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PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Regular Meeting

(WHEREAS, the regular meeting before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:04 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

(Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Roll call, please.
MR. BLANK: Mayor Woodward?
MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?
MR. BOND: Here.
MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?
MR. LIMING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?
MS. BLANK: Here.
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.
Treasurer, George Ebling?
MR. EBLING: Here.
MR. BLANK: Solicitor, Matt Ries?
SOLICITOR RIES: Here.
MR. BLANK: Police Chief, Brent Milhoan?
CHIEF MILHOAN: Present.
MR. BLANK: Fire Chief, Travis Eastham?
CHIEF EASTHAM: Present.
MR. BLANK: Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?
MS. BORDNER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Street Commissioner, Martin Nelder?
MR. NELDER: Present.
MR. BLANK: Board of Public Affairs?
MR. PETERSON: Present.
MR. BLANK: Engineer, Chris Kogelnik?
MR. KOGELNIK: Present.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there a motion for adoption of the agenda?
MR. LIMING: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
MS. BLANK: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Blank. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to adopt the agenda.
Is there a motion for disposal of the minutes for the regular
Council meeting December 16, 2024?
MR. MOSELEY: So moved.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Moseley.
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Campbell. All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to approve the disposal of the minutes.
Is there a motion for payment of the bills?
MR. SHEELY: So moved.
MR. BOND: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Sheely; second by Bond. Any questions on the bills?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried.
Mayor's report. I want to give an update on the letter that Council sent to the Ohio Power Siting Board. I did hear back from them. They left me a voice mail on the office phone here. It was from Matt Butler on December 27th. He let us know that our letter was received and they will hang on to the letter and file it. In the event that an application is received, they will automatically file our letter onto the case record. But, as of right now, they have not received any phone calls about any potential new developments. If anybody has any questions for Matt, I have his phone number. You can give him a call if you want to.
Tonight I'm going to have an appointment for the Board of Zoning Appeals. We'll do that under new business. I'll ask for that under new business.
And we'll need to appoint the Road Superintendent tonight.
MR. SHEELY: And Council President.
MAYOR WOODWARD: You guys will have to choose the Council President tonight. And we're going to be asking for approval to advertise for two full-time firefighters.
I'm supposed to address the state-of-the-Village. Contract negotiations finished up in December and I think what the committee decided on was pretty fair and equitable. So, thank you to Bob, Jamie and Howard for doing that for us. We get inquiries about properties constantly but nothing has come to fruition in 2024 that I'm aware of as far as major new business goes.
The Fire Department is continuing to build its budget with that extra half percent income tax and buying new things for the department. Council authorized turnout gear not too long ago, so we'll be seeing that in 2025.
The Road Department kept up with mowing the parks, cemeteries, now plowing snow, which is a whole job in and of itself.

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The BPA and the Water Department are working to bring in a new 24-inch waterline to keep up with the volume demand from customers and to prepare for future customers. They're also looking to acquire some property to install a new water booster station.

The Police Department, money has been spent for the Police Department — body cameras, scanners, things like that.

All in all, I think that it was a good year. A nice, quiet year. Not too many major things happened but we are still trying to gain our footing from years past. So, I think that having the contracts done and the employees having raises in the future will be good.

So, that's all that I have. We'll see what the Clerk has to say. You said everything I was going to say.

MR. BLANK:

(Laughter.)

MAYOR WOODWARD:

You got anything else?

MR. BLANK:

Nothing I can think of.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

All right. So, no report?

MR. BLANK:

No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Okay. Solicitor's report?

SOLICITOR RIES:

Thank you, Mayor. Just one item, the second piece of legislation, the Ordinance pertaining to the first addendum to our water supply agreement with the City of Warren. In that first addendum, this provision dealing with the 24-inch waterline on the bottom of the first page, we have it set up as —it was going to be constructed on Salt Springs Road and Brunstetter using the open-cut method and then on Highland using the bore inject method. I was informed by Chris Kogelnik late last week that the City of Warren and its contractor are now going to do—correct me if I'm wrong — bore inject for all three crossings, right?

MR. KOGELNIK:

The contractor is in the midst of proposing that to the City of Warren. We were not aware at the pre-con meeting whether or not they would mention something like that. We just thought they would go according to the plan that they produced. So we still have to wait and then react to that. But this may require a decision amongst the necessary people on the Village Board.

SOLICITOR RIES:

Okay. And since this is different from what we had negotiated before with everyone involved. We may want to consider tabling this until we know exactly what they are going to propose and what we're going to agree to so we don't have amendments upon amendments. That makes sense. That's all I have.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Does anybody have any questions?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Treasurer's report?

MR. EBLING:

No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Does anybody have questions for George?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Hearing none, Board of Trustees of Public Affairs report?

MR. PETERSON:

Yes, Mayor. Thank you. Our next meeting is tomorrow at 4 p.m.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

Thank you, Chris. Does anybody have any questions for Chris?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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MR. KOGELNIK: Village Engineer's report?
Yes, Mayor. You had mentioned the bids for the air release valve and the MVSD meter vaults. We did receive those and they did come in acceptably. The apparent low contractor, I think, is Kirila Contracting. And, so, the Village BPA and Village Utilities Committee, most importantly, really need to decide on approving that and entering into a notice of award with the contractor. So, at this point in time, we've reviewed the bids, submitted a bid review letter for the Village. And this project involves the ordering of specific pieces and components for the valves, which really are timely. So it's important that the Village move ahead and get the notice of award so that the contractor can be confident that he's ordering those pieces and parts because it's going to take a while for them to get in. I would encourage the Utilities Committee and the necessary people on Council, BPA, to quickly convene, review this and enter into a notice of award so that we can proceed onward.
So far, like I said, the construction costs came in below, I think, where we were thinking, which is good. We spent a little bit more time during design and bidding but maybe we can reconcile that through the overage and underage. I don't know. But it's in the Village's hands right now to enter into a notice with Warren.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Do you have anything else?
MR. KOGELNIK: Nothing with regard to that particular project. You did ask a question this morning, Mayor, about the Ohio EPA, WSRLA loan program. So, I did talk with our funding staff. So Ohio EPA's question to you is whether or not the two projects, the 24-inch waterline design and the construction of the Hallock-Young waterline, would be ready for a March award for loan. I don't think you're going to be ready for a March award for loan. You're probably going to want to push this one into the future. If we get into June, you're going to have to have us renominate the project so that we can keep both projects on Ohio EPA's list to eventually receive loan money. I'm assuming you're going to say that.
Does anybody have any other statements that they'd like to move the project quicker than delay it down the road?
MS. BLANK: That's a slow-moving project.
MR. KOGELNIK: Pardon me?
MS. BLANK: It's really slow.
MAYOR WOODWARD: She said it's a slow-moving project to begin with.
MS. BLANK: I think somebody muted my mic.
MR. KOGELNIK: So the 24-inch waterline is a very slow moving project. And we'll go through this in more detail tomorrow so we won't suck up time tonight. The most important one to hopefully get done is eventually going to be your 12—inch connector on Hallock-Young Road so you might be able to tie in Foxconn. So that one is—the design is done. You have a permit in hand. You're probably going to have to renew your permit because it's expired. So you're going to have to make a decision on that particular project this year. We'll talk about the 24 inch tomorrow.
We did have the pre-con meeting for the Warren transmission line on Friday. Martin attended and I think

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Darren attended virtually. We were learned of a surprise during the meeting. That was when the contractor proposed to go trenchless on the crossings at Salt Springs and Brunstetter when all along Warren and their engineer were suggesting and recommending open cut. So this is in the hands of Utilities Committee, Martin Nelder, Streets Committee, and the Village because this project emanates from an outside entity.

But we did learn that their substantial completion date is June 4th. Their final completion date is September 2nd. These are pretty aggressive dates. I did ask that the Village receive the insurance certificate naming them as an additional insured on the project, which you will. And I did ask that the Village police and fire staff receive the maintenance traffic plan so that we can understand how they're going to detour traffic or maintain traffic through the zones.

So there will be bi-weekly meetings on this project and there will be some meetings where it will be necessary that Darren and Martin will have to accompany. But I do have a work authorization submitted to Steve Remillard and Clean Energy. I will copy you on that to let you know that this entity has entered into a work authorization with us. Do you have any questions for me?

- MR. BLANK: Chris, is the 21st to pass that okay?
- MR. KOGELNIK: The review for the air release valves?
- MR. BLANK: That will be our next Council meeting.
- MR. KOGELNIK: Can you do it any quicker?
- MR. BLANK: If they call a special meeting.
- MR. CAMPBELL: Well, can we do it tomorrow at the BPA meeting at 4:00?
- MR. BLANK: You need legislation.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: So we wanted to make sure, though. Some of this work is outside of the Village of Lordstown so that would fall on Council's lap to take care of this anyway. The BPA wouldn't be able to.
- MR. KOGELNIK: Yeah, unless it was a joint meeting. Is tomorrow's meeting just the BPA?
- MS. BLANK: Yeah, there's no more Utility meetings scheduled for this year.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Yet.
- MS. BLANK: Yet, sorry.
- MR. KOGELNIK: The answer, Bill, is if that's the way it has to be, then the 21st is the best we can do. It's just that that's going to delay ordering those pieces and parts a couple weeks.
- MR. BLANK: But it's been going on for months now anyway.
- MR. KOGELNIK: Yes. So if you want to set that as the 21st, let's get that in gear.
- MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there any reason Council should have a special meeting to expedite this?
- MR. KOGELNIK: I think you have 30 days by the contract to enter into a notice of award from the date of opening. Let me check on that question, Mayor, and get you a response to that. And I'll cross copy Solicitor Ries on that. I'll check the contract. Good question. That's all I have. If the Council has anything else that I need to pay attention to as we go into '25, I'd like to know. I did make a recommendation at the

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tail end of '24 about Lyntz Road and resurfacing it. There's certain things that we have our eye on. The water booster station is another one. But just let me know. Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD:
CHIEF MILHOAN:

Special reports. Police Chief Brent Milhoan?
Thanks, Mayor. I've submitted my yearly report for 2024, answer any questions if you have any. The only other thing I have is I did send all of you an email today. The email was generated based on a public comment that was made at the December 16 Council meeting by Danielle Watson. She had encouraged you to compare the amount of overtime that we currently have at the Police Department—or I guess maybe since I've been the Chief. I'm not sure—with my predecessor, Chief Catlin. So, I sent you a document today that shows all of the overtime for the 21 years that I've been the Police Chief. In addition to that, she also encouraged you to look at the number of part-time officers that I have compared to my predecessor. That's included in the report. I can tell you that Chief Catlin's overtime for the last three years that he was the chief was around a hundred hours a month, which would be 1,200 hours a year. I only know that because I was the Captain for the last three years that he was the Chief. I don't know what his overtime was prior to me being the Captain because that was not my responsibility. So, I wanted to give you the information that I have. I can't tell you what Chief Catlin's hours were prior to me being the Captain. She indicated that she did her research so maybe she can provide those numbers to you, but I can't. I don't have his documents. I don't have his reports. If you want to see any of my reports, I can show you the officers that worked any of those 21 years, how many hours they worked. Things are just different now. I think most of you or all of you understand that. But just to give you an example. We recently contacted the commanders of the Police Academy at YSU and at Kent State. Typically, they run between 20 and 30 people through their academy at a time, which is about the same number of candidates that went through when I went through the academy in the '80s. What's changed is the academies that we called recently, both YSU and Kent, approximately half of their cadets that are going through the academy already have full-time jobs prior to even graduating from the academy. I know in my academy, which Ted Drewek was in my academy, we had one cadet that had a full-time job. He had a full-time job at Liberty before he graduated from the academy. So, it's tough to get some of these guys, and it's really, really tough to get part-time guys. There's just so many full-time jobs available out there. As you know, we currently have three—they're called auxiliary officers, but we will also call them part-time officers, the terms are synonymous. But we just don't have the number of part-time officers that we used to have. We tried hiring some and for various reasons, they just didn't work out. There's too many full-time jobs out there. I'm not saying there's nobody out there that wants to be a part-time officer. There are some. We have one—we have three—one of our part-time officers worked over 500 hours for us last

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year. So, if I had 10 or 12 auxiliary/part-time officers that we used to have and they each worked 500 hours, my overtime would probably not exist.

I want to make sure you understand, the overtime hours that I sent you, that's for the entire department. That's dispatchers, officers. They're not separated. I can separate them if you want them. I have every yearly report since I've been the Chief, which is, like I said, 21 years.

The information is there if anybody wants to see it. I'm very transparent with my information. So, if you want any of that information, I can get it for you. It will just take me some time to get it. Or you're welcome to stop in my office and I'll make you copies.

But I just wanted to make sure you understand that things are just different now. We're having a difficult time already to find people for full-time positions that we're advertising.

We're advertising for three full-time positions.

The other day I was up to about 17 applications. I think I'm a little over 20 right now. But of those 20-some applications, more than half do not already have their academy—they haven't even attended the Police Academy yet. They're not even enrolled in the academy. Most of the applications I received were from Indeed. Amazon drivers, people who cook, servers—

MR. MOSELEY: Why are they sending an application—

CHIEF MILHOAN: I have no idea.

MR. MOSELEY: —they think you're going to pay for their schooling?

CHIEF MILHOAN: I'm glad you brought that up because that's where I'm going next. I have no idea, Jamie, why they sent them because they don't meet our minimum requirements. More than half. The remaining ones, I'll just say I wouldn't hire some of them.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I think that sometimes when they're on unemployment, the requirement is that they apply for jobs.

CHIEF MILHOAN: Could be. That could be the reason.

MAYOR WOODWARD: So they may just be sending out applications.

MR. MOSELEY: They know they're not going to get it, so they apply.

CHIEF MILHOAN: I guess. I mean, I emailed some of them back and said that, "I noticed the document you sent me does not have OPATA on it, which is the Police Academy. Did you forget to put it on there? Are you planning to attend?" Most of them didn't even know what that was.

You mentioned paying for the academy. I can tell you that there are many departments that are doing that now. I'm not suggesting that's where we need to go. We might have to have the conversation about that at some point. But I can tell you that there are departments out there that are doing that now. Boardman is one. There's a number of departments that are paying for cadets to go to the academy on the condition that they remain with their department for a minimum of three years. So that investment they're making for them to go to the academy and it not only includes the cost of the academy, they're paying them an hourly rate. They're their employee. They're paying them an hourly rate to attend the Police Academy. The interesting thing that's happening with that—I just found this out at the last Chief's

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meeting, which is mind boggling to me. There are a number of chiefs that their department paid for somebody to go to the Police Academy. They signed the three-year contract to stay with them. And it says in the contract if you fail to remain three years, you have to pay back. Well, they found out they can't force them to pay back their hourly rate. They can force them to pay back the cost of the academy. So what's happening is other departments are agreeing to pay the cost of that contract to get that candidate out of the contract because they want that candidate for their department. So we are competing very heavily with departments. And we're not even paying for academies right now. I don't even know what the cost of the academies are right now. We are sending an officer to the local academies to try to promote our department. We're advertising in the Tribune, on our Facebook page, on the two Lordstown pages, Job and Family Services is new. We started advertising there. So we're trying to get the word out.

I just wanted to update you on that information. If you have any questions about the overtime, about the number of officers, please don't hesitate to ask.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Thank you. Anybody have any questions?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Fire Chief Travis Eastham?

CHIEF EASTHAM:

Yes, Ms. Mayor. We finished out the year with 1,133 runs, up about 125 from the previous year.

Myself and Kellie were successful to get the AFG grants in. Pretty much the same thing we wrote last year. The only thing we changed was we did a regional grant to try and receive it because a stand-alone department is a lot harder than a regional. So we went in with seven other departments and wrote a grant for hose and appliances. Regional grants get moved ahead.

The tough thing that we ran into with this one is they gave us a very short window to apply. That's why you guys are just now hearing about it because I figured it was better to ask for forgiveness than permission because we didn't have time to try and get this thing done. And it hit during the Holidays, which made it even worse. And usually they do extensions. Like, they'll say it closes on the 19th of December and then usually a day or two before that, they'll throw out like we're extending another 30 days. They did no extension. There was nothing. It was the shortest amount of time you had to apply for an AFG grant that I ever saw.

We were successful getting everything in on time. I will bring it to my committee and we'll go through the process of getting it on the books and moving through. But we just wanted Council to be aware we did write it. Actually, it's less money this year than it was last year to write for it. So our match would be less. We didn't think it would be that big of a deal because it actually went down on our match.

MAYOR WOODWARD:

And you'll know the results from that—

CHIEF EASTHAM:

Sometime summer, fall. It matters whenever FEMA decides to start putting them out. I want to thank Kellie for a lot of work that she did on narratives. Myself and Captain McCloud did all of the data work, which we realized it but

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when we started doing it we realized we were doing eight departments worth of data. It became came pretty—

MS. BORDNER: Tedious.

CHIEF EASTHAM: Yes, it took a long time. It was a lot of work. But we got it done. We got it in time. I actually shipped them on the last day at about noon, 11, 12:00 on the last day that we were able to apply. I think it closed at 4 and we got them off around 11, 12:00. So kudos to Kellie for getting it done. And I guess for us, also, for getting it done. And then, like I said, we'll run it through my committee and move on from there.

MAYOR WOODWARD: I appreciate the effort. Does anybody have any questions for Travis?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kellie Bordner?

MS. BORDNER: First thing I want to let everybody know about the Mobile Market situation from last Friday. They called us up. They had a problem with the cooling system. I believe it was in the van. So they were unable, basically, at the last minute to come on Friday January 3rd as they had been scheduled. But Miss Karen from Action called us and she was very gracious in saying that they had rescheduled us for January 9 from 12:30 to 1:30. She had left that spot open and was very glad that she was then able to put us in in that spot. So this Thursday, which is January 9th from 12:30 to 1:30, the Mobile Market will be out here in the parking lot at the Village Administration building.

The other thing I have for you is we put the 2024 report from the Planning and Zoning office in everyone's mailboxes. You all have the reports for number one, the 2024 zoning permits that were issued. There were nearly 60 of those. Number two, then those were broken down into the report for single-family dwellings. Just a note about this, the average for the ten-year period between 2014 and 2024 was three single-family dwellings per year. This year, we issued nine. And, oftentimes, those require more time and effort than business zoning permits.

Number three, we have in your packet, also a report for sign permits, which we keep separately since they do not require a certificate of occupancy.

Number four, we then attached the certificate of occupancy report. We issued 49 of those this year. We have only 17 structures outstanding on our pending certificates of occupancy list for the Village. In previous years, we have had a remainder or a balance of at least 25 structures pending.

Number five, we also attached zoning violations addressed this year.

And Number six, we attached the zoning fines for 2024. A total of \$7,727.50 in fines were charged and a total of \$6,150.00 was collected.

Number seven, the report for consolidations is also attached. We only had two this past year. We had no major or minor subdivisions of parcels. We had plenty of preliminary discussions and documentation for both subdivisions and consolidations, but nothing much materialized and that could

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still happen this year.
Number 8, and finally, we provided the 2024 Planning Commission report.
Should you have any questions on any of these reports, I would be happy to answer them.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Does anybody have any questions for Kellie right now?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Parks, Grounds, Buildings, Street Superintendent, Martin Nelder.

MR. NELDER: Yes, Mayor. The only thing I have is we made a bunch of different displays as previous years for Christmas. We've gotten a lot of compliments from the residents. They really liked them. But we started taking them down and putting them away at Kunkel so they don't get damaged and stuff. And the other thing from the Road Department, we've had a lot of breakdowns on the salt trucks. We're doing as much in-house as we can, but we've had to send a couple of them out. They're starting to show their age. A lot of it is the problems with the exhaust fluid that's causing a lot of headaches with the trucks. Right now we're running two small trucks on the one route to try to cover it because we have two down.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are you going to need a committee meeting? Do you have one scheduled?

MR. NELDER: Yeah, Lamar has one scheduled.

MR. LIMING: We've scheduled it for next Monday.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Next Monday, okay. Anything else?

MR. NELDER: No.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Any questions for Martin?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Correspondence?

MR. BLANK: I have no correspondence, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public remarks?

MR. CZOKA: Tom Czoka, 1211 Hallock-Young Road. I just had a question. I know a while back when we did the moratorium on the trucking, what happens when that year is up? Is everything just wide open again and back to normal or does it continue? Do we do another one? What happens?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Go ahead.

MS. BORDNER: I can answer that for you, Tom. We have discussed this in our committee. So this is something that the Planning and Zoning Committee is already addressing for the upcoming year. So there will be something that will go on prior to that expiration. That's up to Council what they ultimately decide. But there will be something coming before Council.

MR. CZOKA: Okay. Thanks.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Is there anybody else?

MR. RHOADES: Good evening. My name is Troy Rhoades, First Energy Ohio Edison. Just wanted to come in this evening to address Council face-to-face, introduce myself. I've replaced Lisa Taddei. Probably over the last year you've seen some email notes from me. Just had an opportunity this evening to come and do a face-to-face so you can see the guy that sends you those email notes and all that type of stuff.
But I just wanted to go over a couple things just to either remind you, bring you up to speed or maybe teach you on

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just sort of my role there as the Regional External Affairs. I'm here as an advocate of the Village. If there's any issues that you may have with either First Energy Ohio Edison, I'd be that person that you can respond to and then I can take that to management or the departments for that. We've talked in the past over some tree trimming and grass cutting issues in the past. So we've done that.

Also, I'm here to educate and inform. Whenever there's an issue out there or First Energy is in the process of doing any upgrades, rebuilds, new projects in the community, I'd be out there to make sure you're aware of it before our real estate people started knocking on residents' doors saying, "hey, I'm here to sign an easement with you." In case you get that call from that resident saying is this true or false on that kind of stuff. So I'm that person that helps educate you on that.

Which also goes down the path as far as storm response.

Obviously, whenever there's a storm going on—just to backtrack a little bit. So, my service territory—I've been doing this since 2018—I now have Trumbull, a portion of Portage, Mahoning County, Columbiana County, half of Stark, Carroll County and anything south of Columbiana County where we used to have our Generation plant. So I've got a pretty big piece of territory. And unfortunately or fortunately, Mother Nature loves Trumbull County and Mahoning County when it comes to storms. So I am on the seat getting out there to respond to people.

So the process I have in place is that I work with the county EMA offices first and the 911 centers because those are the arms and ears out there for you out in the community. As things progress through those storms, like we had a couple weeks ago, and we were into day three then I may come out to the community and say, "hey, just to give you a heads up, this is what's going on. This is where we stand." But, primarily, my primary contacts are with the EMAs and the 911 desks first. I provide them information and hopefully they are getting that out to you.

Obviously, many of you are probably old hats at looking out on our website to see when that storm is going to potentially be restored. Just to remind you and those people in the room, so the storm we had two Mondays ago, when the storm hit and within two or three hours, the ETR was two and a half days before that would be restored. So I was getting phone calls saying, "oh my gosh." But that's when the last customer will be restored in that timeline. So, if that report comes out at 8:00 on Monday morning to restore everybody at 1400 on Wednesday, it's anybody that's power was out prior to that 8 a.m. will be restored. That's what our action is there. In between there, we will be restoring power as it goes. That ETR just won't be updated until after that 1400 hour on that third day. So residents and community leaders are often concerned about that because it says we've got businesses that are on there, right? So, if you have questions, call me and I will help you through that process. I am not—and this isn't out of disrespect—it's just I'm not proactively reaching out to the Village of Lordstown to say, "hey, this is what I know." That's why I'm going to them to

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go through that process.

Police, Fire, I understand some of the dilemmas that you're into for road closures, things of that nature, that goes on. We're trying to expedite that as soon as possible to get you guys to get that barricade down, an officer off that site so that we can get out there and do that. I've worked with the 911 desk at Mahoning and Trumbull County to try to assist in that process.

Typically, what happens, resident or first responder sees wires down. They cordon off that street. Their next call is either to our 1-800 number or to the 911 dispatch that then sends it to our dispatch office and then it gets in the bucket for that ticket to be turned to go out there. What I've asked Casey and Chief—well, for you guys it's Casey over in Trumbull County—for them to make sure that they get that work request number, that notification number and to pass that on to the department so if they say that it's 45 minutes or it's six hours, that once that 45 minutes expires or that six hours expires, use that notification ticket to find out where they are in the status. Because what happens at times, we'll send somebody out there while you may have barricaded that road and left the scene, our person goes in, removes the barricade, goes in, de-energizes the site, puts the barricade back and moves on to the next job and never lets you guys know. Where you could have had the opportunity to get in there, get the road cleared, traffic through. Again, questions, anything like that, I've got business cards. I'll leave them here. Just give me a call and we can discuss your situation for you.

It's a dilemma out there because our primary responsibility is safety and security to get the power back up and energized. When a storm hits initially, we are a few for the majority that are out of power. So we'll try to get out there as soon as we can. What we try to do with Casey and Mahoning County is try to expedite that at least keeping you guys informed. Blue sky days and we've had a couple of entrapment issues lately where we'll get a notification. It's always going to be 45 minutes for them to get out there because it's dependent on where they are in the county to get there to respond. We could be there in 15 minutes, 20 minutes or that 45 or unfortunately as I was coming in and the police had the road blocked off so they let traffic out at the plant, those things happen, right? But at least you can get that notification number. You can call that and they can give you a status update on whether that ticket is still open or is closed. So they'll let you know that. I apologize. I got a little bit here. Forestry. Typically, after those happen, we've got forestry issues. Limbs are still on the wire, is it our wires or is it utilities? We're only responsible for electric lines. Any trees or limbs that are on the communications or the phone lines, that's their burden or responsibility. If you don't know, call me. I'll have forestry go out and take a look at it. They have no problem telling me yes or no whether they're ours or not. The other thing is two-pole conditions. We'll use the storm as an example. The storm hits. Lines come down. Pole goes down. We go out there and replace that pole. We transfer our

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lines to the new pole. We go back to the office, type, type, type, send a note to AT&T, Spectrum, Windstream, whoever it is and say, "hey, you need to go out, transfer your lines to the new pole so we can go out and take out the pole." Three years later, the old pole is still there, all I can do is I can provide you a list of those utilities with contact names if you wanted to call them if you have a specific pole that you have a question on, these individuals know that I distribute their information, that you can call them on that. So I can get that out to you guys on the two-pole conditions. Those are always an issue and will continue to be an issue just because of the situation because sometimes it's a fourth-party fiber company that nobody knows that put something on a pole, and we're all assuming that we knew who they were and we didn't. So I can work through those processes with you.

I'll leave you on the streets lights, street light outage is the responsibility of the community to make sure that those lights are reported. I'm not quite sure how the Village does that if they rely on the residents to report those or in some places either the departments take care of going out and checking to see if those street lights are operational or within the Council's purview in their communities that they do it and it's across the board.

What I did notice is on the website there's nothing out there that talks about how to report a street light. I've advocated this every time I go to a community to put that out on the website what the process is for that. I can send you some information and a link that you can get that out there. I recommend that you do that for all the utilities so if they have questions, they can go right there.

If you look at Austintown's website, they have a phenomenal link. They've got them all there and it sends it directly out there to do that.

And then the last thing I'll mention—and this goes back to zoning—what it challenges out there is it's not necessarily the positive, it's the negative. When you're going to tear down a house or anything like that and you go through that process, you need to make sure that the home is de-energized or that business or anything like that. Please give us at least seven to ten business days so that we can get out there and do that.

It's probably not much of an issue here in the Village but when you get into the city, there's squatters. And from Ohio Edison's perspective, we don't check to see if that house has been yellow taped or anything. All we know is Mr. Smith wants to move in and he's willing to put a deposit down. We're going to energize that. So, just be mindful of that, too. We can work through that process if it was something that that house had been yellow taped or whatever and if somebody squatted on it, all we would need is letterhead to say, "hey, this person is not there. The house needs to be removed." Any questions of me?

(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Thank you very much for your time.

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

(NO RESPONSE.)

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Hearing none, we'll move on to Council remarks?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Committee reports. Finance, Robert Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes, we have no legislation tonight, Ms. Mayor. Other than that, I have no report this evening.

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

MR. LIMING: No report other than just to commend Martin and his crew for keeping the roads cleared off.

MR. NELDER: Thank you.

MR. LIMING: They're the best in the area.

MR. CAMPBELL: Sure are.

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

MS. MOSELEY: I have no report, Mayor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Safety, Fire and EMS, Howard Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: I have no report tonight, but I do agree with Lamar about you guys keeping the roads clear.

MR. NELDER: Thank you.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Public Utilities, Terry Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: No report.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Terry, are you going to set up a meeting for—

MR. CAMPBELL: I will.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay.

MR. CAMPBELL: Sometime next week I hope.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Please add to your agenda that the Utilities Committee needs to discuss the aggregation program. We need to look into that.

MR. BOND: Gas or electric?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Both.

Planning and Zoning, Jessica Blank?

MS. BLANK: My only report was going to be that Mobile Market will be here Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30. Also, as a teacher, you don't have to go so hard on the roads. Just saying I could have used it today.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. Legislation.

MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT ("RUMA") WITH THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE FINISHED WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE-TRUMBULL, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Are there any motions?

MR. LIMING: Should we table this?

SOLICITOR RIES: Not this one.

MR. LIMING: Okay, I'm sorry.

MAYOR WOODWARD: No motions?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
I declare that this has had its second reading.

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MR. BLANK: From Council as a Whole for Emergency Passage, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WARREN IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRUMBULL ENERGY CENTER PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any motions?

MR. LIMING: Do we want to table this?

SOLICITOR RIES: That would be my recommendation. I think if that's the way Council wants to go, then it's my recommendation so that we don't have a bunch of versions being circulated for approval. We'll get one final draft once we know what Warren wants to do.

MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion.

MR. BOND: I'll second it.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There's a motion by Mr. Liming and a second by Mr. Bond. Any discussion on that?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Campbell?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Moseley?

MR. MOSELEY: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Miss Blank?

MS. BLANK: Yes.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Sheely?

MR. SHEELY: Yes.

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. Motion is carried to table this legislation.
Old business?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Is there any?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, we'll move on to new business. We need a nomination for Council President.

MR. SHEELY: I nominate Bob Bond.

MR. LIMING: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: There is a nomination for Mr. Bond by Sheely. Are there any other nominations?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, nominations are closed. That's good enough, right? We just needed a first and a second on that?

MR. BLANK: (Nods affirmative.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: All right. Is there a motion—

MR. BLANK: Just need all in favor.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All in favor for the nomination for Bob Bond as Council President?

MR. SHEELY: Aye.

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MS. BLANK: Aye.
MR. LIMING: Aye.
MR. MOSELEY: Aye.
MR. CAMPBELL: Aye.
MR. BOND: Abstain.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Anybody opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

(VOTE: 5, AYE; 0, NAY; 1, ABSTAINED.)

MAYOR WOODWARD: 5, ayes; 0, nays, 1 abstained. Is there a motion to elect or appoint what is the—is that it?
MR. BLANK: That's it.
MAYOR WOODWARD: That's it? Okay. I thought that was just for the nomination itself.
MR. BLANK: No that's just accepting since he was the only one.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. All right we got it.
MR. BLANK: Don't make your job so difficult.
(Laughter.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: I know.
(Laughter.)
MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. We need a motion to approve to advertise for two full-time firefighters/paramedics, starting salary will be \$60,565.65, plus benefits. Is there a motion for that?
MR. SHEELY: I'll make that motion.
MR. CAMPBELL: Second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: And a second by Mr. Campbell. Is there any discussion? (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried.
We need a motion for approval to appoint Michelle Knox to the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately, with a term expiring August 13, 2025.
MS. BLANK: I'll make that motion.
MR. CAMPBELL: I'll second.
MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Blank; a second by Campbell. Any discussion?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
All in favor?
COUNCIL: Aye.
MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: 6, ayes; 0, nays. The motion is carried.
We need a motion to appoint Martin Nelder to the Road Superintendent position.
MR. LIMING: I'll make that motion, Mayor.

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MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion by Liming.
 MR. BOND: Should that be Street Commissioner?
 MR. LIMING: Yeah, Street Commissioner.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Are the terms interchangeable or does it have to say—
 MR. BOND: I think state law refers to Street Commissioner.
 MR. BLANK: It does.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Okay. So this would be a motion to appoint Martin Nelder to the Street Commissioner position. Who was my—
 MR. LIMING: I made the motion.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Liming. And then who was my second? There were a bunch of you.
 MR. MOSELEY: Second.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Moseley. Any discussion?
 MS. BLANK: I'll try not to bother you as much this year.
 (Laughter.)
 MAYOR WOODWARD: All in favor?
 COUNCIL: Aye.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried.
 Is there any other additional new business? Did I miss anything?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
 Are there any additional public remarks?
 (NO RESPONSE.)
 Can I have a motion for adjournment?
 MR. BOND: So moved.
 MR. LIMING: Second.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: A motion by Mr. Bond and a second by Mr. Liming. All in favor?
 COUNCIL: Aye.
 MAYOR WOODWARD: All opposed?
 (NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

MAYOR WOODWARD: Motion is carried. Meeting adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

(WHEREAS, THE REGULAR MEETING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:56 P.M.)

_____, Mayor
 _____, Clerk

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