

Village of Lordstown Board of Trustees of Public Affairs

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MEETING OF THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
1455 Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio  
February 23, 2026  
3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Christopher Peterson, President  
Mr. Michael Sullivan, Vice-President  
Mr. Stanley Czeck, Board Member  
Mr. Darren Biggs, Supt. of Utilities  
Ms. Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk  
Atty. Matthew Ries, Solicitor  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Mark McGrail, Utilities Committee  
Ms. Jaclyn Woodward, Mayor

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS taken before me, DEBORAH LAVELLE, RPR, a court reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio on this 23rd of February, 2026.

MR. PETERSON: I'd like to call this special meeting of the Board of Public Affairs to order. Please stand for the Lord's Prayer and Pledge Allegiance.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

MR. PETERSON: Welcome everybody. Roll call please.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Chris Peterson.  
MR. PETERSON: Present.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Michael Sullivan.  
MR. SULLIVAN: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Stanley Czeck.  
MR. CZECK: Present.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Darren Biggs.  
MR. BIGGS: Here.  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Cinthia Slusarczyk, present. Chris Kogelnik.  
(No response.)  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: Matt Ries.  
ATTY. RIES: Here.  
MR. PETERSON: I said something to Cindy, I didn't think we needed to bother Chris for today, so motion to excuse Chris.  
MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.  
MR. PETERSON: I'll second it. All in favor?  
(All respond aye.)  
MR. PETERSON: Opposed.  
(No response.)  
MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MR. PETERSON: Any correspondence, Cindy?  
MS. SLUSARCZYK: No.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Review Quotes for Hood Drive Fire Hydrant Repair**

MR. PETERSON: Moving right along into New Business. First item, review quote request for Hood fire hydrant repair. Darren, do you want to take it from there?

MR. BIGGS: There's a quote for \$3,800 to have that hydrant replaced. We'll supply the fire hydrant.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Anybody have any questions or anything?

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MS. SLUSARCZYK: He said they'll supply it? Because it says equipment and labor on the quote.

MR. BIGGS: We'll supply it.

MR. CZECK: Well it says equipment, that's backhoe; and material would be the fire hydrant.

MR. PETERSON: Fire hydrants are like \$4,200 by themselves, so yeah.

MR. BIGGS: It just says remove and replace the hydrant, all materials provided by the Village of Lordstown.

**MR. PETERSON: Okay. I'll make a motion we approve \$3,800 to repair the hydrant on Hood Drive.**

**MR. CZECK: Second.**

**MR. PETERSON: Second by Czeck. All in favor?**

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. PETERSON: Opposed.**

**(No response.)**

**MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.**

## **2. Review Quotes for State Route 45 Service Line Repair**

MR. PETERSON: Quote for State Route 45 service line repair.

MR. BIGGS: I have two quotes for that. One came in at \$6,500, the other one came in at \$3,800. But that's just a quote. It's hard to quote that dig and find out what the problem is when you don't know what it is, so it's hard to quote something you don't know what the fix is even going to be.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. They might get down there and realize the service line is so out of shape that they have to bore a new one.

MR. BIGGS: They can throw out a number for digging that, but we don't know what we're getting into.

MR. PETERSON: Is the \$3,800 quote a reputable company?

MR. BIGGS: Yeah. Yeah. Same one that's -- that will be doing Hood.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. BIGGS: Yeah. So that's the big difference in price. The one guessed on what the fix may be and the other one didn't, just kind of --

MR. PETERSON: Do you want us to approve like maybe up to \$6,000 to be on the safe side in case they get into something?

MR. BIGGS: What happens if it ends up being more than six and they're there?

MR. PETERSON: Fix it.

MR. BIGGS: We're going to do it anyway. So, six will be good then.

MR. SULLIVAN: Should we just approve the 38, and if it's more than that he comes back.

MR. PETERSON: Yeah. And just do the work and just get the rest.

MR. BIGGS: That's fine. But with the two quotes how -- and I grant one of them when, you know, they're guessing --

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

MR. BIGGS: -- on what the fix is going to be. That's why it's such a big difference in price. One, it went a little bit higher thinking that should cover everything. The other says I don't know what this is going to be, you know, what is all going to be involved, so they went lower.

MR. SULLIVAN: Wouldn't it make sense then to approve the 38, and when they go down and find out what it is you come back and we approve whatever needs to be done?

MR. BIGGS: That would be fine with me. I just want to make sure it's okay with you guys. Just because the quotes are --

MR. PETERSON: What you're saying is the 65 might cover everything and be cheaper in the long run is kind of what you're saying?

MR. BIGGS: Correct, yeah. But to grant one of them just because it's lower, it wasn't. They really didn't have anything to go by except there's a location. And you know, that's all I wanted to explain.

MR. SULLIVAN: But if we want the 38 it would be the same thing with the 55. I mean, when they got down there and found out what the work needed to be done --

MR. BIGGS: Correct.

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MR. SULLIVAN: If it was less than 55, I don't think they'd say hey --

MR. BIGGS: Yeah. It was, yeah, \$6,500 and \$3,800. I just wanted to explain what the difference with the two quotes were. That's how what they -- that's just how they quoted it, explained it to me, just hard to say what it is, you know. Is it going to be more than 38, probably. Less than 65, probably. But we don't know what it is yet. So, however. I just want to -- I just wanted to explain the two quotes, why they're so far --

MR. PETERSON: Far in difference.

MR. BIGGS: Exactly, yeah.

MR. SULLIVAN: What do you think?

MR. PETERSON: I'm fine with going with the company at 38 if you guys are.

**MR. SULLIVAN: I'll make a motion that we approve the 38.**

**MR. PETERSON: Okay.**

**MR. CZECK: I'll second that.**

**MR. PETERSON: All in favor?**

**(All respond aye.)**

**MR. PETERSON: Opposed.**

**(No response.)**

**MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.**

**3. Review Quotes for Trench Box Purchase**

MR. PETERSON: Item number 3, the quote for the trench box. Martin Nelder from the Street Department looked up a box. It was \$13,900 for a box that would allow our staff to be able to go deeper than what we have on site. Did you get a chance to look at that quote at all, Darren?

MR. BIGGS: I did. I didn't bring it though.

MR. PETERSON: I knew the total.

MR. BIGGS: I asked if the equipment we have is going to be able to lift them. According to the salesperson yes, it should, even as far down as what we would need to go. There's what, two pieces, so they'll be stackable and then you can put them together if we need. And so, we have the one and then this one would be two more that we can actually put together. So, the salesperson and Martin -- again, he took care of that -- they seem to be both satisfied that what we have will work with that price that you have, Chris.

MR. PETERSON: Okay.

MR. SULLIVAN: Is it more than one company that we could get quotes off of?

MR. BIGGS: Probably. I wasn't around, Mike. I'm sorry, I can't help you with that one.

MR. PETERSON: He was out sick when Martin was looking them up, and Martin said this is the best reputable company he knew of is what he told me.

MR. CZECK: It's under what, \$15,000 ballpark quotes?

MR. SULLIVAN: \$15,000?

MR. CZECK: Isn't there a stipulation on dollars that you have to -- isn't there -- you know what I mean?

MR. PETERSON: I think it's under --

MR. CZECK: You can spend money without having quotes, but if you get to a certain point then you definitely have to have quotes.

MR. SULLIVAN: It's \$25,000, isn't it?

ATTY. RIES: For bidding construction, for construction right now it goes up 3 percent every year. By law it's roughly \$77,000 right now. That's for like public bidding requirements, yeah.

MR. CZECK: Okay.

ATTY. RIES: But we always just do the quotes to make sure we're staying competitive.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: If it's over \$15,000 the Clerk's office requires legislation.

**MR. CZECK: That's what I'm thinking of then. Well, I'll make a motion. Let's go ahead and get this thing purchased because you don't want to have this situation happen again.**

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MR. SULLIVAN: I'll second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed.

(No response.)

MR. PETERSON: Motion passed. Darren, will you let Martin know or do you want me to call him?

MR. BIGGS: I can take care of it, yep.

**4. Executive Session to Discuss Investigation and Potential Discipline of an Employee**

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Item number 4, executive session to discuss investigation and potential discipline of an employee.

MR. CZECK: I make a motion we go into executive session.

MR. PETERSON: I'll second it.

MR. SULLIVAN: Who are we inviting?

MR. PETERSON: Inviting the Mayor -- the Board, the Mayor and the Superintendent.

MR. SULLIVAN: Darren?

MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

ATTY. RIES: Do you want me there?

MR. PETERSON: Oh, Matt, yeah. Sorry. Roll call please.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Czeck.

MR. CZECK: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Motion passed. Thank you.

(The Board goes into executive session at 3:12 p.m.)

(The Board comes back from executive session at 3:39 p.m.)

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Motion to come out of executive session.

MR. CZECK: So moved.

MR. SULLIVAN: So moved.

MR. CZECK: Second.

MR. PETERSON: Roll call please.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Peterson.

MR. PETERSON: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Czeck.

MR. CZECK: Yes.

MS. SLUSARCZYK: Sullivan.

MR. SULLIVAN: Yes.

MR. PETERSON: Okay. Result of executive session is no action taken at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MR. PETERSON: Any Public Comments?

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

MR. PETERSON: Any Member Comments?

MR. CZECK: No.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MR. PETERSON: Motion to adjourn?

MR. CZECK: So moved.

MR. SULLIVAN: Second.

MR. PETERSON: All in favor?

(All respond aye.)

MR. PETERSON: Opposed.

(No response.)

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MR. PETERSON: Motion passed.

(The meeting adjourns at 3:40 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF OHIO )  
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 Board of Public Affairs 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Niles, Ohio on this 25th day of February, 2026.

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DEBORAH I. LAVELLE, Notary Public  
My Commission expires 4/15/2027

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Cinthia Slusarczyk, Clerk

Christopher Peterson, President