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**PROCEEDINGS**

**Lordstown Village Council Special Meeting**

**(WHEREAS, the special meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)**  
(WRITTEN FROM AUDIO RECORDING.)

MAYOR HILL: I would like to call the Lordstown Village Special Council Meeting to order. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mayor Hill?

MAYOR HILL: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?

MR. RADTKA: Present.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: Here.

MR. BLANK: Clerk Blank present.

MAYOR HILL: Okay, I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the agenda.

MR. RADTKA: So moved.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR HILL: Moved by Radtka, second Liming.

COUNCIL: All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor's remarks. I've been told that the first one is going first reading and the other two are time limited so those are emergency, and we have to get those passed since they have to be submitted by the end of the month. That's it for Mayor's remarks. Are there any Council remarks?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, are there any public remarks?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC.)

Hearing none, the purpose of special meeting: Lordstown Village Council will conduct a special council meeting on August 28, 2023 at 6 p.m. to consider the following legislation ... Bill?

MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 10-2021 TO INCREASE SANITARY SEWER RATES AND CHARGES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE EASTSIDE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?

MR. BOND: Yes, Mr. Mayor. This is up for first reading tonight. As

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everyone is aware, Council sets the rates for sewer. The rates for water are set by the BPA. We had a committee meeting and there was a motion made to establish a range and go from there for Council as a whole to determine what they felt would be the appropriate rate to raise it to. The range is between \$7.09 . . . .

MAYOR HILL: OK. Any other comments?

MR. BOND: I was going to finish giving the range.

MAYOR HILL: Well, you paused so I thought you were done.

MR. BOND: Oh, okay, well, I'm sorry.

MR. RADTKA: What was the range, Bob?

MR. BOND: The current rate is \$6.66 per thousand gallons. The range to be considered is between \$7.09 and \$7.50 per thousand gallons. The reason for the proposed increase is because the county rate is going up. So, we had a meeting and established a range from \$7.09 to \$7.50. I think the BPA would be okay to go with a one-year contract at \$7.09, instead of two because we don't know what inflation is going to do. It seems to be looking like it might drop one day and then the next day it is looking like it might go crazy again. So, we can have discussion on that and let Council see what rate they think might be fair.

MAYOR HILL: So, this is going to go first reading. I know everyone who has sewers from Trumbull County ... my bill went up thirty percent (30%).

MR. BOND: Yes, Trumbull County has gone up and I think it looks like it might go up some more. I believe you guys are currently at \$8.50 per thousand gallons.

MAYOR HILL: I did give Bill some information today to put in your box. It was like from 2018 on and they had the proposed sewer rates per thousand and I believe in 2025 it was like, what Bill, \$21.00?

MR. BLANK: Yeah, I think so.

MR. BOND: I know there was an article in the Tribune discussing that on October 14, 2022 I believe, but I don't think they went that far out.

MAYOR HILL: Well, I gave Bill that stuff to put in your box and there was other stuff too. I won't be needing it.

MR. BOND: OK. Good enough.

MAYOR HILL: Any other comments?

MR. RADTKA: Just a question here. So, we are proposing \$7.09 to \$7.50?

MR. BOND: Yes, that is the range. To keep it in there. We talked with the BPA and those are figures that they can live with. Like I said if it was \$7.09 then they prefer it just be a one-year rate and if it was \$7.50 then it could be a two-year rate. And I can understand. Would you like to elaborate on any of that, Cindy?

MS. SLUSARCZYK: That's correct. At \$7.09 that just absorbs the rate and the inflation that we are receiving from the City of Warren. The City of Warren is actually the one that raised those rates. Over two years ago, when we entered into an agreement, we had a two-year fixed rate and on January 1<sup>st</sup> again, we will go up again for two years. Because of the time that it takes to reprogram all the rates and software, and typically inflation is around 2 percent (2%), we factored three percent (3%) for inflation in our rate study that was done by CT Consultants.

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But inflation over the last year has been over six percent (6%). This was discussed at the Utility meeting, and I did foresee that the \$7.50 rate would probably work for two years so we wouldn't have to change it every year. I believe that rate will be good for two years. Then every year after that, we will have an increase from the City of Warren. So, we will know what those rates are, at least through the five years of the contract. Right now, we are having to manually adjust those and it is a lot of work adjusting that in the computer. But we don't know where we are at with a new customer on board, so I told them I would like to see how that will impact our revenue once the volume increases and we can see where we are before we go higher. I think that rate will keep us right on target in all honesty, in my opinion. So, the \$7.50 would be for two years?

MR. RADTKA: I think that would work for two years. It's not written into the Ordinance that way only because living it will tell. Like I said, our new customer is still growing and every month is better than the last month so hopefully this next year, we will be able to assess that more accurately. But I do feel that would be good for a two-year period.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Is that new customer Ultium?

MAYOR HILL: Yes, Sir.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Because I know we had approached the county for more of a deal and to put it in their line rather than our line and the county got a little bull-headed on us and did not want to work with us. They said, "here is what the rate is and you do whatever you want." That's why we're here. Any other comments? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.) Hearing none, I declare that this Ordinance has had its first reading. Next please, Bill.

MAYOR HILL: From Board of Public Affairs for Emergency Passage, A **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHRISTOPHER KOGELNIK, P.E., OF CT CONSULTANTS, INC., CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE HALLOCK-YOUNG WATERLINE CONNECTOR PROJECT AND THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN WILL EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MR. BLANK: Comments or motions?

MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend.

MR. RADTKA: Second.

MR. LIMING: Motion to suspend by Radtka. Second by Liming. Roll call.

MAYOR HILL: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?  
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

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

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Resolution 9-2023.  
Next, please.

MR. BLANK: From Board of Public Affairs for Emergency Passage, A  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHRISTOPHER  
KOGELNIK, P.E., OF CT CONSULTANTS, INC.,  
CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR THE VILLAGE OF  
LORDSTOWN, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN  
APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
FOR THE SALT SPRINGS ROAD RELOCATED  
WATER BOOSTER STATION PROJECT AND THE  
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN WILL  
EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR HILL: Comments or motions?  
MR. RADTKA: Motion to suspend.  
MAYOR HILL: Motion to suspend by Radtka. Second?  
MR. MOSELEY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Second by Moseley. Roll call.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Radtka?  
MR. RADTKA: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?  
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?  
MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?  
MR. LIMING: Yes.

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

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

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

MAYOR HILL: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion carried to adopt. Resolution 10-  
2023.  
Motion to adjourn?  
MR. CAMPBELL: So moved.  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR HILL: Moved by Campbell; second by Sheely. Comments?  
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.) All in favor?  
COUNCIL: Aye.  
MAYOR HILL: Opposed? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

(WHEREAS, THE SPECIAL MEETING BEFORE THE  
VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED.)

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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STATE OF OHIO                    )  
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COUNTY OF TRUMBULL        )

I, Kellie D. Bordner, a Notary Public, within and for the State of Ohio, do certify that the foregoing special meeting before the Lordstown Village Council was written from audio recording and by me transcribed. I further certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript to the best of my abilities.



Kellie D. Bordner, Notary Public  
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