

VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL

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For Approval 12/15/25
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio
December 1, 2025
6:02 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ms. Jaclyn Woodward, Mayor
- Mr. William Blank, Clerk
- Mr. George Ebling, Treasurer
- Mr. Ernie Bowen, Councilman
- Ms. Jessica Blank, Councilwoman
- Mr. Robert Bond, Councilman
- Mr. Lamar Liming, Councilman
- Mr. Jamie Moseley, Councilman
- Mr. Howard Sheely, 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 1st of December, 2025.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Please join me for the Lord's Prayer and the 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. Bowen.
- MR. BOWEN: Here.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
- MR. SHEELY: Here.
- 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.
- CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.
- CLERK BLANK: Fire Chief Travis Eastham.
- CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
- CLERK BLANK: Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.
- MS BORDNER: Present. Street Commissioner Martin Nelder.
- MR. NELDER: Present.
- CLERK BLANK: Board of Public Affairs.
- MR. PETERSON: Present.

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CLERK BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik.
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Is there a motion to amend the agenda to add in new business before the legislation and keeping -- still keeping new business after legislation also?
MR. BOND: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Now is there a motion for adoption of the agenda?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MR. LIMING: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely and a second by Liming. Any discussion on the agenda? All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Is there a motion for disposal of the minutes for the regular Council meeting November 17, 2025?
MR. MOSELEY: So moved.
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley. Second by Bond. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Is there a motion for payment of the bills?
MR. BOWEN: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bowen.
MR. SHEELY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. All in favor?
(All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed.
(No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: The motion is carried. Mayor's Report. Well, the lights are up in the middle of town. They look great. A big thank you to Martin and his crew for that and the Fire Department for hosting us all that night. And for Ernie's loud voice helping me to emcee that night because I had no voice that day. I got a letter -- just real quick, I got a letter today in the mail from Enbridge. It looks like that they are intending to file a request for an increase in natural gas distribution rates, approval of other tariff changes and authority to implement an alternative rate plan with the P.U.C.O. in about 30 days. So I have that letter. And Kellie I'll see -- can Dustin see about getting that on our website --
MS. BORDNER: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: -- so that everybody can see what those rates look like. The other thing is I want to say thank you to our road crew for keeping the roads clear all hours of the day and night. There will always be people that complain, but we all know that our roads are always kept up with. We appreciate the effort. And it's important to remember

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that we have a large geographic area to cover, so when the snow flies fast, you know sometimes it takes time for them to get to you so please be patient. And that's all that I have. Clerk's Report.

CLERK BLANK: Yes, Mayor. The swearing-in will be December 15. Judge Phil Vigorito will be doing the swearing-in. We'll send letters out the end of the week to the new elected officials.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CLERK BLANK: I would probably like to have a special meeting December 30 at 6:00 for year-end clean-up.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CLERK BLANK: That's it. You know, I do want to bring one other thing up.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CLERK BLANK: That OnSolve.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: It's kind of in limbo right now. I guess it had -- Brent, help me out -- a security breach.

CHIEF MILHOAN: They had a cyber security breach, and that's what essentially has caused the problems. They've been working on it for quite some time, and they've actually changed their platform completely in an effort to, you know, I think make them more secure. So --

CLERK BLANK: The only reason I'm bringing it up is because the e-mail that I received, whoever signed up for that has to do it again.

MR. MOSELEY: The CodeRED.

CLERK BLANK: They have to sign up for that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I guess this would be a good time to ask is that what program we want to use. Is it hard now to get into it and use it and get messages out?

CHIEF MILHOAN: It's not hard, it's a change. And when you're used to the old system, the old system was pretty easy for me. Not that, you know, we can't learn this new system, but it's new so --

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Now we had talked about in the committee meeting approving the payment for that, didn't we?

CLERK BLANK: We held the legislation up for it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: We're holding that until we know --

CLERK BLANK: Whatever Council decides what they're gonna do.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Any e-mail or documentation that I receive from them I try to forward it to you so you guys all know what is going on. Obviously by the e-mails they've sent they are working on the issue. But I can't tell you, you know, like Bill said it appears that even though you had signed up for CodeRED in the past you may have to re-register under their new platform. But we're still learning as we go.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Well, I read that. And is that something that we should be notifying residents of the breach because their e-mails were compromised and, you know, if they use that e-mail address for other things and it has a common password, they should probably be changing passwords and information for other things. So, is that something that the Village is now obligated to notify the residents about that breach?

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CHIEF MILHOAN: I mean, if you want to take that same letter that I forwarded to you and give that to Dustin as well and put on the Village website I guess that's up to you and the Solicitor.

ATTY. RIES: Yeah, I'll look into that. I mean, the company should be notifying people. But yeah, let's delve deeper into that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. All right. We'll look into that then. Anything else, Bill?

CLERK BLANK: No, thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Solicitor's Report.

ATTY. RIES: I would like to address the third piece of legislation that's on the agenda for tonight. For various reasons discussed with each of you and the concerns that I've raised during some previous Solicitor's Reports at Council meetings, I am recommending Council consider repealing the data ban in favor of a moratorium. I realize this is unpopular, but as your Solicitor it's my job to give legal advice based on what I think is in the best interests of Lordstown even if people don't always want to hear it. Ohio courts and -- Ohio law and courts favor moratoriums over outright bans, and a moratorium is a much better avenue to address concerns raised about data centers or any business. I have had discussions with each of you about the potential ramifications of the data center ban. I've also conferred with our two outside attorneys who are representing the Village in the lawsuit currently filed by the data center in the Ohio Supreme Court. Both of them confer with this recommendation as well. So, I'd like to have an executive session later to discuss the pending court action and address these issues.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Anybody have --

ATTY. RIES: Any questions?

MR. MOSELEY: Tonight an executive session?

ATTY. RIES: We're gonna discuss it, but obviously the vote would have to be after we leave executive session. That's just to address any questions that you guys have about the pending litigation right now, the mandamus action.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Amending the agenda to add in a spot for new business before legislation gives you guys an opportunity to go into executive session if you want to before legislation is voted on. Okay. Is that it?

ATTY. RIES: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Treasurer's Report.

MR. EBLING: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Report.

MR. PETERSON: Yes. Thank you, Mayor. Our next regular meeting is December 16. We actually cancelled tomorrow's meeting, so our next regular meeting will be December 16.

MAYOR WOODWARD: At 4:00 p.m.?

MR. PETERSON: At 4:00 p.m., yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Village Engineer's Report.

MS. BLANK: I have a question for Chris. Can you somehow have a special meeting before December 15?

MR. PETERSON: We absolutely can. I can't have it until next week, but yes, we can.

MS. BLANK: You're killing me. Because we got stuff put together so -- okay perfect, thank you.

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- MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Village Engineer's Report.
- MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, Mayor. Chris, I will be out of town next week. I've given you the written report. Most of our projects are idle right now as you can see from the report. I did have a conversation today with Trumbull Energy Center's Mr. Ted Harvey regarding the RUMA impacts on Henn Parkway, and he would prefer that we get these, you know, in his e-mail as quickly as possible this month so that he can take care of them. Mayor and Matt, just so you're aware, there's two ways the RUMA allowed for TEC to address the impacts. One of them was by TEC paying for and doing all the work to repair the deficiencies that we identified, which we now know is just on Henn Parkway. And then the second way was in the event that TEC did not do that, then the Village could draw from their bond to do that otherwise. So right now, TEC officials are wanting to cooperate in any way to get this taken care of, and so I'm sure the Village does too, so I'll be working with Lamar to do that. Other than that, we've got several special funding items that we are gonna be talking with the Board of Public Affairs about at the next meeting; and as well a couple of our officials are gonna be talking with you, Mayor, I think about it. So, I don't have anything else. If somebody else has anything, let me know. Thank you.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Special Reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan.
- CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes Mayor, members of Council. I have submitted my monthly report for November this afternoon via e-mail. If you have any questions, I'll attempt to answer them. Also wanted to make all of you aware that Friday the 12th will be our annual Shop With A Cop program. I believe we have somewhere between 13 and 15 kids that we're taking on the program this year. Trying something a little different this year, it's actually our SRO Dave Harrison's idea. Every year we only have so many cruisers that, you know, we can take the kids in, and we typically have more kids than cruisers. So, this year Dave was able to line up a limousine for some of the kids, and all we had to pay for was the cost of the driver. So, we're gonna put some of the kids in a limousine and then the other kids will be in police cruisers. And then the next day, which is Saturday the 13th -- and there will be more information to follow on social media as we're getting it together -- but we received another grant through CSX Railroad consisting of a number of toys. The toys are really geared for I would say zero to 10-year-olds. So, on the 13th we're gonna have a toy give away here at the administration building. I believe it's from 9:00 to noon. And again, it's for zero to 10 year olds, residents of Lordstown, or kids that go to Lordstown schools. Just a way to, you know, kind of help parents out a little bit with toys and things like that. So that's all I have, Mayor.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: I like that. Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Brent?
- MR. MOSELEY: Yeah, I got a question for Brent. Could you tell us where we're at on the officer that's on administrative leave, what his status is?

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- CHIEF MILHOAN: Yes. I don't have the file with me, but I'll do the best I can do. And I'm gonna be -- I'm gonna say I'm pretty accurate with what I'm gonna say. At the end of the BCI investigation, the recent BCI investigation, they generated a report obviously and I had time to review that report. In reviewing that report I had some concerns, so I brought my concerns to the Mayor and to also the Solicitor. Based on the concerns that I had and in speaking to the Mayor and Solicitor, we felt it was best to place Officer Watson on paid administrative leave. That was done on the 16th of October. Based on the concerns that I had I also felt -- typically when something like this takes place, we conduct an internal investigation. Based on the concerns that I had or have, we felt that it was best to have an outside agency do that internal investigation instead of us doing it ourselves. So, at that point I had contacted the Cortland Police Department and asked their chief if I could have their detective do an internal investigation. We had just done one for their department a few months ago, and so I just thought maybe they could return the favor. So, they did. Detective Weston of the Cortland Police Department conducted the internal investigation. When he concluded his investigation, he provided me a report. After reviewing that report I sent a letter to both the officer and the Mayor. My recommendation -- that was on, I believe, November 6 -- and my recommendation was termination. And that's where it's at.
- MR. MOSELEY: No, I just had a bunch of residents asking. I never got a direct answer, so I just wanted to know.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. All right. Any other questions for Brent? All right. Fire Chief Travis Eastham.
- CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight, Miss Mayor.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Travis? Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.
- MS. BORDNER: No report Miss Mayor.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Kellie? Parks/Grounds/Buildings/Streets Superintendent Martin Nelder.
- MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor. Only thing I have, some of the residents have called about 45 being plowed out. I was just letting the residents know ODOT took that back from us. And if I see the bridges or something -- they do salt the bridges if they don't get out; but as far as plowing the whole thing, ODOT is responsible for that. I just want to let the residents know. Thank you.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Martin?
- MR. SHEELY: Yeah. Martin, tell the guys good job with the lights and good job with the roads.
- MR. NELDER: All right, I will.
- MR. SHEELY: Keep up the good work.
- MR. NELDER: I'll let them know.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Anybody else? Okay. Correspondence.
- CLERK BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Remarks. Does anybody have any public remarks? All right. Council Remarks. We'll move on to Committee Reports. Finance, Robert Bond.

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MR. BOND: I have no report this evening, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar Liming.
MR. LIMING: Just that one piece of legislation, first reading on it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: 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: I have no report tonight, Miss Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Ernie Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: No report, Mayor.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning, Jessica Blank.
MS. BLANK: I always have a report. So, November 4 is Mobile Market.
MS. BORDNER: December.
MS. BLANK: December. I'm in November still so sorry. December 4, which is Thursday, 11:30 to 12:30 in the parking lot.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay, thank you. New Business. Does somebody want to make a motion for an executive session? And Matt, what is --
ATTY. RIES: To discuss pending court action inviting Council, Mayor, myself, Attorney Frank Scialdone, and Kellie Bordner.
MR. BOND: I'll make that motion if Council is interested.
MR. BOWEN: I'll second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. There's a motion by Bond and second by Bowen.
Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: 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. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried. There will -- I mean, we'll continue the meeting after executive session and there will be action, I'm sure, afterwards, right?
ATTY RIES: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. We will be back.

(Council enters into executive session at 6:21 p.m.)

(Council reconvenes at 6:52 p.m.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. We are reconvening at 6:52. Can I have a roll call, Bill.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

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MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. We are back from executive session, and we'll move on to legislation. First piece is from Council as a whole for emergency passage.
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO ENTER INTO AN HOURLY FEE AGREEMENT WITH FRANK SCIALDONE, JOHN PINZONE AND MAZANEC, RASKIN, AND RYDER CO., L.P.A. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Is there a motion to suspend the rules?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond. And is there a second? Was it Sheely? You got it? Okay. There was a motion by Sheely. Is there a second?
MR. BOND: I'll make the second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: 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. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming. Is there a second?
MR. BOWEN: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bowen. Any discussion? Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 61-2025.
CLERK BLANK: Do you want to keep going? You're doing really well.
MAYOR WOODWARD: If you need a break tonight.
CLERK BLANK: I like what you're doing.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Thanks, Bill.
From Council as a whole for emergency passage.
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING
ORDINANCE NO. 19-2025 TO INCLUDE AN
EXTRAORDINARY MATTER INVOLVING
DATA CENTERS TO BE EFFECTIVE
RETROACTIVELY TO NOVEMBER 12, 2025
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Is there a motion to suspend the rules?

MR. BOND: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. Roll call.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.

MR. BOND: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.

MR. BOWEN: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.

MS. BLANK: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

MR. LIMING: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero 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. MOSELEY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any discussion? Roll call.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.

MR. BOND: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.

MR. BOWEN: 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. Sheely.

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt
Ordinance 62-2025. From Council as a whole for
emergency passage.
**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO.
57-2025 TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT
AND OPERATION OF DATA CENTERS WITHIN
THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE
OF LORDSTOWN AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**
Is there a motion to suspend the rules?

MR. BOWEN: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bowen.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. Roll call.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

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MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero 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. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. Any discussion? Roll call.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
MS. BLANK: Yes. Just that I want to state that I am still against the data centers coming here and concerned about the public health and safety of our residents. However, I am following the advice of several lawyers to do what is best for the Village.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
MR. SHEELY: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
MR. LIMING: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
MR. BOWEN: Yes.
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
MR. BOND: Yes. And I concur with Jessica on that, that I think it's a good idea to go forward with this and I'm acting on the advice of the attorneys that we've hired. And I've always been told if you don't listen to your attorney, you're probably making a mistake.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. That was six -- was that everybody?
MR. LIMING: Yes.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Six ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 63-2025. Are we -- okay. Well, somebody would have to make a motion to --
MR. BOND: I'll make a motion to pull number four for the temporary moratorium. We need to take -- before we do any voting on that, we need a 30-day hearing. We will be making a motion to advertise for that later under New Business.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.
MR. BOWEN: I'll second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. There's a motion by Bond and a second by Bowen. Should I have read that first?
CLERK BLANK: Yeah, you should read it, so they know --

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- MAYOR WOODWARD: At least let me read it then. From Council as a whole for emergency passage.
AN ORDINANCE PLACING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM, NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS, ON THE GRANTING/ISSUING OF ANY NEW PERMITS, AS WELL AS THE RECEIPT AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS, FOR DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
So right now, we have a motion to pull this and we have a second. So a roll call.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.
- MR. BOND: Yes.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.
- MR. MOSELEY: Yes.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bowen.
- MR. BOWEN: Yes.
- CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.
- MS. BLANK: Yes.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.
- MR. LIMING: Yes.
- CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.
- MR. SHEELY: Yes.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Six ayes, zero nays. That motion is carried.
From Streets, Sidewalks, Public Parks, Buildings, Grounds, and General Improvement Committee for emergency passage.
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART NINE STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, TITLE ONE, CHAPTER 911 "EXCAVATIONS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN BY REVISING SECTION 911.02 "PERMIT REQUIRED" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Are there any motions? Hearing none, I declare that this has had its first reading. We will move on to Old Business. Is there any Old Business to discuss? Hearing none, we'll move on to New Business. A motion to have the special meeting December 30, do we need to have a motion on that?
- CLERK BLANK: We do.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: It needs to be brought by three members of Council.
- CLERK BLANK: We do. Let's wait until the 15th meeting. I'm just throwing that out now so everybody can kind of plan on that date. We'll address it on the 15th.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. I didn't know if you wanted to lock it in now.
- CLERK BLANK: No, that's good.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: We'll bring it up at the next meeting then.
- CLERK BLANK: Thank you.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there any other new business?
- MR. BOWEN: Do we need a motion for the public hearing, the advertising?
For January 5 at 5:30.
- MS. BLANK: Go ahead.
- MR. BOWEN: Do you want to go ahead? I was just helping out.
- MS. BLANK: Do you want to go ahead? I was just helping out.

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MR. BOWEN: I wasn't making it. I just thought I didn't want it forgot.
MR. BOND: No. I can go ahead and make the motion, or do you want to make it?
MS. BLANK: Go ahead, Bob.
MR. BOND: Okay. I'll make a motion for that on January 5 to hold a public hearing on the moratorium and get the advertising in for that so we can get the ball rolling on it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. There was a motion by Bond.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Blank. Any discussion? All in favor? (All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed. (No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: That motion is carried. Is there any other New Business? Is there any public remarks tonight?
MR. CZOKA: Tom Czoka, 1211 Hallock Young Road. I just have a question. Can you explain what just happened with this number four, why we're -- we eliminated it, we did away with the ban, now we don't have a moratorium in place until after January; and so that we've got the whole month of December if data centers want to come in we're wide open for business right now. Is that correct?
ATTY. RIES: No, that's not correct. The moratorium is being published under certain provisions of the Ohio Revised Code that require to give a 30-day notice and a public hearing. In terms of whether or not we're wide open, no. I mean, without getting into the specifics of the law when someone's -- when a potential data center's property interest vests is defined as when they file an application for a permit which occurs way down the road after they go through site plan review, after they've gone through Planning Commission under our ordinances.
MR. CZOKA: So, all that would have to take place before anything could happen. In the meantime, we'll have the -- whatever, you got the moratorium in place by then?
ATTY. RIES: If that's what Council wants to do.
MR. CZOKA: If they vote on a moratorium.
ATTY. RIES: If that's what Council wants to do with the moratorium. It will be up for its first reading, and Council can do what they will in the January meeting.
MR. CZOKA: All right. Thank you.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Are there any other public remarks? Is there a motion for adjournment?
MR. BOWEN: So moved.
MR. MOSELEY: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bowen, second by Moseley. All in favor? (All respond aye.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed. (No response.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.

(Meeting adjourns at 7:02 p.m.)

Mayor

Clerk

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STATE OF OHIO)
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