

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
April 6, 2026
6:08 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.
For Council Approval 4/20/26

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Jaclyn Woodward, Mayor
Mr. William Blank, Clerk
Mr. George Ebling, Treasurer
Ms. Jessica Blank, Councilwoman
Mr. Robert Bond, Councilman
Mr. Lamar Liming, Councilman
Mr. Mark McGrail, Councilman
Mr. Jamie Moseley, Councilman
Mr. Ron Radtka, Councilman

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH
LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of
Ohio on this 6th of April, 2026.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Welcome everyone. Please stand and join me for the
Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

LORD'S PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR WOODWARD: Roll call please.
CLERK BLANK: Mayor Woodward.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. McGrail.
MR. McGRAIL: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Clerk Blank, present. Treasurer George Ebling.
MR. EBLING: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Solicitor Matt Ries.
ATTY. RIES: Here.
CLERK BLANK: Police Chief Brent Milhoan.
(No response.)
CLERK BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham.
CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.
MS. BORDNER: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Street Commissioner Martin Nelder.
MR. NELDER: Present.
CLERK BLANK: Board of Public Affairs.
(No response.)
CLERK BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik.
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can I have a motion to excuse Chris Peterson? He is still at work this evening. And Chief Milhoan notified me last week that he would be out of the Village this evening.

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming and a second by Bond. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Can I have a motion for adoption of the agenda?

MR. RADTKA: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Radtka.

MR. McGRAIL: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by McGrail. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Can I have a motion for disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting March 16, 2026?

MS. BLANK: So moved.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank, second by Liming. All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Can I have a motion for payment of the bills?

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. MOSELEY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any questions on the bills? All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. RADTKA: I'll abstain from that, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. All opposed.
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. The motion is carried. Mayor's report. First, I have that I am getting somewhere with the P.U.C.O. with discussions on the railroad crossings. Martin and I have had some separate conversations to start. I know that CSX is coming back to Planning Commission for another site plan review, and some of the preliminary conversations that Kellie and I have had with them were brought up again about advanced signal warnings. And so, I was told to contact the P.U.C.O. I did do that. I got a hold of a gentleman there who directed me to somewhere on their website that we could apply for and get a grant up to \$5,000 for each crossing. The cost for the signals is on us, we would have to design them, implement them and pay for them; but we could be reimbursed \$5,000 for each crossing. So, if we -- even if we wanted two signs for each street, one at the end of each street, we could only be reimbursed \$5,000 for each grant. So he has asked -- I just want to let Council know that we are

going to go forward with applying for that, designing it, getting costs and applying for that at their request to do that and run it through them first before bringing it to Council because they -- it has to fit their box, it has to fit within their box of what the grant would cover. So, Martin was going to -- he had talked to somebody from the Rail Commission.

- MR. NELDER: Yes. I've talked to the Rail Commission and the guy from P.U.C.O., and I talked to ODOT. They were the ones that were recommending us for the crossings on Lyntz. And he's going to include the solenoid and some of the wiring into his plans for the signs on Lyntz. So that wouldn't cost the Village. So, he was putting that into his plans. So, the only thing we would have to pay for is any wiring and the signs.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: So, we would have to pay Main Light to wire it up, run the line down the road.
- MS. BLANK: Wasn't that the issue before when this was brought up was running the electricity for these signs or something?
- MS. BORDNER: No, the issue was the cost.
- MS. BORDNER: The cost.
- MR. LIMING: Who maintains these signs?
- MS. BLANK: Us.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: It would be us.
- MR. MOSELEY: What are those for, the gates to stop it?
- MAYOR WOODWARD: These would be advanced warning signals to let people know who were traveling that way that the flashing lights are on in advance of when they get to the railroad tracks. So, when you turn from Bailey onto Salt Springs there would be a light there that would notify you there's a --
- MS. BLANK: Blinking a certain color.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Just like the school zone would be. It would notify you that there is a train -- well, here's the thing. Sometimes those lights run without a train being there. It would notify you that the lights are on. So, then you could go on an alternate route instead of traveling all the way to the tracks, turning around and going a different way.
- CLERK BLANK: I brought that up a few years ago, only because they did that in Toledo -- my son-in-law worked there -- and the road was like ten miles long. I think you're going to catch a lot of flak up here because it's going to say there's a train, and by the time if you went halfway down the train's gone. See, it's too short of a run ahead of those in my opinion. You're just going to make people mad.
- MS. BLANK: They're still going to be mad.
- CLERK BLANK: It's not that long a drive down there to the church and turn around if you have to. It's for a long road, tracks in the middle are what it's for.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: It makes a lot of sense coming from Tod Avenue that's longer than it would be from like the Bailey Road end, but --
- MS. BORDNER: Well, they're angry now so --
- MAYOR WOODWARD: I hear a lot more comments.

CLERK BLANK: So, if the light shows you go down there and you start going down there and the light turns red, what did you save?

MAYOR WOODWARD: That's a risk. We put the light on, and it's at your discretion whether you want to continue to see if the train's there or not. Yes.

CHIEF EASTHAM: So, Mayor, I was involved in the whole idea of that when we started doing it a few years back, and the problem we ran into was the high cost because it has to be hard-wired. There's no direct line of sight because it runs too far uphill to shoot the signal to 45 from Lyntz and from Salt Springs and Muth. And that's why CSX gave us the grant money to put the cameras that we have for emergency vehicles. They paid for those that monitor both intersections on to get emergency vehicles across. But if I remember right, it was somewhere upwards 50-some thousand dollars for just Salt Springs because it had to be hard-wired the whole way. And then that's why we went the route with the two monitoring cameras because we couldn't -- it was very costly to do that --

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CHIEF EASTHAM: -- project. And that was probably seven or eight years ago.

MS. BLANK: I knew it was something.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I mean, we're just -- at the request of a lot of residents we are looking into it and --

CHIEF EASTHAM: But I'm just giving you a little back story on it, so you guys know that we've -- it's like we've been down this road before once and that's what we found the last time.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We will see what Martin comes up with as far as price, and then it will be up to Council on whether you want to move forward with it. But I wouldn't feel right just not doing anything about it knowing that there's a lot of people that do want that. So, I just want to put the option out there.

MR. RADTKA: So, this would be at four locations, Tod --

MAYOR WOODWARD: Up to four locations. I told Martin let's explore doing all four, and you can always reduce it if you want to. But it's a one-time \$5,000 grant for each crossing. So, you know, it's going to depend on what the cost is and the logistics to run the lines and put up the signs and pay for it. So, we'll see. I mean, we'll work on that some more, I just want to let you guys know that we did make some progress with finding the grants at least. The next thing was that -- I might be stealing the Solicitor's thunder here, but we did get an e-mail from Erm Gomes of the Ohio E.P.A. regarding Mud Creek, the E.P.A. permit. They expect to process the final permit this week with an effective date of May 1, 2026. I don't know, Matt may have more on this; but we did receive the draft comments the other day and --

MS. BLANK: It's not promising.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yeah, it doesn't look promising. It looks very much in favor of this being approved. Let's see here. Oh, Martin and I met with Trumbull Soil and Water regarding the MS4 permits and there's six MCMs. They said that they can do three of them for us.

MR. NELDER: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Two of them would assist us with, and then one of them would be on us to complete. But they would come out and let us know how we did it and whether the E.P.A. would be okay with what we did.

MR. NELDER: I believe one of them had to include Chris too, I think.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes. On one of those items, we do have to engage our Engineer for that. So, you have education, you have public involvement which would be like having a scout troop clean up whatever it may be, the third one is storm system mapping -- that one's on us, and I think that was the one that we would have Chris help us with.

MR. NELDER: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: The fourth one is regulation for construction sites. The fifth one is post-construction control. That's more Chris too, I think. And number six is good housekeeping. That one is completely on us, but they would come out and let us know if we're doing it correctly. That would be like secondary containment for oil changes, things like that. They would come out and let us know if our chemicals are labeled properly.

MR. NELDER: Our drains on the floors and stuff in the garages where you're washing cars.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, we're not ready to take action on that yet. When we talked to Trumbull Soil and Water we both agreed we wanted to make sure that the Commissioners would be open to allowing us to piggyback on their permit first. We didn't want to be presumptuous. So, they are going to talk to the Commissioners. I'm going to reach out to the Commissioners also to let them know that this would be, you know, favorable for us to join them and join their permit. There is a fee for it, and I think it's 49 cents per person; and at last census we were at around 3,332. It ends up being like \$1,632 and some cents. And then they charge us \$100 per acreage -- or I'm sorry, for -- per acre. So, but they determine the acreage --

MR. NELDER: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And it's not all the acreage in Lordstown, it's along the roadways and the Village-owned property, so some but not all the property in Lordstown. But it still seems like this would be the more cost-effective way to go.

MR. KOGELNIK: It also adds consistency to what they're doing, and it also makes sure that you're doing the MS4 program in concert with their permit. So, there is a layer of consistency here that adds value to you. I mean, you probably would say well, what if we don't want that. Well then, this guy has to do it all, and this is a lot of work if you want to do it right.

MR. NELDER: They said 16 other towns joined the County, and the only one that does it on their own is City of Warren I believe because they have a water treatment plant.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes. Yeah. So, I mean, if we're not doing anything different by doing this, this is something that's already done by a lot of other municipalities. Then this would be when -- we would wait until their permit expires and then go in with them under the new permit. So how long did she say that it was going to be?

MR. NELDER: I thought she said, was it May? I'm pretty sure --

MAYOR WOODWARD: It's coming up.

MR. NELDER: Yeah, it's coming up in May.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, we are waiting to hear from the Commissioners on whether or not they're favorable with that. And then after that occurs, we have an MOU, I sent that to Matt already. It was -- it would need adjusted a little bit to make sense for us. But then it would just be a matter of signing that, paying our fees, and starting to move forward on that. Lots of stuff in three weeks. The Ohio E.P.A. had a public hearing regarding the Ohio Commerce Center which is the former Lordstown Ordnance Depot, and they are encouraging community members involvement with restoration advisory boards. If you want more info on that you can go to the Village's Facebook page. I'm not sure if it's on our website yet. Or you can reach out to Charles Delano, and his phone number is (502)315-6769. The applications we did set them out over here. If you're interested in joining and being a part of the decisions that are made for the clean-up of the Commerce Center, you would have to get in contact with them. And what else do I have? Oh yeah, this week -- or last week, I'm sorry, I got a phone call from the U.A.W. 1112 to -- they had a load of frozen food goods that they needed disbursed. They didn't have anywhere to store it. And so, we got in contact with the police department, and we were able to fill up two chest freezers with frozen goods; and the police department was able to disburse those to families right before the holiday. So just wanted to put that out into the world that that occurred. And I know that tonight we have a number of work authorizations for Verdantas, and I am specifically asking for approval for 2026-4. That is the one for the State Route 45 shoulders so that we can continue our discussions with Ultium. We've kind of had to drop off because Chris wasn't authorized, so I'm asking for you guys to authorize that tonight. Phew, that was a lot. Where did my agenda go? I lost it here. Okay. Clerk's Report.

CLERK BLANK: The only thing I have is I have the membership renewal for the Chamber, the Youngstown-Warren Chamber, for \$1,016. And I spoke with some Council members; they weren't in favor of renewing that. And I wanted to know how all Council feels, pay it or not pay it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Was it under Finance Committee?
MS. BLANK: It was mentioned under Finance under member comments.
CLERK BLANK: It doesn't matter what committee it's under.
MAYOR WOODWARD: I wasn't sure if anybody had talked about it yet.
CLERK BLANK: We talked about it in Finance.
MS. BLANK: Finance was not in favor of renewing it.
MR. MOSELEY: I'm not in a favor of that.
MR. BOND: I'm not either.
MR. LIMING: I'm not either.
CLERK BLANK: So, I'm not going to pay it then. Okay, thank you.
MR. BOND: Now when does your membership cancel? First of April?
CLERK BLANK: March 31.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Solicitor's Report.
ATTY. RIES: Just adding to what the Mayor said, we received comments from the Ohio E.P.A. in response to Clean Energy Future's comments for the NPDES renewal permit. And based on those comments, it looks like they're going to approve the renewal. I'm anticipating we will receive probably a formal decision in a week from the E.P.A. But for the most part, you know, we requested -- it was requested a public hearing so that the Village and its residents could openly state their concerns. That was done by public comment and then also subsequent written comments. And it appears that the E.P.A. was largely dismissive of our concerns unfortunately. So, we'll have to wait until we get that decision. There's an appeal process; you can go through the Environmental Appeals Board. We'll have to wait to see that decision and review it to determine what we want to do for the appeal, but it looks like it's going to be an adverse decision towards the Village. And keep in mind, the permit itself has already been granted in the past. This was the renewal of the NPDES permit. Because of various timing issues they were required to have a public hearing again, but initially Clean Energy Future several years ago already had that permit in place. So that's some context for that decision. But we'll have to wait and see what the E.P.A. says in a formal decision. But I do anticipate this week. I'll circulate it once it's received.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Treasurer's Report.
MR. EBLING: No report.
MAYOR WOODWARD: For the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Report, Chris, let me know that their next meeting is tomorrow, April 7, at 4:00 p.m. Village Engineer's Report.
MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, Mayor. Thank you. I've distributed our report. It's kind of lengthy so I'm not gone ago through the whole thing, I'm just going to go through a few items. We do have a few task orders that need to be approved. We did reach also out to City of Warren regarding their water line that comes down through Lordstown and the lack of restoration on the site. They gave us basically a duration of how long it would take them to restore the property, which was three weeks. I thought that was very ambitious

given the condition it's in now and furthermore, you know, the condition we're all under right now. It's muddy out there obviously. So, I don't know how long this is going to take the City of Warren, but we're going to do our part to monitor them and try and keep that in check for the Village. If there's something that you think that I can do better regarding, you know, just doing that to keep them in check give me a call and we can talk about it. So, we think we've done our part thus far though. Let's see. Site plan reviews, a couple of task orders that I just mentioned are going to be for site plan reviews. And yes, we will help the Village out with the MS4, those two minimum control measures. Project funding. This is something that I need answers from you regarding, and this is specifically for OPWC. So, at the end of August, beginning of September of every year, that's when we submit our pre-apps to OPWC. At most you should probably be aiming for is two pre-apps. So, think about the project types we've talked about. I've given you ideas and I've also written them down this time also on the last page and tell me what your top priorities are, and we will submit the pre-apps for the Village. Right now, we're waiting for OPWC funding to come through for Lyntz Road. Pretty soon the Village will need to authorize to publicly advertise the construction project for the resurfacing of Lyntz Road, so that's coming up. This should be a normal process with the Village, go after OPWC funding every year. And you should try to, you know, match this up with some of your local funding and some of the loan funding if you are able to do that. It really adds good leverage for you, and we think we've done that on a couple projects thus far. I did include this last page in the report. This is Safe Streets for All. It's a Department of Transportation grant program. It's all about planning, okay. And you've heard me say before those with plans get grants. So, this is a planning grant that if you go through the planning process, you're in better shape to get grants for improving safety along your main corridors such as Salt Springs or State Route 45 or Ellsworth-Bailey. You might remember me saying this last year, but we passed on it and we weren't ready. So, these open up next month. 24-inch water line. The RFQs have been submitted, Council needs to make a decision. Is that going to happen tonight?

MR. MOSELEY:

I haven't seen any of that.

MS. BLANK:

I think it only went through BPA, right?

MR. KOGELNIK:

That's right. BPA -- At the last meeting the BPA stated to Council that they made their selection, now Council has to make their selection. So, it's on the Utilities Committee. Who is the Utility Committee? It's your decision. Moving forward?

MR. BOND:

You're going to have to have a meeting.

MR. KOGELNIK:

Well, that's something you guys need to decide. Mark, you'll probably be at the BPA meeting tomorrow, right?

MR. McGRAIL: Uh-huh.

MR. KOGELNIK: All right. This is a project that occurs outside the Village; therefore, your committee is the most important committee because the body of people here are going to need to probably administer that project. And furthermore, the U.S. E.P.A. funds are most likely going to have to be administered by the Village. It's not going to be -- those funds won't flow through the BPA unless there's somehow a mechanism where the BPA pays the Village Council for the project. These things need to be talked about. You also need to start to think about your work plan that you're going to have to submit to the U.S. E.P.A. as to how you're going to use the funds, when you're going to use the funds and all that. So, there's quite a bit of work to do. Cindy was doing the grant administration checklist, so I don't know where she left off. It sounded like she got pretty far along. Anybody have any questions for me? Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. We'll move on to Special Reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan is not here. However, I was asked to talk about the body armor that needs sold. Here it is. This was the old body armor for Officer O'Rourke. He is going to be taking -- he'd like to take it to the Red Diamond Uniform in Austintown. They will sell it on consignment, and I think he said there's a 15 percent consignment fee. The value of the body armor is prorated. So, for example if it's worth \$1,000 new it would be -- and it has a five-year life -- it would be worth \$200 for each year. If it's two years old, you know, then he would be putting it up for sale for \$600. And then if he sells it for \$600, he will take a 15 percent fee. So, under New Business I will be asking for authorization to have the Chief sell that old body armor through Red Diamond Uniform. Any questions about that?

MS. BLANK: Are we doing Officer Mendenhall's too or just -- because he left.

MR. MOSELEY: I thought there were two of them.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Was there two?

MR. RADTKA: The other one was going to be from --

MS. BLANK: Officer Mendenhall. He just left.

MAYOR WOODWARD: He had only asked me about O'Rourke.

MR. MOSELEY: Maybe you can use that one on the new officer, he's just waiting.

MAYOR WOODWARD: It's possible. Yeah, the e-mail was only for O'Rourke.

MR. MOSELEY: Because he was looking at hiring a couple more officers, maybe he's waiting to see if one of them fit.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can I -- would you be okay if I did the motion to approve selling any of the body armor that he has available to sell?

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Then we don't have to revisit it. Okay. I'll ask about that under New Business on his behalf. Fire Chief Travis Eastham.

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.
MS. BORDNER: I submitted my March report to everyone. It was in your boxes, so you had plenty of time to review it. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

MR. MOSELEY: Okay. Back up a minute, I want to ask Travis a question.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.
MR. MOSELEY: So, Travis, in the paper I read about how Warren Township is going to pay Champion for mutual aid. Are we going to get reimbursed when we do that too?

CHIEF EASTHAM: If the Village wants to. I mean, the reason why it's not considered mutual aid and is charging because Champion's coming to Warren Township more than Warren Township's going to Champion. So, when things become lopsided, we do have an ordinance in our Village where I can charge for medic back-ups. The amount Champion is looking at doing is very excessive. They're one of the only departments in Trumbull County that's charging that amount. And they're doing it more as a deterrent because they don't have the manpower to help Warren Township.

MR. MOSELEY: Well, it says Lordstown responded with mutual aid calls 58 times --

CHIEF EASTHAM: Uh-huh.
MR. MOSELEY: -- since the beginning of the year.
CHIEF EASTHAM: This year?
MR. MOSELEY: That's what it says. He said since the beginning of the year Lordstown responded with mutual aid 58 times, Braceville 11 times, Howland 1 time, Newton Falls 4 times.

CHIEF EASTHAM: I find that very hard to believe, but I can give you numbers if you want them.

MR. MOSELEY: I mean, it seems like a lot of --
CHIEF EASTHAM: That seems really high -- that seems really high for us, that many times we've gone there.

MR. MOSELEY: Did you write that, Bob?
MR. COUPLAND: That's what you stated at a meeting, maybe March.
CHIEF EASTHAM: And that was, I believe, Dave King gave you that information.

MR. COUPLAND: Joe Natali.
CHIEF EASTHAM: No, yeah, Natali.
MR. MOSELEY: Natali's names on here.
CHIEF EASTHAM: I can pull the records and tell you how many times. We try and keep everything even from one to the other, like them coming to us. If it starts getting lopsided then we would charge them.

MR. MOSELEY: Well, they only have coverage 64 percent of the time, so I doubt they're helping us very much.
CHIEF EASTHAM: They still do though.
MR. MOSELEY: I was just curious about it because it seems like we spent a lot of time over there.

CHIEF EASTHAM: I'll give you guys the numbers. And if you guys want to change it, however you want to do it, I don't have a problem with it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Can you send that in an e-mail to us?
CHIEF EASTHAM: I will.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And then he can take a look at it and --

CHIEF EASTHAM: I'll give you exact numbers. I can pull it up in the SO and run a report and give it to you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CHIEF EASTHAM: Not a problem.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. All right.

MR. MOSELEY: Thanks.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Were there any questions for Kellie since we jumped back?

MR. MOSELEY: I don't have any for her tonight. I have one for Brent, but he's not here.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right, we'll move on then. Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Streets Superintendent Martin Nelder.

MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor, I have a few things. I met Wendy, an engineer from First Energy. She met Bill Blank too and John from Main Light. We met on Bailey Road to go over the streetlight at the new Hallock Young intersection on Bailey, and we came up with a solution. First Energy can't do much because the pole is 25 feet off the road and in the resident's yard and the light wouldn't really light up the intersection. So, they recommended putting a pole in the center, the median, with two lights that Main Light said he can get 25-foot lights to hang out and it would brighten up the whole intersection. But I'm just waiting for a quote from Main Light. Then First Energy would just hook up the power to that. But they think it would have to be a metered service, and it would be like \$125 a month because it would be commercial. It couldn't be residential because there's really no houses there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

MR. NELDER: And then also we've been dealing with a lot of flooding problems due to the heavy rain. And between me and Bill Blank, the Village started this right away, permits, and we have had a lot of issues with communications following on it. Yeah. I even had Brent take the permit over to the guys that were working and still nothing. I have had two people -- I've been doing a bunch of e-mails with some other utility companies that want to work in the Village, but so far, they've been following our protocol, but the other ones aren't following through so --

CLERK BLANK: Did they stop working over there, Martin?

MR. NELDER: No.

CLERK BLANK: Didn't they?

MR. NELDER: Even after Brent took the paperwork over they still -- so me and Bill's like what do we do like --

MAYOR WOODWARD: Should we file a complaint with the P.U.C.O.?

ATTY. RIES: Yeah, that would be a good start. So, they are not applying -- so they are refusing to apply for the permit?

MR. NELDER: Their boss called and said they would follow through with the permit, but the guys are still working, and I still don't have the permit.

CLERK BLANK: We had over \$10,000 of damage over here.

MR. NELDER: Went through the water line and we had to tear out a sidewalk and that was expensive too.

ATTY. RIES: There's no insurance or bond in place under our ordinance for this.

MR. NELDER: I think Darren even turned it in to them and still nothing. But another problem we're running into, there's other utility companies saying oh, we're only doing certain roads in the Village, so they don't want to put the big bond up. And I'm like well, there's really no --

ATTY. RIES: Well, Bill and I talked about this last week. This is what our ordinance says regardless.

MR. NELDER: I told him we got to follow what the ordinance says. But they're like we are only doing one or two roads. I'm like it doesn't matter.

CLERK BLANK: I didn't know they kept working.

MR. NELDER: I had Brent take the paperwork over to them and they keep working.

ATTY. RIES: Yeah. I mean, these companies are always difficult to communicate with because there's a whole bunch of different companies involved.

CLERK BLANK: Yeah.

ATTY. RIES: P.U.C.O. would be the place to start. Although they may -- they may get involved or they may say local ordinances and they may not be interested too, but that's always a risk. But yeah, that would be a place to start.

MR. NELDER: So, P.U.C.O. All right. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Do you have anything else?

MR. NELDER: Oh, yes. We're having issues with the floor drain in the kitchen here the admin. The upstairs restroom is getting plugged up. Well, I had cameras run out today through the floor drains and the pipes are rotted under the floor, so that's another big issue we're having. So, we were told -- we marked out in the yard where the pipe comes out, so we got to put a clean-out and see if we can cut the rust out somehow.

CLERK BLANK: That's been going on for a long time.

MAYOR WOODWARD: How long have you been here, Bill?

CLERK BLANK: It wasn't that long. I don't use that bathroom. I know Kellie comes up there a lot.

MS. BORDNER: No, I don't. No, I do not.

MS. BLANK: Didn't we have the plumbing company out?

MR. MOSELEY: If the pipe's rotten and collapsing it's not gonna --

MR. NELDER: The pipes are rotting. They are cast iron pipes under --

MR. BOND: Well, they put a chain through them to rotate it to smooth it up.

MR. NELDER: They said they can. But the clean-out's buried out here under the front yard, so we got to dig that up and get the clean-out for it. But also, Jamie has the letter from Nicole from the County. If we want to go directly to ODOT to order our salt like the County wants us to do, we just got to get Council signatures.

MS. BLANK: Everyone's?

MR. MOSELEY: Five of them.

MR. NELDER: Five of them. Just so I can get started on next year's salt order.

CLERK BLANK: So, we don't have to go into that portal?

MR. NELDER: What's that?

CLERK BLANK: We don't have to go into that portal and order the salt?

MR. NELDER: She said we can, but we already told her we were going on our own.

CLERK BLANK: She said she would help us.

MR. NELDER: That was the first step. We got to get that back to her and she'll help us.

MR. LIMING: Are we the same price as the County then?

MR. NELDER: Yes, it's the same price. It's just we --

MR. LIMING: So, is everything going to be delivered directly to her then?

MR. NELDER: And we keep track of it instead of Nicole having to do it because she does all the other.

CLERK BLANK: A lot of work.

MR. NELDER: They're encouraging like the big cities and towns to go on their own.

MAYOR WOODWARD: That would make sense because then you're not transporting it twice.

MR. NELDER: Yes. Plus, like they're taking care of all the towns, and it gets to be too much.

MR. LIMING: Well, you got a lot of that direct delivered.

MR. NELDER: Yes.

MR. LIMING: It didn't go through the County.

MR. NELDER: Yes. It will be the same price as ODOT.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Oh, I thought it was being delivered, we were going to get it from them. No?

CLERK BLANK: We have.

MR. NELDER: Well, we can. We have that option. If we run short, we can go there.

CLERK BLANK: We have salt sitting there now, what 500 --

MR. NELDER: And they said they wouldn't take that away from us. They said they would work out something with us.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Well, there you go, you got your signatures.

MR. NELDER: Well, thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Do you have anything else?

MR. NELDER: That's it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Correspondence.

CLERK BLANK: No correspondence.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public remarks. No public remarks. Okay. We'll move on to Council remarks. Did you have something?

MS. BLANK: I can't remember.

MAYOR WOODWARD: She forgot.

MS. BLANK: I can't remember what I was going to say. It was something though.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Well --

MS. BLANK: Don't worry about it. It will pop in eventually.

MAYOR WOODWARD: It's brain fog.

MS. BLANK: Pregnancy brain.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Committee Reports. Finance, Jessica Blank.

MS. BLANK: We did have a meeting. We discussed the hiring of summer help, which I don't know what we're doing with that apparently now. We also talked about the selling of Kunkel property, and what we were doing with that. And the Warren Regional Chamber. And also, Mobile Market will be here on Thursday at the admin building from 11:30 to 12:30.

MR. RADTKA: You stole that off me.

MS. BLANK: I didn't know if you would handle it or not.

MS. BORDNER: Now is that Thursday the 9th?

MS. BLANK: Correct.

MR. RADTKA: The 9th.

MS. BLANK: (Inaudible comment.) Do you want to or do you want me to –

MAYOR WOODWARD: I can. So, this is an ongoing issue with the -- it was the Platt house, now it's the Cuckovich house on Salt Springs Road. We -- Council had issued -- it was an ordinance last year sometime deeming it a nuisance property, and we had put it on the demolition list with the Trumbull County Land Bank. They were also -- at that time they had decided to sell it, Platts decided to sell it to the neighbors, the Cuckovich's. And so, in the midst of that sale we -- Council went forward with the nuisance ordinance. I think it was during the course of the sale that there was a company or a person that went in there and did the rehabilitation of the house. The fire department had inspected the house and determined that things were corrected. I reached out to the contractor and asked them if they had that inspected by Trumbull County Building Department, he was able to show that there was a final inspection from Trumbull County. The contractor, not the homeowner, continues to reach out to me asking me for Council to reopen and amend this ordinance to remove this address of this property from that ordinance and they want that ordinance amended. And I --

MR. MOSELEY: The homeowner needs to do that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I have mentioned that the property owner should be the one to reach out, and it has not -- it doesn't look like they have, nobody has heard from them, I don't think the zoning office has heard from them, I have not heard from them.

MS. BORDNER: No, ma'am. I did, however, send an e-mail to the land bank letting them know that it had -- you know, for it to be removed from the demolition list, that it had been rehabilitated.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. And I did -- I had sent a copy of that e-mail to the contractor, and the contractor I believe, and the property owner has a copy of the fire department's inspection. I believe that the assistant chief made sure that they got that. And so the problem that the contractor -- which the contractor is the brother of the owner -- the contractor is saying that because the ordinance still exists, and that is their argument the ordinance still exists and the address is listed on the ordinance, that at any time the Village of Lordstown can determine that they want that property demolished because that ordinance is still sitting there saying that it is a nuisance property. They argue that -- and they want to know why we can't or won't amend --

MS. BLANK: Because we don't do it for anyone else and you're not the property owner. That's my opinion on it, point blank. You're not the property owner; we've done it for no one else who's also been on the nuisance list. Nobody gets special treatment here.

MR. RADTKA: (Inaudible comment) off the list?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Has there been any other properties that were rehabilitated that would have been removed?

MS. BORDNER: Yes. The Longhorn property on Tod was one of them.

CHIEF EASTHAM: Longhorn, Keller.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Pope.

MS. BORDNER: I mean, there's only others. If we had known, you knew that you were going to bring it up we could have actually given you the information. But I know that Jamie --

MAYOR WOODWARD: There was one on Lyntz Road too.

MS. BORDNER: Those two in particular. But once the fire department goes back in and -- I'm going to let Travis speak.

CHIEF EASTHAM: So in my 16 years of doing this we've only tore down one house in the -- well, two houses now in the Village, one on 45, south end of 45, one on the south side of Highland Avenue, in 16 years. Every other house that we've ever deemed inhabitable has been brought back up and people are living in it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. And we've never amended any ordinances to state otherwise?

MS. BORDNER: No.

CHIEF EASTHAM: No. Not that I'm aware of. We just -- it's -- my thing is I would rather see a person fix the house, bring it back up to code, bring it back up to where it's safe and someone move in rather than tear it down. I'm not here to tear down people's houses. Usually, we work with them the best we can and the health department and we get them back into it.

MS. BORDNER: I mean, once --

CHIEF EASTHAM: In 16 years, I've tore down two houses.

MS. BORDNER: Once the fire department -- I mean, the fire department is integral in getting these properties deemed a nuisance in the first place and then also integral in having them restored or rehabilitated. When the fire department goes in and gives their statement that's all that the zoning office needs, it's all the County needs, and that's what we go by because they're -- the fire department is the authority on that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CHIEF EASTHAM: And I mean, we're not in the business to tear down houses. Our goal is to get them fixed.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I agree. And a demolition is only in the most extreme of circumstances.

MS. BORDNER: Right.

CHIEF EASTHAM: Exactly.

ATTY. RIES: Do they typically start to -- do they reach out to you -- because they have 30 days to start the process. Do they typically reach out to you once it's deemed --

CHIEF EASTHAM: Once it's deemed, they reach out to us and ask us what we need to do to get it from getting torn town. We give them a list; the health department does the same. We work with them all the way through the thing. If they don't have it done -- say they have a 30-day notice and they are making headway, we extend it and we give them more time.

MS. BORDNER: Absolutely.

CHIEF EASTHAM: And if it takes them four months to get it done or five months, we allow it. And then they bring it

back up, we clear the house, the health board clears the house, says it's good, we pull the unsafe off of it. We give them a report back that it is now habitable, and it comes from us and from the health department because we both inspect it at the end of it.

MS. BORDNER: Well, in this case the health department has deferred now to --

CHIEF EASTHAM: Now they have -- they have changed the rules.

MS. BORDNER: Right. The health department has a new process whereby they find that the Lordstown Fire Department is the foremost authority on this.

CHIEF EASTHAM: The Platt house was the first house that we have had to do that on since the health board has changed the rules.

MS. BORDNER: So, the fire department did what they needed to do, correct?

CHIEF EASTHAM: We did. We did what we have to do. But we've never pulled anything back, we've never gone back and removed anything as far as I'm aware. We just stop the process by going forward of tearing it down. You know, we take it off the land bank's list and say it's good to go.

MS. BORDNER: And we did get confirmation from the land bank that it has been pulled.

MAYOR WOODWARD: And I did forward that confirmation with the assistant's letter -- Assistant Chief's letter.

CHIEF EASTHAM: But I mean, we've only did two houses in 16 years.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I mean, is that sufficient? That should be sufficient.

ATTY. RIES: It should be sufficient. You know, this is more -- if we wanted to do another ordinance it would just be for peace of mind basically for the homeowner. But again, the homeowner isn't the one making the request. Typically, as long you get the process started, with the way the ordinance works and the way state law works, as long as you get that process started within that 30-day window the termination, the legislation, doesn't become effective because you've taken steps to remediate the property in the first place. So --

CHIEF EASTHAM: And we try and work with the homeowners all we can. We try and extend them all we can. I don't care if it takes them six months, as long as they are making progress. As long as they are going in the right direction and doing what they have got to do I'm fine with it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: In this case it was remediated.

CHIEF EASTHAM: It was done in probably a month, month-and-a-half.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I just want to be able to say that, you know, Council has had this conversation. Does Council -- anybody here feel like there's a need to amend the ordinance, or is what we are doing already sufficient? I mean, that's what I'm looking for.

MR. RADTKA: Yeah, not unless Matt says we need to.

ATTY. RIES: If it is done within 30 days, our ordinance says you have 30 days to remediate the property before it's deemed a nuisance. If they remediated the property and they got approval from the Village, it was remediated; it never took that next step under our laws.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Then we are good where we're at. I just know Finance Committee talked about it and I wasn't able to be at that meeting.

MS. BLANK: It's the second time it was brought up, and no one has been on board to change that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Unless we hear something further from the property owner then we're good with where it landed.

MS. BLANK: I wanted to mention the (inaudible comment).

MAYOR WOODWARD: Oh, the egg hunt for the Police Association?

MS. BLANK: Police and the Fire.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Police and Fire.

MS. BLANK: I was just going to mention how did that go?

CHIEF EASTHAM: I went -- I was out-of-town but --

MS. BLANK: Did you have a good turn-out, Trav?

CHIEF EASTHAM: They said it went very well.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I was there. It was a very good turn-out, I think so. And the weather held out. I mean, it snowed a little bit, but it was relatively dry. And the kids all had fun, plenty of eggs and prizes for everybody. And thanks to Foxconn for their donation for a lot of things, there were a lot of prizes for the kids this year.

MS. BLANK: Nice. That's what I was trying to remember.

MAYOR WOODWARD: That's what you were going to -- it finally came to her. Okay.

MS. BLANK: Sorry, guys.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is that all you have for Finance?

MS. BLANK: That's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Jamie Moseley.

MS. BLANK: I lied; I have one more thing to bring up under New Business. I'm so sorry.

MR. MOSELEY: I didn't bring my pillow.

CLERK BLANK: Call to order, call to order.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Goodness.

MR. MOSELEY: Go ahead.

MS. BLANK: I said I'm going to bring it up under New Business.

MR. MOSELEY: Oh, all right. I have no report tonight.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety and Police Department, Robert Bond.

MR. BOND: No report this evening, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Lamar Liming.

MR. LIMING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Mark McGrail.

MR. McGRAIL: Very quick report. Sorry. I heard from Tom Bellish once again. The rate that we stated that this couldn't go above has not -- it's still above .101, it's at .103. So --

MAYOR WOODWARD: And so, we're back another month now.

MR. McGRAIL: Another month. So, what is that, July.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, we won't have a start date until July 1. So, for what, two months it will be whatever the market rate is.

MR. McGRAIL: Going rate, yeah.

MR. LIMING: No, three months.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Three. April, May, June.

MR. LIMING: April, May, June, you're three months.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So for three months it's going to be whatever the market rate is. Hopefully we can -- with the warmer weather maybe it will come down.

CLERK BLANK: It's got to come down.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Just enough to lock us in. Anything else? Are you sure?

MR. McGRAIL: I said it was short.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning, Ron Radtka.

MR. RADTKA: Yes, mayor. We did have a meeting this afternoon and went through quite a bit of things in our meeting. One thing that we did give authorization for Kellie to get legislation for the increase of our Planning and Zoning fees. And just a couple other things we're working with the Moratorium Committee on that -- Mark, I don't know if we wanted to touch base on that now.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Well, yeah. I mean, we talked about doing RFQs for a land use plan. We had Brian France come out and put on a presentation for us regarding data centers and things like that, and we found that he is for hire. So Mark's been talking with him and for -- I guess we do have some questions for you, Matt; and that is as far as hiring him, would Council be able to hire him at an hourly rate or does it have to say not to exceed, do we have to put out RFQs, how --

ATTY. RIES: Typically you don't need to do an RFQ for a professional consultant. I mean, this isn't like professional design job where you typically see RFQs. So is it required, no. Would it be advisable, it wouldn't hurt to just to simply -- again, you're not going to get the rates from the RFQ you're going to get qualifications. But simply to get three other submittals just to get a good idea and compare qualifications because this is going to be, you know, on the short end probably an 18-month project. And so, it certainly wouldn't hurt to get the qualifications. Brian did a nice job when we met with him. His hourly rate is certainly reasonable. But if the Village does want to proceed, I would recommend getting -- doing an RFQ just to get a couple other proposals, you know, and then going from there but -- because it's going to be a long-term commitment with whoever we decide to hire.

MR. RADTKA: Do you want to touch base on any more of that Mark or --

MR. McGRAIL: No, actually Jackie said it all.

MR. RADTKA: Only thing I would like to add, if we do go forward with working with Brian, I'd like to include the Finance Committee along with the Moratorium Committee because I think this is going to overlap in both committees.

MAYOR WOODWARD: If we start talking and making ordinance changes and zoning changes and, you know, prohibited use changes and stuff we better, you know, work together with a couple committees. That's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yeah. That's why I thought it was important that all of Council know what just occurred in that meeting because --

MR. RADTKA: It's going to be involved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yeah. I think the majority of you are going to be involved anyway so -- okay.

MR. McGRAIL: Just really quick. Anyone that wasn't at -- by the way, Brian France came to our Moratorium Committee meeting on March 23 and made a presentation. It was general in nature because the specifics of what he may propose would get him hired as a consultant for the Village as a whole dealing with conditional uses on data centers. And he gave us essentially a choice to make, and the choice is either/or. Either you work to prohibit that as a use -- as land use in Lordstown, or you work to make it allowable under conditional use language. So that's what we're talking about. And for my part I wanted to also discuss that with our committee. Unfortunately, Brian went on vacation right after the presentation and I didn't have a chance to talk to him until today, and we're supposed to discuss this a little bit further in the coming week. And then we'll have a meeting to -- for us to recommend to Council as a whole as to what we feel the choice should be. And that's it.

ATTY. RIES: And just legally, just from a legal standpoint looking at land use plans, they're a good idea to have not only from a practical planning standpoint. But legally when a company comes to town and decides to challenge our ordinances, what the law looks at is whether the ordinances are arbitrary or if there's some rational basis to protect the safety, health and welfare of the community. Having a land use plan in place is an objective measure that can be used to defend and support our planning ordinances. So, from a legal standpoint I think it's a good long-term investment for the Village.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, I believe that where that meeting left off Mark was going to talk with Brian too --

MR. McGRAIL: Yeah.

MAYOR WOODWARD: -- see what his hourly rate is, like get a quote for services.

MR. McGRAIL: I'm going to request a proposal from him. He already knows what we're looking for, just ask him to put it into writing.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, it sounds like technically Council is okay with going forward with doing that because he's just a consultant. Is there anybody here that wants to put out for a request to get other quotes or prices, or is all of Council okay with --

CLERK BLANK: Don't you want to see what he's going to charge first?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Well, we know what his rate is.

MR. BOND: That's my understanding.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We don't --

ATTY. RIES: What I'm saying is that's typically required for a professional design. This is more of a consultant, so it's more advisory. But I will say that before I give a firm legal opinion, I would want to see the exact scope of what he's proposing because that would determine whether or not we are required under the Ohio Revised Code to make a request for

a proposal. Because he's proposed a couple of different things looking at, you know, specific -- revising specific statutes versus land use versus review of our planning and zoning code. So, I'd want to see what he's proposing before I give you guys a final opinion on requests for proposals being required. I don't think that should be based on if he's acting purely in a consulting capacity, but let's see what the scope of his proposed retained services state.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Mark, you got that?
MR. McGRAIL: Oh, yeah.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. All right. Then did you have anything else, Ron?
MR. RADTKA: No, that's it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Then we'll move on to legislation.
CLERK BLANK: From Streets, Sidewalks, Public Parks, Buildings, Grounds and General Improvement Committee for emergency passage.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND
RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 13-2025
CREATING TEMPORARY, SEASONAL,
PART-TIME SUMMER POSITIONS WITHIN
THE STREETS, PARKS AND BUILDINGS
DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF
LORDSTOWN FOR THE 2026 SEASON AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. RADTKA: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Radtka. Is there a second?
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. McGrail.
MR. McGRAIL: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. McGRAIL: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by McGrail.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any discussion? Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Radtka.
MR. RADTKA: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. McGrail.
MR. McGRAIL: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 14-2026. It just feels weird there's only one. Is there any Old Business to discuss? Hearing none, we'll move on to New Business. Can I have a motion to approve selling the body armor -- any extra body armor that the police department has through Red Diamond Uniform for the prorated value minus the 15 percent consignment fee?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond. Second by Moseley. Any discussion on that? All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. The motion is carried. And then we have a number of work authorizations from Verdantas. The first one is for the site plan review for Lordstown TDSI parking lot expansion. It's number 2026-2. So, I need a motion to approve the work authorization for the Village engineer to be engaged on re- submission of parking lot expansion -- the parking lot expansion for TDSI. His review fees on this are fully reimbursable to the Village.
MR. RADTKA: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Radtka. Is there a second?
MR. McGRAIL: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by McGrail. Any discussion on this? All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: That motion is carried. The second one I have is 2026-4. This is for the State Route 45 shoulder improvements pre-planning. This is \$6,470. Can I have a motion --
MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.
MAYOR WOODWARD: -- to be approved? All right; we have a motion by Liming.
MR. BOND: I'll second it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Any discussion on this one?
MR. RADTKA: And is this not reimbursable? This is paid by the Village?
MAYOR WOODWARD: This is -- correct, because we wanted to further our discussion with Ultium about turning lanes and ravel lanes out on Route 45, and in order for Chris to join me we need to pay his fees, so -- there was -- who was the motion? Was there a motion?
MS. BLANK: Yes, Liming.
MR. LIMING: Liming and Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Liming and Bond. Okay. All in favor?
MR. MOSELEY: No.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All approved?
MR. LIMING: I'm opposed.
MAYOR WOODWARD: So, we have five ayes and one nay, so the motion is carried. All right. The next one is task order 2026-5. So, we need a motion to approve the work

authorization for the Village Engineer to be engaged for the site plan review for additional Foxconn development. The Village Engineer fees on this are fully reimbursable to the Village. The amount is \$31,650. Is there a motion to approve?

MR. McGRAIL: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion by McGrail.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. Any discussion on this one? All in favor? (All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed. (No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: That motion is carried. So, all of those were approved. Is there any other -- do you have something for New Business?

MS. BLANK: Yeah. I just wanted to make a motion for Alexander Pest Control to spray for mosquitoes for four months, June through September, one time each month, a total of \$761.25.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Each time?

MS. BLANK: Total for the four months.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

MR. LIMING: I'll second it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: At least a decent price. Okay. So, what was the question?

MS. BLANK: He said "are you sure that's right, so I'm double-checking to --

MR. LIMING: Yeah, that's --

MAYOR WOODWARD: I feel like that should be per application.

MR. MOSELEY: Per application.

MS. BLANK: You're right. Thank goodness for Councilman Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: I'm all about money.

MS. BLANK: For each time.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, each service is --

MS. BLANK: So, a total of \$3,045.

MR. LIMING: Yeah, that's --

MR. BOND: That sounds right.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So we have a motion by Blank. There was a second by Liming. Any other discussions? All in favor? (All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed. (No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: That motion is carried. Is there any other New Business? None? All right. We'll move on. Are there any Public Remarks? Yes, ma'am.

MS. CZOKA: Hi. Lori Czoka, 1211 Hallock Young Road. I have two questions. I missed a couple of Council meetings so I'm not clear on what the Foxconn expansion is. Can you explain that further?

MAYOR WOODWARD: I would prefer to have our representative of Foxconn if I could ask you. Can I ask you to come and speak?

MS. CZOKA: And then my next question may be addressed quickly by our Solicitor. Can you update us also at some point on our data center lawsuit?

ATTY. RIES: Sure. Do you want me to do that right now or can we wait for --

MS. CZOKA: Can you do that now?

ATTY. RIES: Sure. So, we have filed -- they filed their initial brief, the data center. We filed our response brief. There is -- they filed a reply brief in support. We submitted all our evidence in support of our case. At this point we're just waiting on a ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court. This is a mandamus action, so there's not like a jury or anything like that involved. And it's not like one of these two-to-three-year cases that you hear about. We'll probably have a decision in two to three months tops I would think. There could be -- the court could decide to hear oral arguments on the case, which would add maybe a couple additional months to give the court time to rule. But typically, in these cases they don't. Maybe 10, 15 percent of the time they have oral argument, typically in a mandamus action we don't see that. So, everything has been briefed and fully filed with the court, and we're just waiting for a decision from the court.

MS. CZOKA: Okay, thank you. And now if you can -- thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: That worked out great that you were here to answer this question.

MR. BROWN: I'm Shane Brown the vice-president of Foxconn Ohio. So, if I could just to make sure I answer your question correctly. Are you asking about the expansion we just talked about or the total expansion that's going on currently? The additional or what's currently going on?

MS. CZOKA: Can you address both?

MR. BROWN: Yes, I'll try to make that -- it's very hard to explain without a visual, okay. So currently right now we have a civil permit that we're doing grading in the front along Hallock Young that you guys can see that's fenced in. That is an engineering data center that's been approved. So what that is for is customers evolve and I want to throw some names out, not saying that we're working with these people, but if we're working with a company that's in video or whoever that comes with a new data center chip every month and they are trying to get a customer to buy their newest data chip for their data centers wherever it is in the world they ask why it this one better than the one that I currently have. That's what it's for, to upgrade different components for engineering for customers to come in and go, I see the value of that new piece of equipment, so we want to purchase it for wherever it is in the world or the United States or wherever. That's the purpose of what we're doing now in that green fenced-in area you see along Hallock Young close to where the solar field was. So, we're doing some work in the back of the facility that you can't see. We're cutting down all the trees in the back where the woods were. We're putting a concrete container pad because we're going to build data components versus -- you know, originally it was EV cars, now it's data components. Foxconn is already in the

electronics industry, biggest electronics manufacturer in the world, so it fits. There's a lot more business to bring revenue to Lordstown and Foxconn is building data components there. So, in the back we're going to build a concrete pad that's in the new submission that you'll see for the grading permit, that's a storage pad. Basically, it's a concrete pad that's probably a third the size of all the areas that we cut the trees down for. Now there are some things that we're working on with the E.P.A. but that's a wetland. There are 26 wetland areas they are working with the Ohio E.P.A. They had Corp of engineers come out, they deemed it not to be federal even though Mud Creek is there it's Ohio, so we're working with the State of Ohio to mitigate whether we had to buy credit to purchase some property somewhere that's not a wetland. (Inaudible comment). We'll do either way, whatever the E.P.A. says is right. In the back we're actually doing some -- we're building some extensions to -- not extension to the building, we're making a loading dock extensions in the back that you can't see that we back trucks in for parts and components, we're actually putting in one new verified retention pond for storm water. New permit submission has two additional verified or will be verified storm water -- excuse me retention ponds for storm water. Those are in the new permit that Mr. Chris has been working on here recently or newly coming up forward. We're -- so you know the plant is 60 years old. So right now, we are planning on redoing that current substation that's in the facility. We're going to build a new substation with new switch gear and new transformers. We waste a lot of energy; we lose a lot of energy because it's so old. Since we've owned the plant -- or since I've been in the plant 2019, I'm sorry, it was Lordstown Motors originally, we keep pouring money into that substation. So now we are going to build a new one. That is in the current -- or excuse me, upcoming permit package. We're going to build a new wastewater facility. Our current wastewater facility is about eight times the size it needs to be because it was built in the 60s and everything was bigger back then. Our water goes to the City of Warren, so we're in conversation with Warren about how we build new wastewater -- it's about a quarter of the size of the current one. The current one's only about a third one-third the capacity as it is because it's 60 years old, it's not worth putting money into. So, we're building a new wastewater plant. The whole inside of the building -- so the general assembly plant, you know, if you guys are familiar with the plant but the main building for general assembly, it's an empty building. We've demo'd all the equipment out of that building. It's empty floor space and columns. Same with the old stamping plant and old body shop. We'll be building components on skids that go into data centers wherever. The concept would be -- instead of right

now data centers are built by building a building and then you basically have construction workers build the components that go inside the data center in the construction job. So basically, you have a guy putting HVAC tank in there and it's 12 inches by 10 inches long. Well maybe the next one is 13 inches long, maybe the next one is 15 inches long. So, we're going to put that into a mass-production environment where all of them are exactly the same so they can have quality, they can have (inaudible), they can have repeatability, all right. So, they take these to whatever data centers and wherever in the U.S. and they can actually plug them and play them and turn them on and they actually work and they have been pumped and tested. And there's an assembly line where there's quality control to it. So, I'm sure I missed some things. There's a lot of remodeling going on the inside, restrooms, floors, concrete, fire risers. Right now, we're putting all new fire risers in a loop completely around the building.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

I don't know about that.

MR. BROWN:

All around the building we're changing the fire envelope all the way back out, we're changing all the risers inside. We had a failure here recently with the fire risers because they are decayed. So, we're planning on -- we're actually working on ones in Building D now we'll be doing Building A and B this year. And we're re-roofing Building B, which is the old body shop currently now. We got roofing going on in the general assembly building, and we have a quote out to put a new roof on the old stamping building.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Shane, I have a question for you.

MR. BROWN:

Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Somebody brought up there's an advertisement that is going around on social media; there is a staffing company that is recruiting skilled workers to work at the new large facility Stargate project in Lordstown.

MS. BLANK:

Staffing at KT Black.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Yeah, staffing at KT Black is what it is, and they are looking for those skilled workers to work at the Lordstown data center. Are they hiring for you?

MR. BROWN:

So I don't know KT Black. There is no -- from Foxconn's standpoint -- I can't say what is going on in the rest of Lordstown. From the Foxconn standpoint, the only data center is the engineering data center that we have a permit to build, the small one in the parking lot. We're not building one in Building D; we're not hiding one in the back. I see some of this information. I don't come here regularly to talk about it because really, I don't know where people get some of this information from. If we were going to hire some extra people, I would bring back all the 250 employees that I'm paying to stay at home full wage and full benefits because I have no work for them yet. I wouldn't hire a staffing company to bring in new people. But we're not hiring any extra staff. All our people are

hired directly. We plan to bring all our team members back sometime in the next few months. We've acquired some new business at the facility. I cannot say this in this facility because it's recorded, but there's some new business in the plant that is pretty exciting news and we'll be doing that for -- which plans into our expansion, okay. So that will be coming out probably fairly soon. I just can't say the name of them now. But we are not soliciting any people from any staffing agency.

MR. MOSELEY:

That was more for electricians and plumbers and skilled labor, not --

MS. BLANK:

Well, it's advertising for Stargate, which is through SoftBank, which is why people associated --

MR. BROWN:

So, Stargate is separate from SoftBank, okay.

MS. BLANK:

Okay.

MR. BROWN:

That's kind of a political conversation I don't want to get in because I'm not part of that and so I don't want to say who is and who is not. So, you guys did read that SoftBank is building a 10-gigawatt data center in --

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Cincinnati area.

MR. BROWN:

Below that area somewhere. I can't remember -- I want to say Portsmouth but that might not --

MR. LIMING:

(Inaudible comment.)

MR. BROWN:

Okay. That is approved and that is going on through SoftBank. I don't have any more information on that because it does not involve Foxconn in Ohio whatsoever. I found out about it probably when you read it in the paper. I didn't know about it before then either. The only thing that I can tell you about is what's going on with the piece of property that Foxconn owns here in Lordstown.

MR. MOSELEY:

So, this treatment plant what, do you treat it and then send it down there and they retreat it?

MR. BROWN:

So, we treat -- so when you have processed water out of a manufacturing facility, for example, it could be welding water from another facility, you may get slag or extra metals in it. It could be oil and grease or oil from the stamping pits. All that goes on the wastewater treatment and we have a -- we have a lot --

(At this time, someone's phone had been going off, and the court reporter interrupted the hearing because I couldn't hear everything being said.)

MR. BROWN:

Yes. We treat it to the specification given to us by the City of Warren. They give us a specification for every type of metal, grease or any type of chemical that we could be putting into the water. So, we treat it inside the facility, and then we test it inside the facility. And then we send the results to Warren, and then they give us a -- say yes, we will receive it and we send it to the City of Warren. And then of course they do treat it again for whatever uses they use it for.

MR. MOSELEY:

So, it's not like your sewage goes into a different place, this is a treatment plant for --

MR. BROWN: This is processed water. Storm water and sewage are a whole different thing, right. This is processed water from the facility, cooling towers, HVAC, run-off, or stuff that nature.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Since he's up here, does anybody have any other questions for him?

MS. CZOKA: I have a question for you.

MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. CZOKA: The substation you are building, where will that be?

MR. BROWN: It will be in the back directly west about 100 yards of the current substation. You won't be able to see it from Hallock Young or Bailey, it's at the back of the plant. It's just about 100 yards west of the current substation.

MS. CZOKA: And when you talk about storage facility that you're building in the back there, I'm not sure if -- I'm not clear on what that means.

MR. BROWN: It's a concrete pad that we'll store palletized containers on that we build data center components on.

MS. CZOKA: So, will it be the components your mass producing in there?

MR. BROWN: The containers and components here. It will be part storage, and it will be containers will be shipped out by rail. As you know, when we started this project, we wanted to use more rail than trucks because of the traffic inside Lordstown, so we're working on redoing the rail. We're building the storage area adjacent to the rail that's currently there. We just have to redo it because it's aged and it's not -- it won't hold the weight right now.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right, thank you. I think the important part that we get out to people today are whether or not there is a full-scale data center coming to the Foxconn facility or not.

MR. BROWN: There's not. And so, like in conversations with Mayor Woodward a couple weeks ago because I read some of the same things. So, I'm a fairly open book. You know you guys can contact Foxconn at any time and ask any questions. We don't mind. You know, we're trying to be the best steward of the community as we can. But there's things that people say that are not true. There are things that come out from SoftBank that don't relate to Foxconn Ohio, and people just think it does, right. So, you guys are welcome to contact Foxconn any time, and we'll talk through whatever you guys want to talk about. Foxconn plans to be here for a long time, so we want to be a good steward for the community. So, do you want to discuss the water line while I'm standing up here?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Me?

MR. BROWN: Anybody?

MAYOR WOODWARD: We can since you're here.

CLERK BLANK: You were going to get a quote on that or estimate. Did you get one?

MR. BROWN: Yes. So, I'll have that by the end of the week.

CLERK BLANK: Okay.

MR. BROWN: So, we went through all that, it is \$3 million, is it \$2.2 million, is \$3.8 million. 100 percent of the water line will still be paid for by Foxconn; we just got to get the exact number. I'm fairly sure it's under the \$3 million number.

CLERK BLANK: Good.

MR. BROWN: But I'll have that probably by Friday. And once we get that we can finish the MSA to get that going.

MAYOR WOODWARD: It's about time. Yeah.

MS. BLANK: Yes, I get asked about it a lot.

CLERK BLANK: Shane, thanks for coming here. We appreciate that because there's so much crap that goes around --

MR. BROWN: Sorry, I don't have more information.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Are there any other public comments?

MR. KOVACH: Yes, sir.

MR. KOVACH: Carl Kovach. 8655 South Tod Avenue. This isn't so much as a comment, it's just something that's been kicking around in my head. Since Ultium is effectively closed down, they laid everybody off, right? When Ultium was built, I assume there was some sort of tax abatements or things to become, you know, good community stewards. I currently live in a household where we have two all-electric vehicles. Ultium has 42 electric vehicle charging cells in their parking lot that were only available to Ultium employees. And I was just wondering since there's nobody over there using that plant, is there some sort of conversation that could be started with Ultium to make those available to the public, the charging stations?

MAYOR WOODWARD: I do know that there are employees there right now. The skilled trades workers and production maintenance workers are still there during the day. They are working, they're doing their -- I know personally that they are doing their upgrades to the plant and plan to re-open. And I don't know of those couple hundred employees how many are using the charge stations. But I don't know that that's something that the Village would facilitate with them, but if you wanted to reach out to them to ask them -- I don't know that that's -- that would be something if they wanted to let you use those. I don't know.

MS. BLANK: They're supposed to be going back in June.

MR. KOVACH: Yeah. I didn't know what the situation was there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: They were supposed to know by the end of March what their call back date was supposed to be. They don't have that yet. So, last I knew that they would be -- I was told June, and then I was told after the typical 4th of July shut-down that they would be coming back to work; but I don't know. I mean, I don't know.

CLERK BLANK: That's a private business. We shouldn't get involved in that.

MR. KOVACH: Yeah, I didn't know that being private property and so forth. Because even when they were working full tilt I would drive through the parking lot and be lucky if maybe half of those were ever being used.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yeah.

MR. KOVACH: So yeah, it was just a thought that I had that I wanted to throw out there to see what your thoughts were on it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I was going to say I don't even know who you would reach out to at that facility anymore other than if -- do you know anybody that works there --

MR. KOVACH: I do not, no.

MAYOR WOODWARD: -- to have --

MR. LIMING: Do they have meters on them?

MAYOR WOODWARD: I don't believe they have meters on them.

MR. KOVACH: No, none. I drove through there on the way over here, I didn't see any meters. And it does say Ultium employee.

MS. BLANK: Don't tell people you drove on there, it's private property. This is being recorded.

MAYOR WOODWARD: It's a business.

MR. KOVACH: There are cars in the parking lot.

MAYOR WOODWARD: You can drive through a parking lot.

MR. MOSELEY: There's probably 800 people working there in the daytime.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Well, there's a few hundred. You have your General Motors employees, you have your --

MR. MOSELEY: The parking lot is full in the daytime.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So, I would say you could absolutely reach out to them. It wouldn't be something --
(A lot of people have independent conversations at this time, inaudible.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Is there any other --

MS. BLANK: Motion to adjourn.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any other public comments? 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?
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.

(Meeting adjourns at 7:32 p.m.)

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk

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TRUMBULL COUNTY) SS.

I, Deborah I. Lavelle, a Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing meeting before the Lordstown Village Council was written by me in the presence of the Members and transcribed by me using computer-aided transcription according to the stenotype notes taken at the time the said meeting took place.

I do further certify that I am not a relative, counsel or attorney of any Member, or otherwise interested in the event of this action.

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DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public
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