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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, November 15, 2021, and proceedings were as follows:)

(WRITTEN FROM AUDIO RECORDING)

MAYOR HILL: 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: 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?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.
MR. BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
MR. BLANK: Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, Kellie Bordner?
MS. BORDNER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Parks, Buildings and 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?
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MAYOR HILL: I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.
MR. REIDER: So moved, Mr. Mayor.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Reider; 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.

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I'll entertain a motion for disposal of the minutes, regular Council meeting November 3 and special Council meeting November 9.

MR. RADTKA: So moved.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka; 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.

Motion for payment of the bills.

MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Campbell. Second?

MR. REIDER: Second, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: 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.

Mayor's report. The newsletter should be out hopefully within the next week. It does have some information about Shop-With-A-Cop and what the police do for the Holiday season. It went to the printer last Monday. Hopefully, it will be in the mail pretty soon.

M&M Industries has offered \$25,000 towards a cruiser. They are seeking matching funds. They did put it out to other businesses in the Village but haven't gotten a response yet. So. We'll see what happens there.

That's it for the Mayor's report.

Is there a Clerk's report?

MR. BLANK: No report, Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Solicitor's report?

SOLICITOR DUTTON: Mr. Mayor, I have no formal report but as I sat down here, my phone buzzed. My son, who is a lawyer out in California—go figure, San Francisco—he forwarded me an article that was just published in *Bloomberg Business Week*, which says, "Lordstown Auto Industry is Coming Back." So, you might want to look at that.

MAYOR HILL: There you go. *Bloomberg*. Everybody mark that one down.

Any questions for Paul?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR HILL: No one is here from the Board of Public Affairs.

Village Engineer's report, Chris?

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MR. KOGELNIK:

I have a couple items. The one thing that I have been coordinating with Ron about is we're working with Ultium's engineers. As you might know, they are planning a new signal for the Ultium driveway on State Route 45. We're helping them to scope out that work appropriately in regard to what the Village's responsibilities are, review it and give them comments so that they can be on their way to completing that design. So, we're working with them on that.

Last week I was called out to the relocated section of Hallock Young Road by Darren Biggs from the Water and Sewer Department. There was a break or something that happened with the sanitary sewer carrying the waste from TJX's site into the Trumbull County system. There was a surcharge of that wastewater. It then went into the roadside swale and then traveled down into the stream there. So, Ohio EPA was calling me several times today to figure out what happened. After talking with the county officials who responded to it ultimately and then made some sort of corrective action out there last Wednesday. I told the Ohio EPA what I knew and that they should contact the county, and they did. So, I wanted you to know that I have received some calls from Ohio EPA about that. That's all I have.

Does anybody have any questions?

MAYOR HILL:

Questions for Chris?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Thank you.

Special reports. Police Chief Milhoan?

CHIEF MILHOAN:

Yes, Mr. Mayor. Earlier this afternoon I emailed the Safety Committee, and I cc'd the Mayor and the rest of the members of Council to update all of you on the status of our outdoor weather sirens. Dan Bodette from Federal Field Services recently came to the Village and inspected all ten of the sirens and made the appropriate repairs. Of the ten sirens that we currently have, four of them were not working, which, obviously, I'm sure that's concerning to all of us. We were aware that one of them wasn't working, possibly two. But we found out that four of them were not working. Of the four that were not working, three of them had blown fuses, and the one over on Hallock Young near Lyntz, which was spinning continually, that was caused by a wire that was pinched inside the cabinet and grounded out the wiring and opened the relay up and it caused the siren to continue to spin.

Back in the third week of October we had a tornado warning come through our area, and we set off our sirens. But, obviously, only 60 percent of the sirens were working at that time. I bring that up because just to let you know where we're at. They are currently all working now, all ten of them. But it may be something that Council wants to consider having some type of a service agreement on these. They are not under warranty anymore. So, whether you go with somebody like Federal Field Services or Jake from Hudson Communication or whoever, it might be something that we want to consider because we really don't know—I mean, we test them every Saturday at noon. But if

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we're not there, if we don't have an employee at all ten locations to see if they're working, or if a resident doesn't call us and tell us that they're not working, we really don't know. And really of the four that weren't working, three of them were fuses. The fuses were five dollars. So, I mean, it's a minimal cost to get the parts, but I think if we're going to have these, we might want to take a look at servicing them on a regular maintenance basis.

Dan did recommend that the siren on Highland Avenue, south of Salt Springs, north of Hallock Young, by the tracks there, there's a pine tree that he recommended that branches be cut back from the siren. I've already gotten a response from the Street Commissioner, Ron Hickox, and he will look into taking care of that.

So, I just wanted to update you on our siren situation.

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

I guess the only one I got, do we know where that fuse is bad? Didn't we have any?

CHIEF MILHOAN: I don't know. It's in the box somewhere, but I don't know.

MAYOR HILL: I don't know if that would be something where our guys could just go take a look at that or not. I'm just throwing it out there because a five-dollar fuse, it might be something where we may want to look at it to avoid a call. Any other questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Fire Chief Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: 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, Mayor. We've been building and installing the Christmas lights around the Village greens and throughout, and we will be ready for the November 26th lighting. There will be no program with the lighting due to Covid. We've sealed the parking lot. And striping, we're at the mercy of the weather; and the way it sounds, it may be Spring before we can restripe the parking lot. We're wrapping up our last round of roadside mowing. We're going to pour monument foundations this week in the cemetery. Our snow and ice equipment is ready to roll if need be. Flags have been taken down along the roadside and put away for the Winter. And they'll be put back up before Memorial Day next year. Last, CSX will be repairing two crossings and closing Muth Road November 29th through December 1. And Lyntz Road December 1st through December 3rd. And I've let the Board of Education know and sent everyone an email on it. So, that's all I have.

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MAYOR HILL: Questions for Ron?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Thank you.
Is there any correspondence this evening?

MR. BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Public remarks. If you'd like to make a public remark, after I acknowledge you, please come to the dais and give your name and address so we can get it in the minutes correctly.
(NO RESPONSE.)
Hearing none, Council remarks? Hearing none—

MR. BOND: Yes, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Yes.

MR. BOND: I'm sorry. I was looking through some of our Ordinances and I noticed one here, Ordinance 74-2001. This has to do with our telecommunications, computer network policies and stuff. This is 20 years old. Computers and social media and everything have changed a lot in 20 years. I'm going to make a copy of it and put it in everybody's mailbox. You may want to look at it and see if there's anything we want revised on it.
That's all I have.

MAYOR HILL: Any questions for Bob?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Committee reports. Finance, Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: I have no report tonight, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Ron?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
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, Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: No report tonight, 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?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Public Utilities, Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: No report.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Lamar?

MR. RADTKA: Yes, I have a quick question. I did receive a call this afternoon from a resident asking where we're at with the gas aggregate. I know Arno talked to you last week about that.

MR. LIMING: You ever get ahold of that guy?

MAYOR HILL: Yeah. We're going to try to have him here at the next meeting and have him come and explain. Because we did have one, but it expired, and I think they were sending stuff to the wrong emails and everything else.

MR. LIMING: It got all mixed up. My feeling is with the price that natural gas is, do we want to lock in now?

MR. RADTKA: Well, that depends on who you ask.
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MR. RADTKA: This resident thinks we should have had something a long time ago.

MAYOR HILL: I will tell you that most residents, you know, due to the fact that we are locked in—you can always beat our rate on gas or electric; however, when it comes time to renew, and you've missed that window of renewal, they usually have some sort of fee they want to hit you with. Most people, you know, they feel they're getting a fair rate. They just want to pay their bill and keep on rolling.

MR. LIMING: Well, we'll have him come in and listen—

MR. RADTKA: Next meeting.

MAYOR HILL: Next meeting. Questions for Lamar?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Rec and Planning, Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes, Mr. Mayor. We had a meeting last Tuesday to discuss the lighting situation and decided not to have a ceremony due to Covid. We talked to Mr. Hickox and it's time to start seeing about getting the lights and things like that brought up and replaced.

MAYOR HILL: They are in pretty bad shape. I know they have been here at least 30 years. And it seems like every year we're doing more and more maintenance and a lot of times, they're—it's time to either get them replaced or revamped or something. Were we still going to put the lights on a timer and at least let everybody know it's going to be 6:00 and put out something over All-Call?

MS. BORDNER: I put it on the Village digital sign out front. It's already on there.

MAYOR HILL: Did you?

MS. BORDNER: Yes, I did.

MAYOR HILL: I did notice pulling in, set it for no more daylight savings time. It's an hour off.

MS. BORDNER: Oh, ok. I will check that. Thank you.

MAYOR HILL: I just saw that when I pulled in tonight.

MS. BORDNER: Thank you. I will fix that.

MAYOR HILL: Questions for Howard?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, Bill.

MR. BLANK: From Finance Committee For Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$122.00 FROM THE UNCLAIMED MONEY FUND INTO THE UTILITY FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MR. RADTKA: Motion to suspend.

MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Radtka. Second?

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. 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.

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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 suspend the rules.
Motion to adopt?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Bond. Second?
MR. REIDER: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Reider. 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?
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 83-2021.
Is there any old business Council would like to bring up at this time?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, new business. Mr. Radtka?
MR. RADTKA: Yes, I have a few things tonight. Starting, I think everybody knows that Denise retired from Kellie's office after many years of service. So, we have an open seat. So, I would like to make a motion that we authorize to advertise for assistant planning and zoning administrator for the open position.
MAYOR HILL: Everybody heard the motion.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Motion by Radtka to advertise for assistant planning and zoning; 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. Mr. Radtka?

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MR. RADTKA: Okay. Next, I'd like to make a motion for a work authorization for CT Consultants to assist the Village and Council and the Village BPA for a public hearing for the LEC Mud Creek discharge project we have going on, not to exceed \$5,000.

MAYOR HILL: Everybody heard the motion by Mr. Radtka for work authorization for CT over LEC, Mud Creek discharge. Is there a second?

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Second by Sheely. Comments or questions?

MR. LIMING: That is split, correct, between Council and BPA?

MR. RADTKA: That is correct, yes.

MAYOR HILL: Any other comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

MR. RADTKA: Motion carried.
Next. Also, regarding CT, we're going to need them to prepare some testimony for the upcoming Home Goods/TJX relocation of Hallock Young site plan review process for the acceptance of Hallock Young Road. So, me and Kellie spoke with Chris today, and we're going to have to free up some funds for Chris to do that. So, Chris, can you come up with a rough scope of what you—

MR. KOGELNIK: The scope would be to re-evaluate/re-assess where we left off and then determine what, if any, addressment can be done by way of TJX or what other ideas can be facilitated in order to arrive at a solution of either opening the road or making the improvements to it. And, if improvements need to be made to the road, that's a whole other story. So, it would be basically recommendations. And the cost of which, Ron, I would say \$5,000. I really can't put a price to that right now because it's—we're trying to manage the expectations of the Village while also understanding that we have an entity we're dealing with that hasn't fulfilled the obligations. So, that's all I can say right now.

MR. RADTKA: So, not to exceed \$5,000. So, Council have any questions?

MR. LIMING: Why can't we get TJX to pay—

MR. BOND: I thought they were—

MR. RADTKA: I don't know if Chris can answer. I think the answer to that is they're done.

MR. KOGELNIK: They feel they are. I think that's accurate.

MR. LIMING: They don't have a road.

MR. RADTKA: Correct.

MR. LIMING: If they're done—

MAYOR HILL: There's a lot of issues here because one, the county has said get an extended bond. They would accept the road—but now the Village and others have said, well, there may be some issues down the road they want to get assessed first. So, we're between a proverbial rock and a hard place right now. Council is going to have to make a decision. Not this

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minute but—
MR. RADTKA: It's coming soon because Home Goods has already
approached Kellie for, you know, making application to get
this road turned over and accepted.
MAYOR HILL: Everybody heard the motion not to exceed \$5,000 for
testimony for Hallock Young relocation. Made by Ron. Is
there a second to that?
MR. REIDER: Second, Mr. Mayor.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Reider. Comments or questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR HILL: Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

That motion is carried. Ron?
MR. RADTKA: All right. Finally, I would like to make a motion to adjourn
to executive session for contract negotiations with Ultium
Battery plant water project, inviting Council, Mayor,
Solicitor, Engineer, Clerk.
MAYOR HILL: Will there be any action taken after that?
MR. RADTKA: No action taken.
MAYOR HILL: No action taken after that. We will adjourn after the second
public remarks. The only action taken after that will be to
adjourn the meeting. Is there a second to that motion?
MR. REIDER: Second.
MAYOR HILL: Second by Reider. Comments or questions. 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 for that executive session.
You're welcome to stay here if you'd like. The only action
after we come out will be to adjourn. Have a good night.
Thanks for coming.

(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF
LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.)

_____, Mayor
_____, Clerk

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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 meeting before the Lordstown Village Council was written by audio recording 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