

January 16, 2024

PROCEEDINGS

Lordstown Village Council Public Hearing

(WHEREAS, the public hearing before the Lordstown Village Council commenced on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and proceedings were as follows:)

MAYOR WOODWARD: I would like to call the public hearing, January 16, 2024, to order. The time is 5:30. Roll call.

MR. BLANK: Mayor Woodward?

MAYOR WOODWARD: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Bond?

MR. BOND: Here.

MR. BLANK: Mr. Liming?

MR. LIMING: Here.

MR. BLANK: Ms. 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.
Kellie Bordner?

MS. BORDNER: Present.

MR. BLANK: And Matt Ries?

SOLICITOR RIES: Here.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Lordstown Village Council will conduct a public hearing on January 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the Lordstown Administration Building, Council Chambers, 1455 Salt Springs Road, S.W., Lordstown, Ohio 44481.
The following legislation will be presented for discussion:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LORDSTOWN VILLAGE ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY 34.7703 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE-TRUMBULL, LLC, BEING PARCEL NUMBER 45-025800, FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO INDUSTRIAL (I-1).
The purpose of this meeting is to allow written and/or oral input from the public regarding the above. Questions may be addressed to Ms. Kellie Bordner, Planning and Zoning Administrator, at (330) 824-2489.
Mayor's comments. I have no comments on this.
Council comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none are there any public comments?

MS. BORDNER: Mayor, if I may? I have provided you and all of Council with a map that looks like this (indicating). It is a general arrangement site plan map, which we were provided by TEC. If you would take a look at the map, you can clearly see that about half of the cooling towers, a portion of the steam turbine building and all of the administration control room and warehouse buildings will be constructed on the current R-1 zoned parcel that's in question. This would be a very bad precedent to set that would suggest that the Village is okay with industrial structures being located on an R-1 parcel, which, you know, it is not. So, we would request that

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the zone change be approved through Council so that we don't have that type of precedent being set here in the Village.

SOLICITOR RIES: And if I could add to that. This was originally presented to Council back in April. It went three readings and Council did not pass the requested zone change due to language in the certificate that's been provided by the Ohio Power Siting Board for this project. That contained a requirement for the project to be built on Industrial-zoned property. So, we challenged that certification based on this Residential parcel. Kellie and I were down before the Siting Board in front of their Administrative Court in August; and, ultimately, the Administrative Judge and the Ohio Power Siting Board disagreed with us and said construction couldn't proceed under Ohio law. Certain areas of this construction for TEC our Ordinances are preempted by State law. So, they have said that they—the Ohio Power Siting Board has said that they are okay with proceeding on the Residential parcel. And we think that that will set negative precedent if this is not considered by Council. So, that's why it's before us again.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Are there any other public comments?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)
Hearing none, can I have a motion to adjourn.

MR. LIMING: So moved.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Moved by Liming.

MR. BOND: Second.

MAYOR WOODWARD: Second by Bond. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WOODWARD: All Opposed?
(NO RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL.)

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

The meeting is adjourned.

(WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF LORDSTOWN COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:34 P.M.)

_____, Mayor

_____, Clerk

STATE OF OHIO)

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COUNTY OF TRUMBULL)

I, Sharon K. Vigorito, a Notary Public, within and for the State of Ohio, do certify that the foregoing public hearing before the Lordstown Village Council was written in the presence of witnesses and by me transcribed. I further certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript to the best of my abilities.

Sharon K. Vigorito, Notary Public
My commission Expires May 9, 2027