow he's seen people's dogs walk across that pond. So, that's not good. So, we may have to dig it out and dredge it or whatever, treat it chemically or—

MR. HICKOX: It's either drain it and dredge it, drain it and then fill it with dirt, or it is what it is. The three options.

MR. CAMPBELL: And the cost—tell them, Ron, the cost is outrageous.

MR. HICKOX: The cost—we don't know—the cost for chemically treating the one up at the park, that one has to stay. We believe it's a retention pond. There's so much organic matter in it from the trees, that it can't be salvaged for anything other than, basically, a frog pond. To chemically treat it to get the muck off of the top of it and to get it so it looks like water, one chemical she told us is \$900 a quart. And she said that's just a quart of it. She didn't know how much we would need of that. She's guessing between the chemicals and the application around \$5,000 a year. And not to even think about even doing it unless you're committed for ten years. That's to get everything turned up and killed that's on the bottom of it.

MR. BLANK: That pond up there don't matter. This pond here, the last department head told me they used to put chest waders on and pulled them out of there and then they had that—

MR. HICKOX: Aerator—

MR. BLANK: —and never had a problem. He said we went out there with chest waders and they pulled them out by hand.

MR. HICKOX: But with chest waders on, you're in muck up to here (indicating). It's not water you're in.

MR. BLANK: I don't know. I'm just telling you what he told me the other day about that.

MAYOR HILL: But, you know, I'm getting hit on texts. It's been on Facebook and emails and things like that. We're going to have to do something. I know they'll probably have to go through Terry's committee because that's Parks and Grounds. But I want everybody on Council to know that we're going to have to do something because that one up here, it does look horrible.

MR. HICKOX: It does. It looks bad.

MAYOR HILL: In fact, Ron even said the other one, the only thing it would be good for because it doesn't have a lot of oxygen in it—

MR. HICKOX: There's zero oxygen in the pond up there.

MAYOR HILL: So, you know, that's a retention basin, so put a sign up "frog pond." I'm not saying that sarcastically, but, you know, that's what we're going to have to do.

MR. BLANK: Habitat for frogs.

MAYOR HILL: Ron says he will try to get some prices for this one up here because we know we're going to have to have it dredged if we're going to keep it or we're going to fill it in.

MR. BLANK: Travis, you had an idea you and I were talking a couple weeks ago about that pond.

CHIEF EASTHAM: What, digging it out?

MR. BLANK: Yeah. Between you guys and the Road Department.

CHIEF EASTHAM: Well, we were just talking about it. We were sitting in there talking about just digging it out. There's one side that's

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shallow and one side that's deeper. The front side is deeper. It's, like, eight or nine foot, I believe. The back is about three feet. You know what I mean? If we dragged one side, dug the other then went back and forth and got it to where it was. One year we actually dammed up the creek and pumped it out of the creek and into the pond to fill it back up. The muskrats had it all—it was draining off. It was leaking out. You could actually see the backs of the fish swimming in the shallow side. I felt bad for them.

MAYOR HILL: Something has to be done because it's right at the center of town.

MR. RADTKA: Get some costs.

MAYOR HILL: Get some costs on that. Have a committee meeting and see what we want to do on that. Any questions for Ron?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Any correspondence this evening?

MR. BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Public remarks? Any public remarks?
(NO RESPONSE.)
Hearing none, Council remarks?

MR. RADTKA: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to let all Council know that I did receive two calls over the weekend on the siren down at Ray Kovac's on Hallock-Young Road. The siren is not producing any tones. It's just spinning since Friday. It just continues rotating. I called dispatch to let them know. I know Chris is not here, but I wanted to make all of Council aware of that. That's all I got.

MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Ron?

CHIEF EASTHAM: Yeah. Can I get on that? Dispatch got ahold of me this morning and told me it was down after you talked to them. We went over and we powered it down after I talked with Hudson Communications. They said power it down, let it sit for a few minutes and make sure the battery backup is off and then power it back up. There's two solenoids. One activates it to turn and one solenoid shuts it off. So, we don't know if it took a lightning strike or it just happened to die. The one that they shut off is stuck. So, I powered it down. We left it shut off, and we put in a work ticket for him to come out. He said if it's under warranty still with Federal, they would submit it to them. If not, they'd just charge us the service charge to fix it. He says he has the solenoids on his truck. He carries them. Either way, it's going to get repaired.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you, Travis.
Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Terry?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Public Safety and Police Department, Mr. Bond?

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

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

MR. REIDER: No report, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Don?

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(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Public Utilities, Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: No report.
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Lamar?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Recreation and Planning, Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Questions for Howard?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Bill, first piece of legislation.
MR. BLANK: From Negotiating Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 29-2020 (THE "MASTER BENEFITS ORDINANCE") ESTABLISHING THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN EXCEPT FOR THE HOURLY EMPLOYEES IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?
MR. RADTKA: Motion to suspend.
MR. REIDER: Second, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Radtka; second by Reider. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?
MR. REIDER: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

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

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MR. CAMPBELL: 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 51-2021. Next, please.

MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole For Emergency Passage, A
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MR. REIDER: Motion to suspend.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Reider; second by Liming. Roll call, please.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: 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. BOND: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Bond. Second?

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. 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: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: 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. Resolution 7-2021. Is there any old business Council would like to discuss? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, new business. I'll go first. BPA is recommending we appoint Scott Kovacic for a full-time position in the Water Department and Dave Smith for part-time position. I'll entertain a motion to have those two put on. I believe they have already been working, so this will be retroactive to whatever day they started.

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Liming. Second?

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Bond—

MR. BOND: No. Sheely.

MAYOR HILL: Sheely, okay. You guys sound alike I'll tell you. 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.

MR. RADTKA: Mr. Radtka?
Yes. I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn to executive session for contract negotiations for the insurance for the Village, inviting Mayor, Council, Solicitor, and Mr. Uher. Clerk?

MAYOR HILL: And the Clerk.

MR. RADTKA: Will there be any action taken afterwards?

MAYOR HILL: No action taken.

MR. RADTKA: Everybody heard the motion by Mr. Radtka. Is there a second?

MR. SHEELY: Second by Sheely.

MAYOR HILL: Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Reider?

MR. REIDER: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays for executive session number one. Mr. Radtka?

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MR. RADTKA: Yes. I'd like to make a second motion for executive session for threatened litigation with LEC, inviting Council, Mayor, Solicitor, Clerk—

MR. LIMING: Second.

MR. RADTKA: —and no action taken afterwards.

MAYOR HILL: Motion by Radtka; second by Liming. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Yes.

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: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried for the second executive session.

I'll now ask for public remarks. After that, we'll adjourn to executive session. The only action afterwards will be to adjourn. Public remarks?

(NO RESPONSE.)

I'd like to thank everybody for coming this evening. We'll now adjourn to executive session.

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

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

STATE OF OHIO)
)
 COUNTY OF TRUMBULL)

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

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