

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio**  
**February 18, 2025**  
**6:05 p.m. to 7:29 p.m.**

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. 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 18th of February, 2025.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Welcome to the Lordstown Village Council meeting.

**LORD'S PRAYER**  
**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. 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.  
(No response.)  
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.  
CLERK BLANK: Streets Commissioner Martin Nelder.  
MR. NELDER: Present.  
CLERK BLANK: Board of Public Affairs.  
MR. PETERSON: Present.  
CLERK BLANK: Engineer Chris Kogelnik.  
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to excuse Solicitor Ries, he's out ill.  
MR. BOND: So moved.  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond, second by Liming. All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?  
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Adoption of the Agenda. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: What was your question?

MR. BOND: We gotta amend it though, don't we, or not?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Do you want to officially amend—okay.

CLERK BLANK: Since it went to reading you need to—

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to amend the agenda which would remove number 5 and number 7?

MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any questions? All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?  
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to amend the agenda. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

MR. MOSELEY: So moved.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley, second by Bond. All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?  
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion for disposal of the minutes of the regular Council meeting February 3, 2025?

MR. SHEELY: So moved.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely, second by Blank. Any questions about the minutes? All in favor?  
(Bond, Blank, Moseley and Sheely respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?

MR. LIMING: One abstention.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Four ayes, zero nays, and one abstention. The motion is carried.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion for payment of the bills?

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming, second by Blank. Any questions on the bills? All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?  
(No response.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Mayor's Report. The only thing I have is March 1 the Fire Association is going to have a Quarter Auction. The doors open at 4:30, the bidding starts at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will be used for scholarships for the graduating seniors of LHS. There is a new venue this year, it's being moved down to the U.A.W. 1112 building. The address is 11471 Reuther Drive, and it is a family-friendly event. All are welcome. That's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a Clerk's Report?  
 CLERK BLANK: I have no report, Mayor.  
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a Solicitor's Report? No? Did Matt leave you anything?  
 CLERK BLANK: No, he did not.  
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Treasurer's Report.  
 MR. EBLING: No report.  
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Board of Trustees of Public Affairs Report.  
 MR. PETERSON: Yes, Mayor. We had our meeting today. At our meeting we decided to start going to two meetings a month for the foreseeable future so we can keep things moving along. So as it sits right now, the first and third Tuesday will be our meetings, still at 4:00.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Does anybody have any questions for Chris?  
 MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Village Engineer's Report.  
 MR. KOGELNIK: Yes, Mayor. Submitted a written report to the Village. The items that I'd like to just mention tonight, Trumbull Energy Center land development plan review, that also deals with the Warren water line. We have yet to receive the request for information from Warren regarding the bore and jack plan to go underneath Salt Springs Road, so we'll keep you up to date when we get that. Thus far Darren, myself, and Martin have attended all three construction progress meetings so far. No real meaningful construction has started on the water line; but like I said, they are working their way from the south to the north starting at the energy center facility. Number 7 at the bottom of the first page is Henn Parkway drainage issue. I would like to have a meeting with whoever the department Village officials are that are gonna handle this because there are a couple options that the Village has. It's just that some of the real big improvement options cost a lot of money. I need to know what amount the Village is comfortable with spending on this project. And the Village should be thinking about combining the drainage issue improvements along with the road resurfacing and the curb replacements because you have some money set aside from the prior RUMA for that. So we need a date. Can I ask what the reason was for the delay on the Kunkle building roof replacements?

MAYOR WOODWARD: You weren't at the last meeting. That was—we didn't have enough people to pass anything emergency.  
 MR. KOGELNIK: I thought I just heard—  
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Oh, you're tabling it?  
 MR. MOSELEY: I talked to Martin, and he's telling me there's more things that need to be done when you tear the other part of the building off with the water and all that. Just need to figure it out.

MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. On the outside?  
 MR. MOSELEY: Yeah. The boiler room on the right side.  
 MR. KOGELNIK: Okay. I guess we can modify that if you want us to do that. And then the last thing that I want to mention was our retainer. It's up March 31, supposed to be renewed on April 1. I heard from Clerk Blank that Council does not want to consider increasing the fee that we had requested, which was another 10 percent just to keep track of inflation. We haven't yet requested an increase. And so if there's no decision on that we prefer to actually eliminate the retainer and the fee and go with an MSA and task orders. It's up to the Village. So it's the—I'm here at the last meeting right now for

March—well no, actually one more month, March 31, and then you'll have to make a decision. That is all. One other thing that was a carry-over from the BPA meeting that is important—Solicitor Ries isn't here right now—but Village Council will need to direct Solicitor Ries to prepare the RFQ for the U.S. E.P.A. funding that is necessary for the future 24-inch water line and the water booster station. The water booster station replacement project is becoming very timely important for the Village to handle. Thus far the BPA is carrying all that burden. But this is gonna be a team effort to make this project happen by November when the money has to be spent. That's the money from ARPA. The other money that is gonna be used for that project would be the U.S. E.P.A. grant. So therefore, your State Route 45 booster station could be paid for completely for the construction out of those two grants. You need to make it happen. Do you have any questions for me?

MAYOR WOODWARD: No. But Chris, I did make a note to add that to the Utility Committee's agenda. So that can be discussed and that can move forward.

MR. KOGELNIK: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. As far as what he had mentioned about the retainer, do you want to take that to Finance?

MR. BOND: Well, that would probably be the best place for it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I'll let you take the reins on that one. All right. Does anybody have any questions for Chris?

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Special Reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Mayor, I have no report tonight.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Brent?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Fire Chief Travis Eastham.

CHIEF EASTHAM: No report tonight, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Travis?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning Administrator Kellie Bordner.

MS. BORDNER: At the February 10, 2025 Planning Commission meeting a new business received site plan approval. The Lordstown Smoke Shop will be located in the Lordstown Plaza and will sell cigars and accessories, cigarettes, vaping equipment and accessories, and things of this nature. So we would like to welcome the Lordstown Smoke Shop to the Village and wish them success in their business.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Very good. Does anybody have any questions for Kellie?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Parks/Grounds/Buildings/ Streets Superintendent Martin Nelder.

MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor. The only thing I have is the red-light intersection on Hallock-Young and Bailey, we have had a lot of problems with the wiring. We were out most of the weekend. Main Lite came out Saturday—or Sunday and Monday, and they were able to pull some wires from a different part of the light and get it to work today. And as soon as we get decent weather, they're gonna give us a quote on rewiring the whole intersection. And also I was approached by Vinnie Goddard from the Apple Cider committee. He was wondering if the Apple Cider Festival can borrow the picnic tables from the pavilion by the fire station, the portable picnic tables, for extra seating at the festival this year.

MR. LIMING: I have no problem.

MR. MOSELEY: Yeah, I don't have a problem with that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have an issue with that?

MR. BOND: I don't have a problem.

MAYOR WOODWARD: That's fine.

MR. NELDER: Okay, I will let them know. Thank you, that's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Martin? Make sure you thank your crew for us for keeping the roads decent this weekend.

MR. NELDER: All right, I will. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Correspondence.

CLERK BLANK: No correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Remarks. If anybody has anything that they want to share, step up to the microphone.

MR. MINTON: Do you have another one later in the—

MAYOR WOODWARD: Yes, there's another one at the end.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Council Remarks.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Committee Report. Finance, Robert Bond.

MR. BOND: I have no real report this evening, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Parks, Buildings, Grounds, General Improvements, Streets and Sidewalks, Lamar Liming.

MR. LIMING: No report. But I do want to commend Martin for getting ahead on the salt. Watching the news and the paper, everybody is behind or running out. But he got ahead on it and we ought to be in good shape. So thank you.

MR. NELDER: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety and Police Department, Jamie Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: I have no report this evening.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety, Fire and E.M.S., Howard Sheely.

MR. SHEELY: No report tonight, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities. I will take this one. Utility Committee has started discussing the electric aggregation for the Village. It expires in May. So some conversations were had with Tom from Buckeye Energy Brokers, and we need to do another Utility Committee meeting to decide how to move forward with that. And we're gonna need Council to approve whatever that decision is by March 3, by the next Council meeting. There's a time constraint on it. So be expecting that.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Planning and Zoning, Jessica Blank.

MS. BLANK: Yes. We have a meeting coming up this Thursday, February 20, at 5:30.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Legislation.

CLERK BLANK: **From Planning and Zoning Committee, For Emergency Passage. An Ordinance extending temporary moratorium, not to exceed twelve (12) months on the granting of any new permits for companies operating trucking terminals within the Village of Lordstown, and declaring an emergency.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Would anybody like to make a motion on this one.

MR. BOND: Yeah, I'll make the motion. This is extending it, it's not a new legislation, so I'd like to see it passed emergency to make it continuous.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. There's motion by Mr. Bond to adopt. Is there—

MR. BOND: That was for the emergency.

MS. BLANK: I don't want it emergency, I just want it to be three readings.

MR. LIMING: This is the third reading, right?

MR. BOND: Yeah.

CLERK BLANK: So you just want to adopt it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So you want to suspend the rules.

MS. BLANK: Yeah.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There is a motion to suspend the rules. Is there a second?  
All right. Is there a motion to adopt?

MS. BLANK: I'll make a motion to adopt.

MR. BOND: I'll second it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: A motion to adopt by Blank and a second by Bond. Is there any discussion? All right. Roll call.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.

MR. BOND: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

MR. LIMING: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.

MS. BLANK: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt.

CLERK BLANK: **From Council as a Whole, For Emergency Passage. An Ordinance amending and restating Ordinance No. 59-2024 (the "Master Benefits Ordinance") establishing the employment provisions and fringe benefits for all employees of the Village of Lordstown except for the hourly employees in the Police and Fire Departments effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027, and declaring an emergency.**

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

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. MOSELEY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. 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. Bond.

MR. BOND: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

MR. LIMING: Yes.

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

MR. BOND: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.

MR. SHEELY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. 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. Bond.

MR. BOND: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Five ayes, zero nays. The motion—you know what, I didn't read the ordinance number for the first one. Go back to number 1. So the first one, I'm sorry, it was 4-2025. Bill, you're letting me slip.

CLERK BLANK: I marked it down on mine.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: I didn't say it out loud. So five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 5-2025 for this last one. Okay.

CLERK BLANK: **From Council as a Whole, For Emergency Passage. An Ordinance authorizing the Village of Lordstown to enter into an agreement with Kush Creative Outdoors, P.O. Box 360486, Strongsville, Ohio 44136, for the purchase of an amount not to exceed 1,000 tons of salt for the 2025 winter season, and declaring an emergency.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Is there a motion to suspend the rules?  
MR. MOSELEY: So moved.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Liming. Roll call.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.  
MR. LIMING: 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: Five ayes, zero nays. Motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?  
MR. BOND: So moved.  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond, second by Sheely. Any discussion? Roll call.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.  
MS. BLANK: Yes.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.  
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt the Ordinance 6-2025.

CLERK BLANK: **From Council as a Whole, For Emergency Passage. An Ordinance amending and restating Ordinance No. 80-2024 establishing the authorized strength, setting the hourly compensation and other terms of remuneration and conditions of service for members of the Lordstown Village Fire Department effective January 1, 2025, and declaring an emergency.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Is there a motion to suspend the rules?  
MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.

MR. MOSELEY: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. 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. Bond.

MR. BOND: Yes.

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

MR. BOND: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond.

MR. LIMING: Second.

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

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.

MS. BLANK: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

MR. LIMING: Yes.

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.

MR. BOND: Yes.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. Motion is carried to adopt Ordinance 7-2025.

CLERK BLANK: **From Council as a Whole, For Emergency Passage. An Ordinance approving the recodification, editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Lordstown, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.**

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

MS. BLANK: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank.

MR. MOSELEY: Second.

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

CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.

MR. LIMING: 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: Five 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.

MS. BLANK: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. 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. Bond.  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. Motion is carried to adopt Ordinance number 8-2025.  
CLERK BLANK: **From Council as a Whole, For Emergency Passage. A Resolution opposing the discharge of water into Mud Creek and the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit ("NPDES") in connection with Clean Energy Future-Trumbull, LLC, and declaring an emergency.**  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion to suspend the rules?  
MR. BOND: So moved.  
MR. MOSELEY: Second.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Bond, second by Moseley. Roll call.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Sheely.  
MR. SHEELY: Yes.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Moseley.  
MR. MOSELEY: Yes.  
CLERK BLANK: Miss Blank.  
MS. BLANK: Yes.  
CLERK BOND: Mr. Bond.  
MR. BOND: Yes.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Liming.  
MR. LIMING: Yes.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to suspend the rules. Is there a motion to adopt?  
MR. LIMING: So moved.  
MR. MOSELEY: Second.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming and a second by Moseley. Any discussion? Roll call.  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.  
MR. BOND: 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: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried to adopt Resolution 1-2025. Okay.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there any old business? Hearing none—  
MAYOR WOODWARD: —is there any New Business?  
MR. BOND: Yes. I have two motions. First will be for an executive session to consider appointment of a public official, inviting all of Council. No action will be taken after that this evening.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a motion by Mr. Bond.  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a second by Mr. Liming. Do we have a roll call?  
CLERK BLANK: Mr. Bond.  
MR. BOND: 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: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried.  
MR. BOND: Okay. The second one I'll be making is to authorize the Solicitor to contact Judi Gensburg to advise her that the Village is not going to make a settlement offer to her as the court already ruled in the Village's favor in her lawsuit. Again, no action will be taken on that tonight other than that.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. There's a motion by Mr. Bond.  
MR. LIMING: Second.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a second by Liming. Any discussion on that? All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)  
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?  
(No response.)  
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried. Did you want to do your—  
MR. MOSELEY: Yeah, I need—I guess this would be a motion for the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team for Brent for \$2,000. It's just a renewal for the SWAT team if we need it. We do it every year.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Motion by Moseley. Is there a second?  
MR. SHEELY: Second.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Sheely. Any discussion? All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)  
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?  
(No response.)  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Five ayes, zero nays. The motion is carried. I need to entertain a motion for the resig—to accept the resignation of Joe Keough, police officer, effective February 24, 2025.  
MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.  
MR. BOND: I'll second it.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming and a second by Bond. Any discussion? All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)  
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?  
(No response.)  
MAYOR WOODWARD: All right, the motion is carried. Is there any other new business?  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any additional public remarks?  
MR. MINTON: Yes, I have.  
MAYOR WOODWARD: Go ahead. Come up here and state your name and your address for the record.  
MR. MINTON: Yeah. I'm Paul Minton. I live at 5356 Palmyra Road. And the reason for that I'm here is to, first off, I want to make sure that Council was aware that the Commerce Center has been discharging fuel oil or diesel and oil to—down the creek that runs by my place. And it sounds by your response, Madam Mayor, to my e-mail that everybody here is aware of it. I can only say it's been happening for several years. I've contacted the previous mayor, I've contacted the E.P.A., I've contacted the Fire Department, but the problems

continue to happen. It happens almost every time it rains. So I guess my question is what's the next step. Is there anything that Council can do to try to bring this to a resolution? It sounds by your comments that they really can't track it down to a single source I hear, so I would think that that would be the first thing that you would have to track it down to a source.

MAYOR WOODWARD:  
CHIEF EASTHAM:

I'm gonna let the Fire Chief, Travis Eastham, speak to that. So we've been dealing with this for—as you know for a long time. The E.P.A. spent months in there recently trying to narrow the source, and they can't find it. So there's two main drains that leave the Commerce Center, so there's about 400 acres there. All—it's all old concrete, 24- and 30-inch pipe that's three foot sections. So we know it's not—we know there's high spots in the pipe. We know stuff gets trapped. They can't figure out where it's coming from. A lot of the fuels that we found are old and algaecide already, they're broken down the diesel. Like where we find where it comes out of their drains it's already broken down, it's full of algae, so it's been there a long time.

The first drain that comes out into the creek they did put two underflow dams that the Commerce Center paid for and had built and put them in place. We have zero product coming into the creek in that one. Now all of a sudden the back drain about a month ago just all of a sudden just started releasing. But it was all old, old diesel. Like we don't understand where it came from.

MR. MINTON:

So it's not new diesel. When you say old diesel, is it like years old, months old?

CHIEF EASTHAM:

Yeah, it's probably years old.

MR. MINTON:

Okay.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

So we don't know if it keeps getting trapped in there and we've been getting some large rain events that's pushing it. That seems to be when it happens, when you get a rain.

MR. MINTON:

CHIEF EASTHAM:

What they're doing now, they are in the process of putting another underflow dam system at the back drain system. So they're gonna dig another pond back there put to two underflow dams that will catch it, and they are buying what they call auto skimmers. And the auto skimmers, if there's any product, will keep skimming off the top and cleaning it as it comes through to make sure there is no product coming out. So I did talk to the E.P.A. this morning because they called me because we went back out on Sunday. And we were out there Sunday because what happened was the rain event we had over the weekend broke all the booms that the E.P.A. put in. The E.P.A. has hard booms by his house, a stick folded it down and pushed it toward South Leavitt. The other hard booms at the back of the Commerce Center all ripped and came apart. So we spent all day Sunday tearing them out, replacing them, relocating them. All the ones in the Commerce Center we completely removed, put all new in, cleaned and started over. And as of right now, I don't think we have anything going down the creek as of earlier today.

MR. MINTON:

I didn't check today.

CHIEF EASTHAM:

Yeah. As of earlier today I didn't have anything going. This afternoon I haven't been over there, but it seems to be holding. It's just a matter of waiting on them to get that

underflow dam built. And from now until then we're just gonna keep putting booms in trying to catch what we can catch. But those hard booms that are by your house, those are all E.P.A.'s hard booms. Wade put those in from the E.P.A.

MR. MINTON: I think I called the E.P.A. on the 30th of January, and it had been flowing down the creek at least a week before I called. And we're talking a—

CHIEF EASTHAM: And we knew about it before that.

MR. MINTON: It's a large amount coming down, it's not a little. But that creek will be skimmed since the 30th. We're not talking five, we're not talking ten, we're talking thousands of gallons would be my guess.

CHIEF EASTHAM: Here's what it is. A drop of diesel fuel in a gallon of water looks like a ton of diesel fuel in water. It spreads out in sheens.

MR. MINTON: It's an awful smell, you've been there. I come home, smell is for weeks on end.

CHIEF EASTHAM: I only do what I can do. And the E.P.A.—

MR. MINTON: I don't know that it's the Fire Department's responsibility. And I guess that's my question to Council, whose responsibility is it?

CHIEF EASTHAM: It's actually the E.P.A. is really in charge of it. I'm just there trying to help keep it contained.

MR. MINTON: I understand that this shouldn't be the Fire Department's responsibility. It would sure seem to me that it would be the Commerce Center's responsibility.

CHIEF EASTHAM: It is. And they pay for it. The E.P.A. fines them.

MR. MINTON: When you say they pay for it, are they getting fined?

CHIEF EASTHAM: The E.P.A. fines them every time they come out.

MR. MINTON: You'll have to make it financially a problem for them to pay the fines versus, you know, what the—

CHIEF EASTHAM: They're putting in these dams, so they don't have to—if it doesn't leave the property—the E.P.A. is fine with it as long it don't leave the property and they clean it up.

MR. MINTON: I'm fine with that as long as it doesn't come down the creek.

CHIEF EASTHAM: That's what their goal is. They are trying to get it stopped and trying to get it to where it doesn't leave the property, they don't keep getting fined by the E.P.A. And then I bill them. I bill them for everything that we have in it; man hours, booms, pads, everything I use. We—even the trucks we use we bill it back to them. I haven't billed them for the last three incidents because I told them I'm putting them all together as one because they've been about a week apart. And George was fine with that. He says give me everything when we're done because I was gonna—he's gonna be writing checks back and forth and we're gonna keep sending bills and writing checks so—

MR. MINTON: So I guess my question is, what if it happens again?

CHIEF EASTHAM: Call us. From it coming through the creeks there's something wrong right now. There's probably at least 18 booms spread from their drain to South Leavitt.

MR. MINTON: When you say boom, you're talking like a six inch, ten foot long. What does it hold, five gallons if it's completely full? It flows right past it. It's not stopping what is coming down there.

CHIEF EASTHAM: That's why there's a hard boom in front of it.

MR. MINTON: It still flows past it. What's there now, it still flows past it.

CHIEF EASTHAM: But we're trying to catch as much as we can. But it would take a long time to fill a boom with the amount of fuel that's coming down that creek.

MR. MINTON: Well, I'm saying you've seen it, you know it flows past those booms.

CHIEF EASTHAM: You're never gonna catch 100 percent. But the whole idea of it and the E.P.A.'s idea is to get as much out as you can and contain as much as you can. You'll never get 100 percent.

MR. MINTON: You say you've looked into the source. I mean, what over there has diesel?

CHIEF EASTHAM: Every one of the four hundred and I think he said eighty-nine rail engines that are in there.

MR. MINTON: Exactly, exactly. Now when we gave the okay for them to put their business in there, was there anything stipulated saying hey, you gotta drain these tanks, you gotta drain the oil from these trains? Or can we write legislation to say hey, you gotta do that and would it be retroactive? This is the kind of questions I'm asking.

CHIEF EASTHAM: But you also have a problem over there. And this was when the Commerce Center was still—

MR. MINTON: I understood.

CHIEF EASTHAM: When they bought it we were building Matalco.

MR. MINTON: Okay.

CHIEF EASTHAM: That creek that runs through the back of Matalco that comes from the Kunkle building over to Anderson-Dubose.

MR. MINTON: Okay.

CHIEF EASTHAM: The E.P.A. called me up because they were piping that creek in and they found a large amount of JP-1 jet fuel and diesel in the ground.

MR. MINTON: In the ground. In a tank?

CHIEF EASTHAM: We spent a month-and-a-half digging. And we had a spot 30 feet wide, probably 30 feet deep the length of a football field that we hauled out in plastic-wrapped containers, and we never got in to clean ground. The E.P.A. gave up, said put fresh dirt over top of it, put your pipe in the ground and call it a day. That's all the stuff the military left us in that facility.

MR. MINTON: So you're thinking it might be that?

CHIEF EASTHAM: I can't say you can blame it all on the owners of the Commerce Center who have it now. It can be them, it could be a mixture of both, it could be—I don't know what the answer is.

MR. MINTON: Yeah, me either. It's just a terrible thing.

CHIEF EASTHAM: But you can spend days over there and you'll never find it. We have not been able to. The E.P.A., Curt, Wade, I have had lots of man hours in that building, our guys inside that Commerce Center trying to find it, and we've never been able to find the source.

MR. MINTON: So it sounds to me like there's not much that's gonna happen. I mean, you're trying to put another thing in. I guess we'll see what happens.

CHIEF EASTHAM: I feel confident you won't have any more coming out the creek.

MR. MINTON: I'll be happy if that's the case.

CHIEF EASTHAM: I feel very confident because the other one is working very well and it's not leaving.

MR. MINTON: What do I do, call the E.P.A., the Fire Department?

CHIEF EASTHAM: Call us and we'll go over we'll swap the boom out. Call the E.P.A.

MR. MINTON: The E.P.A. is the one who does the fining. And is that fine based on when they get a call?

CHIEF EASTHAM: I don't know how the E.P.A. does it.

MR. MINTON: I guess it would behoove me to call any time I see any oil at all.

CHIEF EASTHAM: A lot of times he won't come out and he'll send me.

MR. MINTON: Wade, is that who you're dealing with? He called me back and had me send him some pictures.

CHIEF EASTHAM: And send the pictures.

MR. MINTON: And I said—and his explanation is the same as you said, they can't track it down to what the source is.

CHIEF EASTHAM: We can't find it. And that's the problem.

MR. MINTON: That's what I was here for, what's the next step we can do to take that—but you're thinking the containment might work, so I'll be quiet until the next time it happens.

CHIEF EASTHAM: If you start having issues we'll come over and swap booms out. That's the best we can do. That usually means a stick took the booms out, the rains broke them loose, something happened, something changed. But on a normal like running right now, like the way it's running on a day like today there's very little product come through.

MR. MINTON: Once you get a big rain it seems to wash whatever is out there down, and we're right until it has time to soak back in again and get your next big rain and it comes back again.

CHIEF EASTHAM: That's why we're under the theory that a lot of it is inside the drainage and it's burping. Fuel is lighter than water, so it's getting trapped in uneven parts of the drainage throughout the complex. And once it gets enough pressure and it goes up high enough and it kind of like burps itself, kind of like a toilet would flush when it gets enough pressure and it takes all that diesel with it.

MR. MINTON: So, you know, a pipe is coming out of that. Has anybody tried to send one of them robots—

CHIEF EASTHAM: The E.P.A. did that and they had cameras in it. We have had sections of pipe in there where we've found where it's completely black of jet fuel, go fifty feet to the next one it's crystal clear.

MR. MINTON: So you've been digging the pipes up on the way back?

CHIEF EASTHAM: They've been pulling the lid off of them and sending the cameras down and looked inside of—some of them are big enough you can climb down.

MR. MINTON: Well, I appreciate everything that you're doing. That was my concern, although I'll be quiet from there.

CHIEF EASTHAM: If I had an answer—that's the best answer I can give you. And that's where we're at in the project, and hopefully that underflow dam will solve it.

MR. MINTON: Appreciate that. Thank you.

CHIEF EASTHAM: No problem.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there anybody else with public comments?

CLERK BLANK: I just have to bring something up to Council. I'm not out to embarrass anybody like Miss Blank, and I said this before in caucus. When you have legislation, if you would state first reading, second reading, pass emergency, we wouldn't have had that little hiccup that we had.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thanks, Bill. I'm so glad you put that on the record for everybody. I won't tell them about how you missed a signature. But I missed a signature too.

CLERK BLANK: Do you want to talk about two you missed actually, or you don't want me to go there?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Very good, very good. If there's nothing else, then you guys are going to adjourn to executive session. And will somebody let the Clerk know—

MR. LIMING: Miss Blank will.

MAYOR WOODWARD: You've been volunteered, Miss Blank, to keep record of when you reconvene and adjourn. Thank you everyone.

**(The meeting goes into executive session at 6:44 p.m.)**

The following is as reported to the court reporter, who was not present following the executive session:

**(The meeting reconvened with five members of Council present at 7:28 p.m.)**

Motion to adjourn: Sheely  
 Second: Liming  
 (All in favor? All respond aye.)  
 Five ayes, zero nays.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**

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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.

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