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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:03 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Roll call. please.
MR. BLANK: Mayor Woodward?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Here.
MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank, present.
Treasurer, George Ebling?
MR. EBLING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Solicitor Matt Ries?
SOLICITOR RIES: Here.
MR. BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.
MR. BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham?
(NO RESPONSE — ABSENT.)
Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?
MS. BORDNER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Street Commissioner, Martin Nelder?
MR. NELDER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Board of Public Affairs?
MR. PETERSON: Here.
MR. BLANK: Village Engineer, Chris Kogelnik?
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to excuse Travis?
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming; second by Bond. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.
Is there a motion to amend the agenda, bringing in your respective numbers one—I'm sorry, four and five that you were given and this is removing number four from the agenda.
MR. BOND: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.

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MR. BOWEN: Second.
MR. BOND: And one question I do have on it. This one that came in from Council as a whole that we're removing. I went to Council for any suggestions. I talked to several of them that didn't know anything about it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: You're saying for number five?
MR. BOND: Well, either one.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Or Public Affairs was number four. Oh, you mean the original number four.
SOLICITOR RIES: The original number—it should not be in as Council as a whole. That's why we're revising it so the new one will come in from Board of Public Affairs.
MR. BOND: Well, that's on the part about the eminent domain, but the part on hiring yourself is still coming from Council as a whole. Is that correct?
SOLICITOR RIES: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Because it wasn't brought from a committee.
SOLICITOR RIES: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. So, there was a motion by Bond and a second by Bowen. Any other discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.
So that is amended. Is there a motion to adopt then?
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.
Can I have a motion for disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting April 7, 2025.
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.
Is there a motion for payment of the bills?
MS. BLANK: So moved.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any questions on the bills?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.
Mayor's report. I did want to bring up I went to a council of governments meeting last week. David DeChristofaro was there. He's the county engineer. He informed us that the county will not be doing services for the villages and cities anymore. Specifically, the—what were they doing, Martin, specifically?
MR. NELDER: They said any road work or any engineering they can't help with.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.
MR. NELDER: But the salt program we can continue to work with them.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. So you did get clarification.
MR. NELDER: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: There was some questions about a couple of things. So you did get clarification on that. So we look for that service to stop.
MR. NELDER: And they did say it could go back but they're not for sure.
MAYOR WOODWARD: They had gotten an opinion from their attorney and that's the opinion that they're going to operate under right now.
MR. NELDER: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Also, I have some sad news. And that is the library will be closing permanently June 27th at 5 p.m. Everybody is asked to return all materials by that date and time. That also is going to lead to some discussion about what Council wishes to do with that building. We can begin to have some conversation about it today if you want, or we can save it for a work session if you'd rather. Up to you guys. I'll bring it up under new business and if you guys want to talk about it then, we can.
That is all that I have. Is there a Clerk's report?
MR. BLANK: No report, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a Solicitor's report?
SOLICITOR RIES: No report, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Treasurer's report?
MR. EBLING: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?
MR. PETERSON: Yes, Mayor. Our next meeting is May 6th at 4 p.m. here.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Is there a Village Engineer's report?
MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, Mayor. I distributed my report last week. Tomorrow we have a delicate procedure on the 24-inch waterline at the meter vault that's going to entail rebuilding the two valves inside the vault over the next two days. So, after that, the project will be substantially complete with only site restoration. Kirila is doing a really good job thus far. And our services are under budget. So, I'll be out there tomorrow

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to also look after the contractor and equipment rep and the vault.

On all of those, at all 9 locations, we still have not experienced or seen anything from the waterline, so the obstruction has to be somewhere else. So, we're going to keep looking for that.

Trumbull Energy Center, the Warren waterline. The Warren waterline, the first crossing will be on Brunstetter. We know that. And I'm told it's going to be no less than two weeks out. So, most aggressively, it will be about two weeks.

I submitted an email to everybody and also discussed this with Lamar Liming, the Streets chairman. They submitted a maintenance of traffic plan for this crossing on Brunstetter. Brunstetter is a little bit narrower than most roads. The Village's intention and demand on the project is to keep one lane open throughout the project, on specifically that road. On the other two roads, Highland and Salt Springs, it's going to be a trenchless-type excavation. So, there wouldn't be any impact on those two roads. So, Brunstetter is the subject one. And on Brunstetter, when they cut half of the road open to do the perpendicular crossing, they're going to keep the other half intact so the traffic can safely pass by. And then they're going to flip that operation after they make that 50 percent of the work across the road.

The problem is going to become, and the concern is going to become if they should run into subject soils when they're digging that deep. They're going to already have utilities basically in the air that they're supporting. And they're trying to instill in us their concern, which is, hey, if they encounter really bad soils, they should be able to flip a switch and change the MOT to a road closure at both ends if public safety is thought to be jeopardized. So, in as much as we want to have a one-lane operation for the Village and the motorists and the residents and emergency services, we might have to make that switch to make a full road closure if subject soils are encountered. I just want you all to be aware of that. Nobody has approved this at all. We're all just talking about it right now. The Council, as a body, has to vote on this. And for that matter, all the crossing still because that has not yet been fully established and agreed to. So that was the purpose of me sending you their email from last week.

Myself, Martin and Darren, we've attended all seven construction progress meetings. We intend to continue to do that and apprise you of what's going on. That's our job. And then once construction does occur on these roads, you assign that work to us to oversee the work within the road right-of-way. We will do that.

If you have any questions regarding that, and then I'll continue on.

MAYOR WOODWARD:
MR. KOGELNIK:

You need that decided by when?

I actually don't need you to decide on this right now. I was telling Lamar that it would be ideal for the Village to be able to agree that that's a concern, and they should allow the contractor to be able to make that switch in operations on

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maintenance and traffic if, in the event, they go through. One thing you could do is when you do decide to approve this road crossing, all at once you could just basically say we're going to approve the road crossing, and we'll give the contractor the ability to be able to switch the maintenance traffic plan to be a full road closure in the event he encounters soils that would compromise the public safety. Does that make sense?

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Yes.

MR. KOGELNIK:

Okay. So, you don't have to make that decision tonight but shortly.

MR. LIMING:

If you're saying two weeks, we're going to have to.

MR. KOGELNIK:

Yeah, the Village normally meets once every two weeks.

MR. LIMING:

I mean, the next meeting we can do that? Will that be all right?

MR. KOGELNIK:

I would have to assume that's a yes, but I'll confirm that.

MR. LIMING:

Okay.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

You want to just take it back to your committee first?

MR. LIMING:

I think it's all of Council.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Okay.

MR. LIMING:

So, if he can wait two weeks, they can think about it and then we'll vote on it next meeting.

MR. KOGELNIK:

I can let you know tomorrow what their time frame is. Now, keep in mind something too. This is something that probably helps in that time frame. They're waiting on decisions from Buckeye Pipeline. They can't do anything without those decisions. And they're having some difficulty getting in touch with Buckeye. They'll continue pressing Buckeye for those decisions, but eventually this is going to be the first crossing and then they plan after that to do Salt Springs Road and Highland almost at the same time. Okay? All right. I'll get you that answer tomorrow.

MR. LIMING:

Thank you.

MR. KOGELNIK:

All right. We've had a significant amount of discussion about the State Route 45 booster station. For our intents and purposes, it's idle. The design is idle. We're not going to waste the Village's money on this until you give us a solid green light. We've looked at parcels up and down State Route 45 at your request. Got as far as drafting easement agreements, etc., but we haven't gotten anywhere yet in terms of a unified, agreed—to start on the design. So we've recently even provided some more technical answers to the questions that the Village has answered as of last week. We feel we have gone as far as we possibly can on that. We did get an authorization from the Board of Public Affairs to continue that design, but I'm not going to waste money until you give us that solid green light.

In terms of project funding, by the end of today, we'll be submitting to Congressman Joyce and Senator Moreno the new fiscal year '26 CPF and CES requests for the priority number one project, which is the 24-inch waterline and also Hallock-Young connector. So, all of that is going in a good manner right now.

The Hallock-Young connector waterline and that other project, they are going to need updated letters of support. So, I've asked the Mayor if she could lead that. She has all

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of them right now. Most of them, the letters are in decent shape. They just need to be updated. I'd like to help with the wordsmithing on some of that if at all possible.
That's my report. If you have any questions, I'll answer them. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Moving on to special reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes, Mayor. The only thing I have is I'd like to make a few comments about the annual Easter egg hunt that was held here at the Administration Building on September [April] 12th, on Saturday. I would like to publicly thank the businesses and the residents who have supported this event financially. I would also like to thank the members of the Fire Department and the Police Department who have helped out with the event, both that day and prior to, along with community members that came and helped out that day. We had a total of 91 kids this year, which is the most we've had. It's gone up every year. We're hoping next year that we'll break 100. It was a nice event and I think the kids had a good time. That's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: You're going to need a new venue for that, a bigger venue.
CHIEF MILHOAN: Yeah, I think so.
MAYOR WOODWARD: You may have to move it to the park or something. Thank you.
Fire Chief Travis Eastham is not here. He didn't leave anything—

MS. BORDNER: Mayor, can I just speak on Travis' behalf?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Sure.
MS. BORDNER: So, last week Yasser brought in a check for \$500 for the community day picnic, along with a lottery-like board that has scratch-off lottery cards. Travis and I both wanted to thank him very much. He's always the first to step up, and he's always very generous. We want to thank him very much.

MAYOR WOODWARD: He is more than generous, every time.
Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?
MS. BORDNER: I gave you guys a first quarter zoning permit report. There were 16 permits that were issued, totaling \$7,252.30. If you have any questions on those, happy to answer.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All right. Thank you. Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Martin Nelder?
MR. NELDER: Yes. I just wanted to let Council know we finished the exhaust fan at the water garage. It's all done and up and running.
The Parks have been fixing the dugouts on the ball fields and preparing the ball fields. And they're starting to put the bathrooms back together at the front of the park up by the ball fields.
Also, me and Chris Peterson wanted to set the Memorial Day service for 10 a.m. at the cemetery for May 26. That's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Anybody have any questions for Martin?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Correspondence?

MR. BLANK: I believe Kellie has one.

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MS. BORDNER: Mayor, I have a letter dated April 11, 2025, directed to Mayor Jaclyn Woodward and Members of Village Council, 1455 Salt Springs Road, S.W., Warren, Ohio 44481. Regarding Case No. 2025-01-PC, Petition for Zone Change by Dan Crouse on behalf of George Bakeris, dba Spirongo Lordstown, LLC, on a 40.527-acre parcel at the southeast end of Tod Avenue, known as Parcel No. 45-196260 from a mixed zone of Commercial Highway Business (B-2) and Residential (R-1) to Industrial (I-1).
"Dear Mayor Woodward and Members of Village Council: At a special Lordstown Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday April 9, 2025, the following matter was considered: A zone change request under Case No. 2025-01-PC, from a mixed zone of Commercial Highway Business (B-2) and Residential (R-1) to a single zone district of Industrial (I-1) on a 40.527-acre parcel owned by Spirongo Lordstown, LLC, with frontage on Tod Avenue (State Route 45) and situated in Lordstown, Ohio, being Parcel No. 45-196260.
No action was taken, and no recommendation was made by the Lordstown Planning Commission as a result of the fact that the matter died for lack of a motion. Per our Village Solicitor, under Lordstown Codified Ordinance 1135.06(a)(5), the petition must still be presented to Council, regardless of Planning Commission's decision as their decision is merely advisory in nature and Council makes the ultimate determination on a zone change. While no action was taken by Planning Commission because the matter died for lack of a motion, this matter still proceeds to Council with an understanding of the outcome at the Planning Commission Meeting. Respectfully submitted," and it is signed by me.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you, Kellie. Is there anything additional?
MR. BLANK: No.
MAYOR WOODWARD: We'll move on to public remarks. Is there anybody that has anything they wish to share?
(NO RESPONSE.)
Hearing none, we'll move on to Council remarks?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, we'll move on to committee reports. Finance, Robert Bond?
MR. BOND: I have no report this evening, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar Liming?
MR. LIMING: We have one piece of legislation tonight like to see passed emergency so they can start on that.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Thank you. Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: I have no report tonight, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Howard Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Ms. Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Ernie Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning, Jessica Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes, I just wanted to talk a little bit about Mobile Market. I saw people were upset about the library closing. We're kind

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of in the same situation with Mobile Market. So, if we're not going to utilize things in our Village, then we're not going to have them anymore. I think we had, what? Maybe three people attend last month. So we haven't gotten their calendar yet for next month to even know if we're on the schedule. But it's something that if we want to keep here, we need to start using. And I know there's been different rumors about it, but it is because you do not have a grocery store close enough to us that sells fresh produce and stuff. So, that's why they are coming. That's all.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Thank you. Legislation.

MR. BLANK:

From Board of Public Affairs for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 16-2024 CREATING TEMPORARY, SEASONAL, PART-TIME SUMMER POSITIONS WITHIN THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN FOR THE 2025 SEASON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Is there a motion to suspend the rules?

MR. SHEELY:

So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Motion by Sheely.

MR. LIMING:

Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Second by Liming. Roll call.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Miss Blank?

MS. BLANK:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY:

Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD:

6, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules.

Is there a motion to adopt?

MR. BOND:

So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Motion by Bond.

MS. BLANK:

Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Second by Blank. Any discussion?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Roll call.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Miss Blank?

MS. BLANK:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING:

Yes.

MR. BLANK:

Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN:

Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 16-2025.

MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A MASTER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES WITH VERDANTIS, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.

MR. BOWEN: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bowen. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?

MS. BLANK: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

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

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

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?

MS. BLANK: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

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

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MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 17-2025.

MR. BLANK: From Streets, Sidewalks, Public Parks, Buildings, Grounds and General Improvement Committee for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BAKER BEDNAR SNYDER & ASSOCIATES, INC., TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, BID PHASE ASSISTANCE, AND LIMITED CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND OBSERVATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE KUNKLE ROAD GARAGE ROOF REPLACEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?

MR. BOWEN: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bowen.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?

MS. BLANK: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

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

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

MR. BOND: So moved.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond; second by Liming. Any discussion? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?

MR. BOWEN: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?

MS. BLANK: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

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MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 18-2025.

MR. BLANK: **AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE EXTRAORDINARY MATTER IN THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION, AS AMENDED, FOR MATTHEW M. RIES, ESQ., OF HARRINGTON, HOPPE & MITCHELL, LTD., TO PURSUE EMINENT DOMAIN LITIGATION TO SECURE PROPERTY FOR A WATER BOOSTER STATION RELOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE STATE ROUTE 45 AND HALLOCK-YOUNG INTERSECTION IN LORDSTOWN, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can I ask a question? Is this for any property or is this for a specific property?

SOLICITOR RIES: It's not for specific property because if this is passed, it would come down to my discussions with Council and, of course, the engineer in determining what would be the optimal location. Because we've looked at a couple.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So this is just to allow you to go into—or go for eminent domain if it's deemed necessary or?

SOLICITOR RIES: Well, yes, and then that decision as to what property would have to made in conjunction with—when we actually have to put together the lawsuit and make the offer.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

SOLICITOR RIES: The idea was—

MAYOR WOODWARD: So it is not for a specific property.

SOLICITOR RIES: Yeah, the idea was to not lock it down unnecessarily if we were to change our minds about the property. We actually looked at a couple of parcels.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

MR. BOND: I did notice on the one that we pulled, it said it had to be in the immediate vicinity of State Route 45 and Hallock-Young Road. Now it's just been changed to the vicinity of State Route 45 and Hallock-Young Road.

SOLICITOR RIES: We removed that to keep it a little more flexible, keep the radius a little bit, you know, more flexible.

MR. BOND: Have they checked all the sites on the west side of the road down there?

SOLICITOR RIES: The parcels that I've been involved with have been all on the east side to the north and south.

MR. KOGELNIK: The east side primarily because it's difficult, Bob, to extend the suction and discharge lines across the road.

MR. BOND: I realize that. The reason I ask is we've got these ARPA funds hanging out there. I just thought if someone was willing, it might be much quicker than going eminent domain to put it somewhere on the west side.

MS. BLANK: I don't think anyone has been willing. That's why—

MR. KOGELNIK: I'm sorry? I didn't hear that.

MR. BLANK: I don't think anyone is willing. That's the problem. That's the situation is we're running out of time and funding and no one wants to help the Village so here we are.

MR. KOGELNIK: Right.

MR. BOND: I thought some of them up there hadn't been checked is the reason I asked. Things like the little one where that cabin is that they used to sell things out of. There's an area the county

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has up there with a sewer pumping station near there and stuff. I was just curious—

MR. KOGELNIK: The other thing, Bob, is the west side of the road has the sanitary sewer. And by virtue of The Ten State Standards, you have to be ten feet away.

MR. BOND: Right. I'm aware of that.

MR. KOGELNIK: And 18 inches vertical.

MR. BOND: I mean, ideally, the east side of the road is the place to go. I realize that.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, typically, when you build a booster station, you don't have the suction discharge—

MR. BOND: Another question I have for that is initially you were looking at 100 by 200 footprint.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah.

MR. BOND: Now, it looks to me like looking at the one on Salt Springs Road doesn't take up nearly that much room. Is that correct?

MR. KOGELNIK: That's—yeah, that's correct. The one on Salt Springs Road, the immediate footprint, I think the fenced in area I'll call the immediate footprint is around 40 by maybe 50?

MR. BOND: This is what I'm thinking, it might make people more agreeable because that's about a fifth the size—

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay, so it's a little bit more involved with the immediate footprint because you have to build it.

MR. BOND: Right. We have to have a larger area built—

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah. That site on Salt Springs Road had some really limiting criteria from the get go. We knew that.

MR. BOND: Right.

MR. KOGELNIK: And we had to appease that particular property owner. On this one here, we learned from that one that we needed that extra latitude on the outside for staging and doing the rest of the work. And, furthermore, this booster station might have the ability to be expanded in the future. So, the Village needs to give themselves a little bit of space to make it work. This isn't a very big footprint at all. And, you know, when we look at areas for placing these, they're typically in the setback area where you can't really build a building. So, we don't want to suggest putting a sanitary pump station or a water booster station somewhere center along a frontage or center in a property. We want to be off center with that. So, there were reasons why State Route 45 was selected. And that began in 2020 when we did the master water plan. We looked up and down there. We understood what the Village wanted to do along State Route 45. We understood the dynamics of serving Pritchard-Ohltown Road. And the issues with the existing booster station on Pritchard-Ohltown Road. We also understood the possibility of maybe one day serving parts of Mahoning County if Mahoning County should request it. That's why this particular area and the three-phase electric service that is right there at that corporate boundary line, that's why this location was selected. We didn't just arbitrarily pick it.

MR. BOND: That's why I asked earlier about if it could go on the edge of Mahoning County.

MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, the water service eventually could go into Mahoning County.

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MR. BOND: No, I mean the booster station.
MR. KOGELNIK: No, I would not do that. That would be just an enormous amount of work for too little. We would not recommend that.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. So it looks like this then could be used to pursue eminent domain for any of the properties that have been discussed not just one in particular. So, it doesn't bind you to just one property. Any other discussion?
MR. BLANK: I wanted to ask Matt something. Matt, if you go eminent domain on a piece of property, they'd have to pass legislation for you to go forward with the courts, right?
SOLICITOR RIES: Yeah, I would want formal approval once the property is actually determined, once the complaint is prepared before we file it. Absolutely.
MR. BLANK: Okay.
SOLICITOR RIES: This is just to get—this is the direction the Village wants to go and get the ball rolling.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Is there a motion to suspend the rules on this one?
MR. SHEELY: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: No.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: No.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

(

VOTE: 4, AYE; 2, NAY; 0, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 4 ayes, so the rules are not suspended.
MR. BLANK: Were there two nays?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Oh, I didn't hear that.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Liming and Bond were both a nay.
MR. BLANK: Okay. I only heard one, okay.
MAYOR WOODWARD: So that will not be passed emergency. So that's just for first reading.
MR. BLANK: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 67-2023 TO RE-ENGAGE MATTHEW M. RIES, ESQ., HARRINGTON, HOPPE & MITCHELL, LTD., TO SERVE AS VILLAGE SOLICITOR (EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY TO FEBRUARY 28, 2025), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MR. BOND: Second.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules.
Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely.
MR. BOWEN: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bowen. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Roll call.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bowen?
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance
19-2025.
Is there any old business?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, I'll move on to new business. Lamar, did you
want to—
MR. LIMING: Yeah.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Go ahead.
MR. LIMING: First thing, I'd like to make a motion to let Martin order
2,800 tons of salt from the Road Salt Purchasing Program
through Trumbull County for the 2026 winter.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Did they give you a price on that?
MR. BLANK: They're going to bid it out.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. There's a motion by Liming.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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COUNCIL: All in favor?
Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.
MR. LIMING: Then I'd like to make a motion to have Clerk Blank advertise for bids for paving for streets Pleasant Valley, Silver Fox, Rustic Run and Huffman Drive.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MR. BOWEN: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bowen. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion carried. Do you have anything else?
MR. LIMING: No.
MAYOR WOODWARD: We need to do summer help for the Parks.
MR. NELDER: Yes, please.
MAYOR WOODWARD: I forgot all about that until just now. Can I have a motion for the appointment of three summer help for the Parks that can start as soon as physicals and background checks are done? This would be for George Pateras, Aiden Force and Aiden O'Rourke.

MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed? (
NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried.
Do you guys want to discuss the library tonight or do you guys want to do a separate work session?
MR. MOSELEY: I'd wait until it got closer.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Closer to the time or do you want to plan in advance for what you want to do?
MS. BLANK: I think we should do a work session on it.
MR. BOWEN: I think we ought to do a work session on it and definitely get ahead of it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Do we need to have a motion to have a work session or set a date for it?
SOLICITOR RIES: Set a date.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: How soon do you want to do it? You want to pick a date, Bill?

MR. BLANK: I'd wait a month.

MAYOR WOODWARD: You want to go out into May?

MR. BLANK: They can decide next meeting, decide on a date.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. All right. We'll do that. We'll wait until the next meeting and then I'll bring some dates that will work for us. Is there any other new business?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Is there any public remarks?
(NO RESPONSE.)
Can I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. All in favor?

COUNCIL Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Meeting adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:43 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.

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